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***'YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE'***

**ANDHRA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, GUNTUR-522001**

For more than a century and a quarter Andhra Christian College, Guntur, the premier seat of higher learning, has been catering to the higher educational needs of the youth and needy in an exemplary way without any regional, religious, gender and caste bias across a wide spectrum of disciplines. The institute, under the management of **Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church**, has seen several generations of students, many ups and downs in its cherished history and is now at a crucial stage of its service to the cause of higher education in the backdrop of global and regional changes and challenges that have occurred in the higher educational front.

This series of **Memories and Memoirs** was started by **Prof. Sri. Kamaraju Anil Kumar-Sri. KAK**, as he is known in AC. College. He is a distinguished alumnus (1957-'61) of the great temple of learning-the **Andhra Christian College**, a celebrated teacher (1963-1989) in the same institute, a Brahmo-turned idolater, a well known personality in the circles of Satya Sai Devotees and official translator of Sri. Satya Sai Baba for well over two and a half decades. He has a razor sharp photographic memory, unflinching love for his *alma mater*-the **Andhra Christian College**, unparalleled respect for his teachers, great admiration for his colleagues and friends and a special affinity for his students and a unique brotherly affection towards his most loving colleague **Dr. T. Alexander Rajabhushanam-Dr. TAR** of Zoology.

After leaving **Andhra Christian College** for Puttaparthi, **Dr. TAR** was always a motivator for **Sri. KAK** to visit Guntur.

With the sudden demise of **Dr. T. Alexander Rajabhushanam**, who was close to many, among whom **Sri. KAK** is the foremost, he felt orphaned and dumbfounded. From his sorrow sprang up the obituary on **Dr. TAR**, which he posted on **AC. College Alumni Whatsapp Group** Wall. This was followed by his many reflections, recollections, reminiscences and memoirs about his teachers, colleagues and friends on the Alumni Group Wall. That initiated many a student and staff, both past and present, from different niches to pour out and share their feelings and reminiscences about the great personalities who have inspired, motivated, guided and shaped the lives of several generations of students in the College and nostalgia of their College days.

This series, like any great effort, started as a trickle, turned out to be a mighty stream to a good number of people associated with the College to carry, renew and refresh their remembrances, to pay gratitude to their *alma mater* and obeisance to their teachers.

However, this series pertains to the period spanning from mid 1950s to the first decade of the new mellenium, as a great majority of the contributors to the series belonged to that period in the annals of the College.

This series has many things to offer to the present generation of stakeholders of the College. It is a fitting tribute paid to a towering, iconic institute in the field of higher learning in Telugu land.

This opens a window in to the past for all those interested not only to have a ringside view of the events and visualize the bygone days of glory but also to shape themselves into worthy

members of the **Andhra Christian College** family. If this series serves that purpose, it is worth of it.

If this series could initiate a positive and healthy discussion among all the concerned on the modes of channelizing the Alumni's contribution for the cause of the College and give a solid and everlasting shape to a project, it would be great and worthwhile!

~ ACC Alumni & Admirers of Prof. Sri. Kamaraju Anil Kumar



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## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-1

(On the sudden passing away of Dr. T. ALEXANDER RAJABHUSHANAM of Zoology)  
ALEXANDER THE GREAT!

Where are you? Where have you gone suddenly, **Alexander**? With whom should I talk on phone for hours **Alex**? It is too bad and sad to bear the separation! Who will tell me the latest news of my dear AC. College hereafter? I am orphaned and thrown into isolation and loneliness. Who will listen to my jokes and enjoy my imitation of my teachers and colleagues every time?

I miss you raa **Alexander**! Tears are rolling as I type these lines feeling your absence raa **Alexander**! You are the main incentive to visit Guntur. Now, none! Our association dates back to 1962 from our Andhra University days. Can anyone imagine me away from you? Wherever there is **Anil Kumar**, there is **Alexander** and vice versa. We are always together in all committees of our College and also staff meetings. Iron grill at the entrance of Zoology Department helped us to lean on and converse both in the morning and evening. All used to watch us, laugh hilariously and wonder what we talked so long every day. If any third one watched, he/she knew that they had no place to talk to. So we had exclusive conversations. What was the theme? Glory of our College and staff! I miss you raa, **Alexander**. You are with me. I know you came to Puttaparthi with family only to see me. The two sides of the coin are inseparable, so also **Anil** and **Alex**.

I miss you as much as your family members. You are resting on the lap of our **Lord**. He must be patting you saying "Well done, my boy!"

Lives of great men remind us to make our lives sublime.

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-2

on Dr. ALEXANDER RAJABHUSHANAM-Dr. TAR Continued

### STYLE IS THE MAN-ALEXANDER!

**BSK. Roy, K. Anil Kumar, MVLN. Koteswara Rao** are highly conscious of their dress. **Dr. MG. Thomas-Dr. MGT** is our hero. Whenever we have a new dress, we used to appreciate each other and often times our style has won the praise of our **Dr. MGT**. Even new pair of shoes, neck tie, terlin shirt, zodiac ties, and ambassador shoe made us feel elegant, dignified and presentable. **Alexander** is very particular and fond of good dress. The dress gives confidence. Dress and address is our life style.

**Alex** likes suits. Three piece suits. I attended his wedding at **Eluru**. I attended the reception of the wedding of his son in **Stall School** premises. God has blessed him with wonderful, ideal children. His wife **Vijayasheela**, a good student and a good teacher too, is very well known to me and I liked their hospitality every time I visited them.

**Alexander** and **Stanley Babu** of Zoology get into the classroom like cricket bats man. **Alexander** with his hands full of chalk pieces and a duster teaches one full hour nonstop. Teaching is his life.

**Alexander** is deeply religious and an active member of **Church of South India-CSI**. I attended midnight service in **CSI** on New Year celebration.

**Alexander** is a cricketer. When **Sri. Azariah** was the warden of **Wolf Hall** he played and won the match.

**Alex** liked **Papayya Sastry garu, Madhavarama Sarma garu, Suryanarayana Bhanu garu** and **Sattar garu** of Urdu.

**Alexander** is a diamond, a multi-faceted personality.

He lives in the hearts of his students, memories of his friends as a role model.

**Alexander** you are really, really GREAT!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-3

#### WE ARE UNIQUE

**Dr. T. Alexander Rajabhushanam-Dr. TAR, Sri. B. Roosevelt Raja Bhushanam-BRRB, Sri. CVL. Narasimha Murthy-CVLNM, Sri. RRS. Sundara Das-RRSSD, Sri. J. Abraham-JA, Sri. MVLN. Koteswara Rao-MVLNK, Sri. GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao-GVLNS, Sri. K. Hanumantha Rao-KHR, Sri. T. Srinivasan-TSN, Sri. Muzeer, Sri. Krupanidhi, Sri. S. Muddu Krishna-SMK, Sri. C. Jaya Rao-CJR, Sri. G. Rama Mohana Rao-GRMR, Sri. T. Radha Krishna Murthy-TRK** belong to the same generation. Our relationships, friendships, tastes, temperaments, commitment are the same. We are very intimate. I can say confidently out of three decades of my association, that strong ties/ bond never existed before and after. Till today we are connected.

**Alexander** is the nucleus. We are not merely employees. We are a family indeed!

**Alexander** and I only talk about the uniqueness of our generation. We are proud of you **Alex**! The College is privileged to have you on the faculty and students are blessed to have you as their teacher. You contributed to the esteem stature of the institution. Praise the Lord for this beautiful, monumental, exemplary gift of God in the name and person of **Dr. Alexander**, the great!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-4

I was in shorts and a blue shirt with stripes, standing in long line in front of Principal's room. It was for the first time I stepped into the glorious temple of learning **AC. College**. My mother, **Smt. K. Sarojini Devi**, an alumna of **AC. College** sent **Venkayya**, her office peon to assist me. After some time, came out of his chamber, a tall, elegant, dignified personality. He just passed by the long queue and just stared at me. It was first time I saw him. My legs were shivering for no reason.

He at once asked "Are you Sarojini's son?"

"Avunandi వెనకండ్ల", I softly replied with shaking voice out of fear.

"What admission you want?"

"PUC- Bi. P.", I replied.

"Did you bring the application form and fees?"

"Yes, Sir. Mother sent her peon with me."

"Come out of the queue. Go straight, pay fees. Tell **Sarojini** that you are admitted."

That is **Dr. TS. Paulus-Dr. TSP**, the great, who saw my mother in me and gave admission.

In the meantime, **Dr. Paulus** gets a phone call from his wife, **Mrs. Vijayamma Paulus**, "Sarojini koduku vachadu. Seat icheyyandi- సరోజిని కొడుకు వచ్చాడు. సీట్ ఇచ్చేయండి." My mother rang up and spoke to her being her student in **Stall Girls School**. That's how I walked into our College. That is **Dr. Paulus**, his sharp memory and quick action!

This happened in 1957. Glory to my *alma mater*!

#### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-5

Once, AICC sessions were held in the premises of **AC. College**. All delegates across the country attended. PM, Union ministers, CMs, State ministers, all VIPs attended. It was for two days.

On the last day, it was to conclude at 5.00 P. M. But somehow it was delayed. Believe me or not, the then Principal, **Dr. TS. Paulus** made a phone call from his bungalow asking them to vacate and clear the campus. That is **Dr. TS. Paulus**, the man with guts and courage. A staff member (name withheld), turned up late to the College. He happened to be the son of our College supervisor. He was to take class in the upstairs of **Physics Department**. **Dr. TS. Paulus** stopped his car in the portico. **Mr. Ibrahim**, verandah Principal, opened the door. **Dr. TSP** got down and noticed this staff member going to his class late. He immediately sent a word to him "let him not come to the College from tomorrow." I remember his name also which is not that important. But the episode shows what an ironman he is and his priority to punctuality.

#### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-6

He never liked any one saying **AC. College**, nor has he said so any time. He insisted all to say **Andhra Christian College**. At one time, a few decades ago, he was the neighbour of my grandparents who lived in Kannavarithota. My grandfather **Sri. Palaparthi Narasimham garu** is a Brahma missionary and a legend in Brahma circles.

In later years, my mother was his student. I remember his visits to our house at Arundelpet. He always used bicycle. He mostly used cotton suits with a neck tie. Little did I realize that one day I would be appointed by him as a lecturer in Botany! HE IS NONE OTHER THAN **Dr. JB. Williams**, former Principal. Neatly dressed, quite tall, bald, yet very presentable, full of wit, retort, humour, highly intelligent and eloquent, **Dr. JB. Williams** is an able administrator. Only three appeared for the interview for two posts in the Department of Botany. Two appointed are **Anil Kumar** and **Sri. AS. Krishna-ASK**. We two are best friends of enviable standards. This was in the year 1963 on June 15th. **Sri. B. Roosevelt Raja Bhushanam-BRRB** and **Sri. Abdul Mujeer** joined in the same year. Three of us are confirmed in 1966. **BRRB** always addressed me as Mama- మామా and my wife Atta- అత్తా. **Sri. Mujeer** after his graduation served as a Demonstrator in Chemistry, so also **TSN**. They did PG in the following year. **CVLNM** served as a Demonstrator for one year. **CVLNM** is more than my own brother. We know each other since 1957.

More about **Dr. JB. Williams** in the next.

#### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-7

**Dr. JB. Williams**, former Principal, has a tinge of romance and ready wit and sarcasm in his conversations and talks. Please enjoy some of them.

Once, he said that he got a witty reply from a student for his question "Why did you join **AC. College?**" while giving a talk in the fully packed Assembly Hall. The boy is reported to have said "Because it is a coeducational institution." All burst into hilarious laughter.

**Sri. MLN. John, Dr. N. Isaac** and **Sri. Vallabhajosyula Madhusudan RAO-Sri. VMR** are his contemporaries. When I joined, on the first day, as a Lecturer in Botany, I went to his chamber. **Sri. MLN. John** was there. **Dr. Williams** said to **Sri. MLN. John** in Telugu "Jaanu! Ee abbayi evaro thelusa? Mana Sarojini koduku- జానూ, ఈ అబ్బాయి ఎవరో తెలుసా? మన సరోజిని కొడుకు." I also noticed him whistling. "Aa rojullo mana College beauty sarojini-ఆ రోజుల్లో మన కాలేజి బ్యూటీ సరోజిని." I felt nervous, shy and embarrassed. I know that she must have been so as I look at her photos of her College days.

Once I faced a similar situation at a staff meeting. In his effort to motivate and inspire lecturers, he said that they should prepare well. He went on to say "As a lecturer, I used to prepare for one full week to impress 4 girls in my class and Sarojini, Anil kumar's mother is one." You can well imagine my situation when all turned to me.

As he walks and goes to his office, we will see him in all smiles. Once at a function in the **Recreation Hall**, he said "I am glad that **Glatz** is with us. You know **Glatz** is 'she'". **Glatz** served as a missionary and adviser to girls and indeed a very nice lady. Perhaps **Dr. Williams** did not want anyone go by the name and think **Glatz** is a man. Loud laughter resounded all over.

#### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-8

**Dr. JB. Williams**, and **Dr. N. Isaac**, both former Principals were very intimate friends. **Dr. Williams** jokes publicly on the bachelorhood of **Dr. Isaac**.

That year **Armstrong** of USA landed on the moon. Everyone was talking about this. **Dr. Williams** walking to his office met **Rev. Kleiner**, Bursar of the College and joked "**Kleiner!** You Americans may land on the moon. But I challenge, can you get **Dr. Isaac** married?" All laughed. On another occasion in the **Recreation Hall** at a meeting addressing staff, **Dr. Williams** said "Ladies, gentlemen and **Dr. Isaac**". Wah! What smiles adorned on the lips of everyone!

On another occasion, after retirement, **Dr. JB. Williams** visited our College as a guest speaker.

At the portico, he saw **Dr. Isaac** and asked him in Telugu "yenti IsaAC. College pettavantaga?-ఎంటి ఐజక్ కాలేజి పెట్టావంటగా? Entadi-ఎంటది?"

**Dr. Isaac** replied "Yes, **Dr. Ambedkar College** at Tarlupadu." **Dr. Williams** said "**Isaac** is great name. I do not know about your College."

Then he has put another inconvenient question. "Isaac mee College lo girls vunnara-ఐజక్ మీ కాలేజీలో గర్ల్స్ ఉంటారా?"

**Dr. Isaac** replied "yes, one girl by name **Nirmala**."

See what **Dr. Williams** said "**Isaac**, it is not too late. You may try now."



One central cabinet minister happened to visit our College. **Sri. Y. Rosayya** is against Congressmen. He is speaking against congress party. **Dr. Williams** rushed into staff room and said "Rosayya! You only speak in the staff room and not before great people." **Sri. Rosayya garu** followed Swathanthra Party at that time.

**Dr. Williams** the great is a jovial man and a towering personality. He smiles and smiles with all problems all around like anybody. He never showed up. No moods at any time. This is the message conveyed to every one-to be happy irrespective of circumstances.

**Dr. JB. Williams** owns a house in 6th Line, Brodiepet, Water Tanks Road, close to Lutheran English Medium School. I met him at his residence and I found him dictating some notes to steno. I mean and wonder at his hard work.

While walking on the main road near Taluk Office, he said that everyone should wake up early in the morning. You may not believe, he even quoted a song from Muthyala muggu-muthyala muggu film Muthyamantha pasupu mukhamantha chaya-ముత్తమంతా పసుపు ముఖమంత ఛాయ.

While making a reference to **Sri. GL. Benny**, former Principal, Andhra Lutheran College of Education, **Dr. Williams** said "Benny! You see Chikkadu Dorakadu-చిక్కడు దొరకడు." It is the title of the film 'Chikkadu Dorakadu-చిక్కడు దొరకడు' directed by Vittalacharya. **Sri. Narala Channa Reddi**, Head of the Department of Botany was very very close to **Dr. Williams**. May his example inspire us in the years to come!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-9

No one, either in the past or in future, would ever see a Principal who ruled **AC. College** like an emperor. He is quite tall, stiff, dignified, royal and second to none in the whole state. He is a member in UN Delegation representing our country. It was long ago, he wanted a University at Guntur. His car is enough for everyone to shiver. No one dares to stand in the vicinity, if he is around. A British type of man, outstanding member in the senate of **Andhra University!** He is of the stature of **Dr. DJ. Reddi**. of **Guntur Medical College**. Discipline is his breath. None could question him and his decisions. Who is he? **Dr. TS. Paulus**, the great and only one, second to none. **Dr. Paulus** taught Philosophy.

In those days **Prof. Thyagaraj** of **Gudivada College**, **Sri. I. Ranganayakulu** of **Narasaraopet**, **Sri. Subbaiah** of **Anakapalli College**, **Mr. Ragland** of **Tenali College**, **Mr. Mathews** of **Loyola College**, **Sri. Subrahmanyam** of **Eluru College** were most distinguished personalities. I just mentioned the towns and not the names of respective Colleges. Why I mentioned these names? They were on the faculty of **AC. College** excepting a few. My mother, **Smt. K. Sarojini Devi**, M. A., L. T., was the student of both **Dr. Paulus** and also his wife **Mrs. Vijayamma Paulus** in **Stall School**. **Sri. Vallabhajosyula Subba Rao**, a great linguist scholar, former Principal, **Hindu College**, Guntur also served in our College.

**Dr. Paulus** and **Vallabhajosyula Subba Rao garu** are contemporaries. My mother was the student of both of them. **Sri. Subba Rao garu** said in 1957 at a large meeting "if Guntur is to have a University, **Dr. Paulus** will be the Vice- Chancellor and I will be his Registrar."

You may kindly note that **Sri. Vallabhajosyula Madhusudan Rao** of our **Chemistry Department** is the brother of **Subba Rao garu**. His son was a lecturer at our College, later he joined **American Cultural Centre Library** located above today's Royal Sports building, where Allahabad Bank Branch was at one time. OK. Enough for now.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-10

Have you met a walking Library? Have you known a moving Encyclopedia? Yet so simple, humble and approachable! A ready reckoner and many hesitate question him. He simply walks the distance, stands at the portico and when informed that "the day is Wednesday" he replies "Oh! Assembly, this morning!" He goes straight to the College **Assembly Hall** and speaks eloquently, extempore quoting at least 20 to 30 books. Who is that scholar and a stalwart in English Literature? He is none other than **Sri. J. Paulus –JP!**

**Dr. Rajaratnam**, former faculty member and presently a very big man in church circles, internationally, at a felicitation meeting in honour of his visit, said **WHAT JP-Jaya Prakash Narayan TO INDIA, IS OUR JP-J. Paulus TO AELC. Sri. Rajaratnam** served as the Warden, **Heyer Hall** also. His wife **Mrs. Gloria Rajaratnam** served as School Asst. in **Govt. Secondary Training School** located in Collectorate compound, where my mother **Smt. K. Sarojini Devi** served as the Headmistress for 18 yrs. **Mrs. Rajaratnam** was there for some time. Incidentally I may mention **Mrs. JB. Williams** also served in that School as a School Assistant.

**Sri. J. Paulus** wears dhoti, shirt and a cotton coat. He carries an umbrella and wears chappals. He has a good complexion, very healthy and smokes CHUTTA/Cigar-tobacco-చుట్ట/సిగార్-పొగాకు. Very stubborn and straight forward gentleman.

**Sri. J. Paulus** encouraged me by sending me to every College leading our College team for Intercollegiate Debating Competitions. **Sri. Y. Rosayya**, who is a scholar himself, consults **Sri. J. Paulus**.

His son, if I am right, is **Prof. Dr. Prakasa Rao**, Department of Physiology, **Christian Medical College**, Vellore. That boy stood first in academics throughout his career from school to Medical courses. May be genetic. His wife, **Mrs. Dhanyamma Paulus** is a very pious lady. His daughter, if I am no wrong, is **Swarajya Lakshmi**. They own a house near Medical College and at **Dr. Amareswar Rao's** house, who was also our alumnus. I suppose **Sri. Rayappa** of Chemistry stayed there.

More of **Sri. J. Paulus**, our former Principal in the next.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-11

One missionary was addressing faculty and a few special invitees on the subject Comparative Religions. In the course of the talk, he said that many receive 'aid' from USA and thus many welfare schemes are taken up. At the end of the talk there was a Question and Answer session. Now look at the question posed by **Sri. J. PAULUS**, the man of letters! "Is 'aid' a help?" It took some time for the guest speaker to answer. The subtle difference between 'aid' and 'help' is so nicely put by **Sri. J. Paulus**. It is imperative that 'aid' need not be a help. THAT IS **JP**, the scholar!

At another meeting, referring to so many Colleges that have come up in the later period, **Sri. JP** said, "**Andhra Christian College** is an **Akhanda Jyothi** and out of this many lamps are

lit.” It meant, our College is a pioneer. On another occasion, **Sri. JP** used a term ‘EPISTATES’, which as he puts that which keeps you on a higher pedestal, on the top over others. That is **JP**, the scholar! As I know, he loved simplicity and humility.

He met in front of his office, then Chairman of College Governing Body, an American by name, **Mr. Nabert**. He dressed very well, cream colour suit, not old but middle aged. Later **Sri. JP** Commented "Is he an actor or a pastor?" So open, free and frank is our **JP**! He is so confident of his **Madras Christian College** background that made him say openly "one M.A. from Madras is equal to two doctorates from America." This he said in front of those with a Ph. D. from USA.

He thoroughly knows church constitution, many reports of commissions on education appointed by Govt. of India like **Radhakrishnan Commission** and **Kothari Commission**. He quotes freely with all confidence and authenticity. **Sri. JP**, Sir! You are great, your memory is unequalled!

Once when students went on strike, he stood at the gate and loudly said pulling up his sleeves; he challenged the mob, "Come on! I am ready! Come on." His courage is amazing! He used to address **Sri. CN. Devadanam**, the then office manager, "**Devayya**".

**JP**, the scholar, epitome of knowledge with perfect character, be our role model!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-12

Have you heard of a silver tongued orator? Have you met anyone until now who is slim and trim throughout his life? He is very much sought after to address all prominent functions. Do you know? There is music and melody in his modulation as he speaks addresses and teaches. Have you heard him any time? He raises his shoulders typical of him, American style and toes like the British as he faces huge audience taking them to heights of excellence particularly when he teaches **William Shakespeare**. Are you blessed any time to listen to him? Who is that matchless silver tongued orator and the best teacher? He is the unique great teacher, speaker and personifies perfection, **Dr. MG. Thomas-Dr.MGT**. To be his student is a blessing! To listen to him is a feast!! To come to know him and been spoken to him is a privilege!!! To serve in the College during his term is a merit!!!!

More of **Dr. MGT** in the next.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-13

Would you believe when I share with you my own feelings in 1957 as a first batch PUC student? **Dr. MGT (Manukonda George Thomas**-if I am right subject to correction) took moral instruction classes in Room No. 14, adjacent to the room of the Head, Department of Zoology. Classes are always full with hundred percent attendance. I used to watch **Dr. MGT** with awe and admiration. I noted the colour of his suit, matching bow and shoe as well. The shirt is so perfectly ironed and the bow is so meticulously kept and that made him most well dressed man.

I, for one, have not come across till now, with 49 yrs of service and aged 75, a person of the type of **Dr. MGT**, whose dress is gorgeous. He is the inspiration to many. Have you watched his style of walking? Stiff, straight, with books and attendance register on one hand and a duster on the other. As he walks, I feel a Prince with confidence and courage walking. KNOWLEDGE IS POWER-The classroom is his kingdom. So he always had a royal feeling and look.

When once he enters into the classroom, latecomers turn back as he will never allow them to get in. We were in 2nd year Degree and **Dr. MGT** got married that year. In Room No.11, on the table, we kept roses and wrote on the board in colours WELCOME TO **Dr.**

**THOMAS. Dr. MGT** looked at the flowers and read what was written on the board. He smiled so lovingly, pouring out his affection and said ‘Thank you, God bless you!’ That is **Dr. MGT!** Watch as he begins to write. He will push the cap of the pen with fingers gently. There is style in every gesture of **Dr. MGT.**

He taught us ‘*AS YOU LIKE IT OR WHAT YOU WILL*’. I very well remember him say-Duke Orsino is happy with the thought of love more than being in love. Thought is certainly more than action. As he explains Viola, you just see her. That's how he portrays. Feste, the Gester, Malvolio, a clown stand in front of you as **MGT** explains. This he taught us when we were in 1st year Degree in 1958.

In the 2nd year Degree, he taught us ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA, Shakespearean tragedy. Wah! He makes most beautiful Cleopatra, the Egyptian Nile stand in front of you. You don't hear the sounds of the College bell as you are lost in ecstasy almost transported to the other world. If any notice comes from the office, brought by any one of our College attenders like **Lazarus/ Gopaiah/ Avvamma/ Maremma/ Subbaiah**-we felt like pushing him/her out as it is a disturbance. They too hesitated to get in and take some time.

**Dr. MGT** is the best teacher I ever met either at the College level or university for that matter.

#### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-14

History records and posterity recognizes by virtue of rich contribution that any one makes to an Institution. This way **Dr. MGT** has a special place in the annals of our College. It was **MGT** who installed that outstanding statue-**St. George and the Dragon** at the main gate, brought from Kerala, if I am right.

The bell tower in front of the portico was raised in his tenure. A face lift is given to the entire campus. Garden in front of the library, garden towards the left side of the Assembly Hall, Triangle garden close to steps taking you to the **Department of Botany** are all taken up during his regime besides planting avenue Mast trees (Asoka trees) at the entrance and also in the annexe campus. **Sri. MVN. Satyanarayana Rao-MVNS** of the **Department of Botany** has given all his time and energies even on holidays to develop these gardens at the initiative of **Dr. MGT.**

Staff tour to AJANTHA, ELLORA was arranged by **Dr. MGT.** Our College had a week long Science and Arts Exhibition attracting huge crowds every day, especially in the evening sessions with music by our College orchestra, led by **Sri. Lazarus**, if I am correct, an excellent highly talented singer presently working in our Law College. Then **Bhuvana Vijayam-భువన విజయం**, a literary program in Telugu with stalwarts in Literature with **Dr. MGT** in the place of KRISHNADEVARAYA took place during that period. It was held in the open air place on the dais in front of the **Physics Department.**

In the College **Assembly Hall**, **Dr. MGT** conducted an unprecedented academic session with all the staff coming in procession accompanied by band wearing academic robes and adorn the chairs on the dais. It was only **Dr. N. Isaac**, a Gandhian, who came in his usual dress of dhoti and lalchi. Believe, it was a sight for Gods and it gave a look of convocation of any prestigious university. That is **MGT!** The way he celebrates Teachers' Day is first of its kind.

**Dr. MGT's** remarks towards the end of any talk by the guest speaker, excels the presentation by the speaker himself. I remember an event. It was the time when **Amarendra garu**, a renowned speaker and a writer, both in English and Telugu was felicitated by **Sri. CVN. Dhan**, Director of Ravi Tutorial College. **Dr. MGT** presided and **Sri. V. Luther Isaac** was the speaker. **Amarendra Garu** spoke on Walt Whitman and incidentally, he got Ph. D. for his thesis on Whitman's works. It was held in 3rd Line, Brodiepet in front of Ravi College. All staff from all Colleges attended. **Sri. V. Luther Isaac** said "ELISHA prayed and prayed and ultimately became prayer himself. So also, **Dr. Amarendra** wrote on poetry and has become poetry himself. Now it was the turn of **Dr. MGT** who started by saying "**Sri. CVN. Dhan**, chief organizer of this felicitation meeting, **Mr. Luther Isaac** the speaker of the day and **Dr. Amarendra** who is felicitated, all the three are my students." Then **Dr. MGT** spoke much more interestingly, eloquently, authentically on Whitman, the controversial writer, than **Amarendra garu**, who got doctorate for his thesis on Whitman. That is **Dr. MGT!**

My prostrations to you **Dr. MGT**, the unparalleled, unbeaten, irresistible, eloquent orator, who inspires me even today as I start my lecture. *YOU INSPIRED, MOTIVATED AND MADE ME WHAT I AM AS A SPEAKER.*

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-15

He hails from Brodiepet. He comes to College on a bicycle. Clad in Gandhian style-dhoti and a lalchi, very simple and exceptional in every way. He taught History for decades and later served as the Principal of our College. He is none other than **Dr. N. Isaac**. His style of functioning is very special.

He has strong likes and dislikes. He happens to be a bachelor and more interested in service, particularly rural, such as Perecherla and Tarlupadu. He regularly visited these places. **Sri. Ranjan Babu** of **Department of Philosophy**, **Sri. M. Rajagopal Rao**, Head of the **Department of Philosophy** are very close to him. He has a special corner for **Sri. B. Roosevelt Rajabhushanam-BRR** also as **BRRB** took lot of interest in religious activities of our College.

His walking style is interesting. Catching hold of dhoti with one hand, and the other hand stretched straight, head bent is typical of him. I used to imitate his gestures both walking style and his smile. **Dr. N. Isaac** is very well known among historians of this country and he had a role in MOHENJO-DARO EXCAVATIONS and research associated with it.

He is revered by many for his celibacy, Indian style of dress that too Andhra style-Panchakattu-పంచకట్టు, simplicity and service mindedness.

I was his student in 1957 in PUC and so also **Sri. CVLNM** of **Botany Department**. He took classes in Botany Lab of today, but a classroom then. He dictates notes in a very peculiar way. Point 1, under that capital A, under that small, a, then point 1. He does not miss the link till the end.

He admonishes in his own way. One **Mr. Venkateswar Rao** from Kavali was our classmate in 1957. **Dr. Isaac** found him doing some mischief. He comes down from the dais and tells him "look! If you are like this, Kavali ke thirigi vellalsivathadi-కావలికే తిరిగి వెళ్ళాల్సివస్తది" (you have to go back to Kavali).

Somehow, **Dr. Isaac** and **Dr. MG. Thomas** did not sail together. When **Dr. MGT** arranged the opening exercise for the academic year with staff walking to the dais wearing academic robes as in convocation of any established university, it was only **Dr. N. Isaac** who joined the procession in his own dress-pancha and lalchi-pంచ లాల్చి, as usual.

On the previous day, **Dr. MGT** announced the modus operandi of the whole function at the staff meeting.

When it was the matter of dress code, **Dr. NI** said "No! I come in my regular way."

Note what **Dr. MGT**, man of letters, said "Yes! **Dr. Isaac** you may. The British crown shall shine by the guilt of opposition."

How gracefully **Dr. MGT** took it and expressed in a literary way!

**Dr. Isaac** had a soft corner for girls (more so good looking girls). Once due to inclement weather College declared a holiday. Notice board was kept in the portico.

A few **Strock Hall** girls came fully drenched in the rain and enquired if it is a holiday.

**Dr. Isaac** tells them "College yadaki poddi-కాలేజీ యాడికి పోద్ది. (Where does College go? Yellandi-యెళ్ళండి. (you may go))"

After a few moments, a PG student, daughter of a doctor, got down from the car at the portico and enquired if it were a holiday.

**Dr. NI** said "digabaku, thadisipotavu. Eyyala holiday-దిగబాకు, తడిసిపోతావు. ఇయ్యళ హాలీడే (do not get down, you will be drenched. Today is a holiday)".

At another time, **Dr. NI** was talking to a tall fair student-Zoology main (name snipped). I was late to the College and went to him pleading my guilt. **Dr. NI** said (yellandi. mee class adakada!-యెళ్ళండి. మీక్లాస్ ఆడకదా! (you go. your class is there). This gave me an impression that he did not like to be disturbed. I also remember, at a Community Christmas program organized in the open space in front of Library, **Dr. NI** was welcoming guests. When it came to a lady doctor (name snipped), he started staring at her until she is seated.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS -16

**Dr. N. Isaac's** expression, pronunciation, lip movement and gestures are very special. A gentleman comes to his office for admission to his son. He being a big man is offered a chair to sit. **Dr. NI** enquires and shows his concern. You know, the Principal's chamber has a door leading to the verandah. **Dr. NI** simply walks away through that door. The man sitting on the chair waits and waits and informed at the end that Principal left for Perecherla. A delightful, tactful escape!!!

At a staff meeting **Sri. G. Krishna Das-GKD** of **Physics Department** has put a question to **Dr. NI** "What is to be done when there is pressure for admission?"

**Dr. NI** replied "Put that pressure under pressure." He replied quite calm and cool.

As ill-luck would have it, during his regime, salary disbursement was delayed, sometimes for one, two or even three months. **Sri. G. Ramamohan Rao-GRMR** of **Telugu Department** asked him "Sir! When are we going to be paid?"

**Dr. NI** replies thus "aagandi-ఆగండి (wait) kharchupettukuni padaipotharu-ఖర్చుపెట్టుకుని పాడైపోతారు (you will spend the money and get spoiled)".

**Dr. N. Isaac** arranged a felicitation meeting in the year 1975 when I left for USA having been selected by **Rotary International, GSE Program**. He came to station to bid farewell along with many students, friends, colleagues and Rotarians. A very kind, generous gesture indeed!

**Dr. Chigurupati Nageswar Rao** was the President of Rotary Club and **Mr. Srinivasa Murthy** (son of bar at law, **Sri. Seshatalpasai**) was the Secretary. Among our faculty **Sri. GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao-GVLNS** is the Rotarian to the spirit and letter.

On the whole, I can say, my association with **Dr. NI** is not quite comfortable and I would even say, unlucky to win his favour.

There was a meeting with **Dr. Chandran Devanesan** from Madurai who made faculty to discuss on 'Self Evaluation Program'. I was directed by our group to read out the report. The resolutions read out did not please **Dr. NI** and he might have thought that they are my personal views. The misunderstanding continued for long and so I could not contribute much to the College during this period. But he did not do any harm or utter a word of resentment any time. Thanks for his benevolence.

**Dr. NI** is a man of integrity, individuality, discipline, exemplary character and a resourceful person.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-17

It was a celebration of **Christmas** at **Heyer Hall**. **Dr. S. Anantham** was the chief guest. He picked up the invitation and started explaining the correct usage of words. There, on the invitation it was printed "**Mrs. C. Mary Devadanam** has consented to distribute prizes. **Dr. Devadanam** has kindly agreed to preside." Now follow his remarks. "Consent has to be used in respect of superiors. Agree has to be used for equals. So it should be **Dr. Devadanam** has kindly consented and **Mrs. Devadanam** has graciously agreed."

On another occasion **Dr. TAR** and I were going for a walk. It was 3rd Line, Brodiepet. I just asked **Dr. Anantham** "How are you, Sir?"

**Dr. Anantham** said "I am fine. I have enough to meet family expenses and medical bills. I have no intention to work anymore now."

Such was his nature, above 'sound of coins'. **Dr. S. Anantham** has a robust, royal personality and is deeply religious person.

May his memories inspire everyone!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-18

In conclusion, I want to share what **Dr. Anantham** said at a meeting while speaking on the language. 'Coffee Powder-కాఫీ పౌడర్/పొడి' we say. But in respect of wheat flour we say

‘Godhuma Pindi-గోధుమ పిండి.’ Both are powders. One is ‘powder- పొడర్/పొడి’ while the other is ‘pindi- పిండి’. Similarly to say that she gave birth to a child we say ‘aame kanindi- ఆమె కనింది’. But to a dog we say ‘kukka eenindi- కుక్క ఈనింది’ though the process is same. Outwardly two words seem same. But in usage one has to be accurate. Decades passed, but I recall what he said while speaking. That is the true quality of a teacher whose influence is ever lasting. Hats off to **Dr. Anantham garu!**

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-19

**Janab Abdul Sattar** of Urdu of our College is very popular among Urdu writers. He is authority in GAZALS. A friendly, ever smiling man **Sattar Saheb** will be remembered by his students and colleagues forever. Wearing a Pyjama, long sleeved shirt, chewing pan **Abdul Sattar's** appearance in staff room draws everyone's attention. He moves with every one, seniors and juniors alike. My salutations to you **Sattar Saheb!** You are liked by everyone and most non-controversial. This is the way one is remembered!

**Sri. Suryanarayana Bhanu** of Hindi is unique. His books, essays, articles are well read by all students and lovers of Hindi literature. He was invited by northern universities as a visiting Professor. Above all **Sri. Pisapati Suryanarayana Bhanu** was invited by late Prime Minister **Indira Gandhi** and she was amazed to know his depth in Hindi literature.

Dressed in glittering whites Dhoti/Pancha- ధోతి/పంచ, full sleeves white shinning bright long shirt and Uttareeyam-ఉత్తరీయం on the left shoulder, wearing gold rimmed glasses and nicely combed parting hair, **Bhanu garu** greets everyone and talks smilingly with everyone. A perfect gentleman to the core! **Bhanu garu** is an eloquent speaker and a prolific writer in Hindi.

My prostrations to **Sri. Pisapati Suryanarayana Bhanu garu.**

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-20

A tall, elegantly dressed, disciplinarian *par excellence*, stiff but soft, a man of few words, typical in every way and reserved but approachable, devoted to duty, devout and dedicated gentleman to the core is our respected **Dr. G. Samuel garu-Dr. GS.**

He served in various capacities, Head of the **Department of Natural Sciences** and then **Zoology** after bifurcation, and Principal of our College. **Dr. Samuel** is very brilliant in academics. He is the proud product of Andhra University, Vizag. His styles of walking, teaching are very special.

Out of admiration, I keenly observed him both as a student and a teacher. I imitate him and used to make our colleagues feel his presence. In suits, **Dr. GS** looked majestic and dignified. In the afternoons he wore half shirts/slack shirts well ironed with the first button open. He was wearing a shining shoe. With one hand kept behind and the other straight, he walks in a stylish way. Straight with chest up speaks of his straight forwardness. He takes his class in Room 14, **Zoology Department** most necessarily. He gets into the classroom in a royal way. **Dr. GS** is very good in English. Pin drop silence pervades throughout that one hour. As he takes attendance he is again special. He calls one by one by name and not class number.



**Sri. CVL. Narasimha Murthy-CVLNM** is his favourite student. **Dr. GS** sometimes dictates his lecture notes very fast. **CVLNM** keeps pace with him. We then copy from **CVLNM** notes.

Rest in next.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-21

**Dr. GS** got his Ph. D. from USA in a record time of two and half years! Do you know that? He is a professor by all standards. **Dr. GS's** handwriting and his diagrams on the board are inimitable. Two attenders carry the black board with the diagrams drawn by him multicolored and fix it on the tripod wooden stand. Then he enters into the classroom. I bet you will never find a teacher like **Dr. GS** who draws diagrams full size like flexies/wall posters.

He teaches with a soft voice. The way as he speaks, every sentence ends in a special way. There is some rhythm in his flow of sentences. Every morning, after prayer session, he takes a round with **Sri. BRRB** in the garden attached to **Zoology Department** As he comes close to his room **Sri. Sangeetha Rao** or **Sri. Isaiah** almost runs to open the room and then **Dr. GS** sits on the chair. He has a bell on the table to summon the attenders.

To get into his room is a privilege. He gives assignments to students to be done in summer holidays. Diagrams in the record must be perfect to be blessed with his signature. No compromise at any cost in perfection. When you get the record certified by him, it is really an achievement!

He is authority in **Chick Embryology**. His lectures and notes on classification of Arthropoda, Social Insects, Mouthparts in Insects, Classification of Mollusca, Respiration in Mollusca, his notes on Coral Reefs, *Sacculina bicolor*, *Peripatus* etc are permanently etched in our memory.

I know his family. His son is a very famous doctor in PALAKOLLU who came to see me when I had been there for a lecture.

May God bless his children and grandchildren! That's our **GS**, the unique!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-22

The whole of Guntur knows him. He has a number of admirers all over. A very rare personality in every way. To be corrected by him and to talk to him is a privilege. To be scolded by him is an opportunity. His gestures, style and even riding his bicycle wearing cotton suits are remembered by everyone that comes in contact with him.

He carries in his bag a flask and a water bottle. His coat, like any one, has two pockets. What does he carry? Shakespeare's dramas editions books like Verity, Deighton, Warwick, and John Milton's works. For him, Milton is second to none.

He is of the British pattern in pronunciation and taste. He doesn't tolerate mispronunciation, no matter whoever might be. He bluntly, openly, loudly chides and corrects him right on the spot. He has very strong, uncompromising views on writers, politicians, policies.

He is one among the very few with equal excellence and scholarship both in English and Telugu.

As he rides his bicycle he shows directions wherever there is a turn on the roads. He is a product of Presidency College, Madras of which he is proud of. He served for a very very long time in the **Department of English**. By invitation, persuasion and repeated requests by **Dr. Kasaraneni Sadasiva Rao garu**, a Bhishmacharya in surgery, he served as the first Principal of **JKC College**, Guntur. Who is he? He is none other than **Sri. YR, Yalavarthy Rosayya garu**.

More in the next.

In fond loving memories of **Rosayya garu**, ever in memory of that man of letters..

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-23

**Sri. Y. Rosayya garu-YR** stayed for a long time at 6/4 Arundelpet, a walking distance from our house in 7/3 Arundelpet. My parents and grandparents, from 1957 to 1961, if I do not return home on time, they know that I am with **YR** at his residence. The front room has almairahs full of books, perfectly kept and maintained as in a best Library. He picks up a book in seconds for reference and use. I am hundred percent sure that no one has that library with such a large collection of books both in English and Telugu. Books are his property and literature is his breath.

I have learnt many things from him. For instance, reading a newspaper... Read page wise not disturbing the folds and at the end leave the paper as it is delivered fresh at the doorstep. Fasten the answer book and additional sheets in such a way that the knot is towards the end so that the examiner can turn pages easily. One has to leave margin and mark question number clearly while answering each. Late coming is a sin.

He serves plantain/banana fruits at home and chocolates to whosoever that visits him. With the result, I can say I consumed maximum, as I was with him every day at home for four years.

Oxford Dictionary is so dear to him like a scripture. COD-Concise Oxford Dictionary, POD-Pocket Oxford Dictionary are always on his lips. Milton is a saint to him and none equal John Milton. A step above is, he says that one should read Milton sitting in a religious way. You can't lie down and read Milton relaxed. A staff member (name snipped) visited him and wanted Oxford Dictionary. Sensing that he smoked he called his son to bring water and insisted that the staff member should wash his hands, rinse his mouth to be eligible to touch Oxford Dictionary.

One has to be neat, with the hair combed well and the shirt buttons fixed and not even one to be left open. If any one does, be that a student or staff member, calls him back and says "Button your shirt". If any one comes to the campus not properly dressed and combed, irrespective of the age, **Sri. YR** would call him back and say "Are you from Railway Station?"

He does not want anyone walk along the verandah while classes are going on. If anyone found walk that way he calls him into the classroom and publicly admonishes him by saying "Are you viceroy of England? Don't you have manners?"

More in the next.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-24

There are three easy-chairs, wooden, with facility to have legs stretched on wooden planks. They are in the left hand side corner of the staff room of our College. Only three occupy these chairs, none else. They may be vacant. No one dares to sit on those three easy chairs. Who are the three-**Sri. MLN. John garu, Sri. Y. Rosayya garu** and **Dr. MG. Thomas garu**. They

commanded such a respect that no one would go near them excepting seniors like **Dr. C. Devadanam, Sri. J. Paulus, Sri. S. Jacob.**

Of the three, two are most intimate; **Sri. YR** and **Dr. MGT**. You know, near **Non-resident Student Centre**, our **College Canteen** is located. One day **Sri. YR** and **Dr. MGT** while going to the canteen are found in a heated argument. I was watching. What do you think the matter? Politics? No.. Seniority? No. It is on a character from **ANDREA DELSARTO** written by **Robert Browning**. **Dr. MGT** says that Andrea deserves every sympathy being a deserted lover. **Sri. YR** with a serious face standing in the midst of the path differs with **Dr. MGT** saying "Nothing. Andrea does not deserve any sympathy." That is their involvement in literature.

**Sri. YR** in 1957 taught us figures of speech in English like simile, metaphor, synecdoche, pun, oxymoron, malapropism, and irony etc; still ringing in my ears. **Sri. YR** likes **Samuel Johnson, John Ruskin, William Wordsworth, Keats, Coleridge, Hazlitt** etc. He was teaching in 1957 Room No.3 **Gray's** elegy '*SHORT AND SIMPLE ANNALS OF THE POOR*' and what a parallel he brought between **Gray** and Telugu writer **Joshua's** '*SMASANA VATICA- శృశాన వాటిక*! **Gray** says "All this glory lead but to the grave" while **Gurram Joshuva** says 'prakruthi ranganuna entalesi renuvuli krusinchenu gada kummari vani sare py- ప్రకృతి రంగమున ఎంతలేసి రేణువులివి కృశించెను గదా కుమ్మరివాని సారె పై.'

**Browning** writes 'the curfew tolls the knell of parting day' while **Nannaya Bhattu** in **Mahabharatham** says 'vadima mayukhamul galgu vadu aparambudhi grunke-వడిమ మయూఖముల్ గల్గు వాడు అపరాంబుధి గ్రుంకె' a description of the twilight evening. This is taught by him in 1957. **Dr. MGT** freely quotes **Gurram Joshua** 'kavi kokila- కవికోకిల'. In 1959 **Dr. MGT** taught us '*ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA*' in Room No. 6. And the same is taught by **Sri. YR** in Room No. 11 to B. A. students. That being leisure, I attended both B. A. and B. Sc. classes listening to **MGT** and **YR** next period. Wah! What a feast!! **Dr. MGT** in his poetic style, dramatic style and **Sri. YR** dramatizing every character like **Pompe, Caesar** shouting at times furious, outstanding, spectacular, is a sight for Gods, a greatest blessing in life being their student, cherishing memories for life time.

**Sri. YR** likes **Mahakavi Thikkana** in Telugu poetry and **Panuganti Narasimharao, Kuchi Narasimham Pantulu** and **Chilakamarthi Lakshmi Narasimham**-their prose. He is against Congress party. He likes Hon'ble **Sri. Srinivasa Sastry** for his Standard English.

As the Principal, JKC College, he refused admission to a student recommended by the Correspondent of the College. He strongly opposed private tuitions. He likes punctuality and scholarship.

He always favoured British editions. Once I was carrying Ramanathan's Text cum Guide on '*PARADISE LOST BOOK 9*'. We were in Room No. 11. He saw the book, took it away forcefully which fell in front of the **Assembly Hall**, which I collected-the worn out book! He liked and loved me. My God! I see you **Rosayya garu** right now in front. You are in my heart and inspire me to love literature more and more.

In ever loving memory of Guruji.. **Sri. Y. Rosayya garu** with tears of joy and gratitude.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-25

The only man with a Ph. D. and authored a book read by Degree students all over the state, as it is the only standard book, and a disciplinarian with no compromise, a man of honesty, integrity, individuality, a researcher and unbelievably best teacher and above all highly devoted, dedicated, egoless, selfless Christian-who is that great man of our cherished memory? He is none other than **Dr. Ch. I. Varadanam-Dr. ChIV**, M. Sc., Ph. D., Head of the **Department of Chemistry**, who succeeded **Sri. GVS. Rama Rao garu**. **Dr. Varadanam** stayed in 6/13 Brodiepet, while his predecessor **Sri. GVS. Rama Rao garu** stayed in 1/3 Arundelpet. **Sri. GVS. Rama Rao garu** wrote and published '*A MANUAL ON QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS*'.

**Dr. Varadanam garu** always carries a leather bag. Most of the staff in the Department and also former students of Chemistry from our College must have been his students. He is so innocent, like a child, he expresses his opinion openly.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-26

**Dr. Varadanam** has not complained against anyone. He surrendered to God. He taught us Organic Chemistry in Room No. 7. Somehow he has a liking for Maths, Physics and Chemistry students. We, the biology fellows, are next to them. Our faculty members **CVLNM, Riaz Hussain** and **Rani Sarala** are our classmates. Though I am not proud of it to state the fact, **Rani Sarala** always scored marks in Chemistry more than all of us. We envied her helplessly.

**Dr. Varadanam's** lessons on ISOMERISM, BENZENE RING and some names like KEKULE and EMIL FISCHER and the tabular form to explain the differences between Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Alcohols etc are still remembered by all of us.

He focuses on every one. If he finds any one inattentive, he will go to his seat and scold him. That's all his love for his students.

One period we had in the gallery hall of **Physics Department** by the side of the steps. **Dr. Varadanam** gave us some home work which I did not do. I was at the back, hiding to escape his notice. But he caught me. He took the trouble to climb all the steps and stood in front of me. He went on shouting "Where have you gone? What have you done last night? The story did not end there. After a month he saw my mother on the Railway platform, Guntur and told her 'Sarojinamma! nee koduku chadavatledu. Home work cheyytledu. Bapayya ki cheppu-sarojamma! నీ కొడుకు చదవట్లేదు. హోం వర్క్ చెయ్యట్లేదు. బాపయ్యకి చెప్పు'. My father and **Dr. Varadanam** know each other from their College days at Lucknow.

If any student is found looking at girls in the class he will loudly say 'nuvvu ammayilani choosthunnavu- నువ్వు అమ్మాయిలని చూస్తున్నావు'. He will never do that in his lifetime.

Once he met a senior faculty and said "You are better than me. I lost my wife and at least your wife is sick (name snipped)". Such a child like, clean, pure, innocent man is our beloved **Dr. Varadanam garu**.

Once, attender **Fakruddin** brought for him Orange fruits, kamala phalam-కమలా ఫలం. He took out peeling and went round the lab and one mischievous fellow, now a Rtd. Vet doctor, ate some part of it. **Dr. Varadanam** returned and said 'Fakruddin indulo thonalu thakkuvaga

vunnayi. sarigga choochi konali-పక్కుద్దీన్, ఇందులో తొనలు తక్కువగ వున్నాయి. సరిగ్గా చూచి కొనాలి'.  
That is his innocence!

**Dr. Lakshman Rao, MD**, Cardiologist was his student. He was the Chief Guest for Science Association. **Dr. Varadanam**, in his introductory remarks said "**Dr. Lakshman Rao** is a great doctor. Daily many patients pass through his hands." All laughed. But **Dr. Lakshman Rao** expressed his appreciation and thanks to **Varadanam garu** and not in the least felt offended.

**Dr. ChIV** loves everyone and vice versa. He loved the College so much that he continued to take Bible classes for students.

Nothing matters to him other than CHEMISTRY and nothing interests him other than the HOLY BIBLE. He will call all demonstrators before every class and makes sure that every student does the practicals perfectly.

Two outstanding features of this great man are-Duty and unwavering, unflinching faith in God.

We are happy and grateful to you, Sir, most respected **Varadanam garu** for all that you did for the College in every way and for the scholarship you instituted to benefit deserving students.

#### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-27

Do you know that he is the first Head of the **Department of Botany**? Have you seen him as NCC officer? Do you know that he is the Chairman of College Celebrations Committee for a long time? Who is he? He is none other than **NCR-Narala Channa Reddi garu!**

He hails from Papinenipalli near Giddalur of Prakasam District. He is the product of Andhra University. **Sri. NCR** was very close to **Dr. TS. Paulus** and also **Dr. JB. Williams**. On occasions, he wore Jodhpur coat/Prince coat. His intimate friends are **Sri. M. Rajagopal Rao garu**, Head, **Philosophy Department**, **Sri. M. Brahmaniah garu** of **Physics Department**, **Sri. Basaveswara Rao garu** of **Maths Department**, **Sri. Ramana Reddi garu** of **Philosophy Department** and **Maj. CN. Frederick garu** of **Zoology Department**. He is highly tactful and calculative in his approach. **NCR** was also close to **Dr. MGT**. He taught us from 1957 to 1961. He is an expert in teaching CRYPTOGRAMS.

**Sri. MVN. Satyanarayana Rao-MVNS** of Botany followed him like a shadow and implicitly implemented all his plans. He and **Mrs. Suseela Mahanthi garu** were classmates in Andhra University. Among Heads of the Departments **NCR** is close to **Dr. GS**.

He published Text Book for PUC students. His influence in political circles made him say to **Sri. JP** that he would get the matter raised in State Assembly, being related to a leading politician, **Sri. Kandula Obul Reddi garu** from Kurnool.

As ill luck would have it, I failed to win his love and affection though in the later part he started liking me. But one thing is, we never had any 'one to one' arguments and I always greeted him with due respect. We may differ, yet there are cordial relationships. He is a jovial person and a good conversationalist, quite friendly to everyone. He had appreciation to my talks and I know his family very well. He is a very good organizer. He is an able administrator. He

keeps his neck up as he walks. He has little difficulty in pronouncing 'sta- స్ట'. Instead of saying 'style- స్టైల్' he says 'shta- స్ట' 'shtyle- స్టైల్.' So it is 'shtigma- స్టిగ్మా' instead of 'stigma-స్టిగ్మా'. We had one lesson on *Ustilago*, a fungus. A mischievous fellow wrote on the board....

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-28

**Sri. NCR-Channa Reddi garu** has several firsts to his credit. It was he who got ceiling fans installed in the Department. Others followed. **NCR** again is first to procure a Typewriter exclusively for the Department by calling it 'plant labeler'. He is again first to have Fridge sanctioned for the Department under the title 'Plant Preservator'. It was he who got expensive EPIDIASCOPE for the Department. He started Museum with Herbarium and got an appointment sanctioned for its maintenance and development.

**Mr. Vijaya Rao** and later **Mrs. Jayashri**, daughter of **Sri. S. Jacob**, served in the Department taking care of Museum and Herbarium. It also served as audio visual room for Degree students. **Mr. Vijaya Rao**, if I am not wrong, is now in **Nagarjuna University**. Coming back to an incident in Room No. 15, a fellow wrote on the board mentioning *USTILAGO*, a fungus that causes Smut Diseases 'Ushtilago, Mushtilago, Dishtilago' to draw the attention of every one that **NCR** says 'shta- స్ట' for 'sta- స్ట'. He came into the classroom and saw that on the board. He said "who is that 'shtudent- స్టూడెంట్?' instead of saying 'student-స్టూడెంట్'.

He supported a very senior man, a prospective principal, openly. **Sri. J. Paulus** was the principal then. At a staff meeting convened in Room No. 8, a proposal was made by the person supported by **NCR**. In fact, **NCR** did not hear the proposal as he was talking to somebody. But he got up and said "I second xxxxxxxx proposal and support." **JP** is very sharp and immediately asked "What is his proposal?" **NCR** couldn't reply. All laughed. A funny incident to laugh in a lighter vein!

**Sri. N. Channa Reddi garu** is the architect of **Botany Department**. But for him the Department would not have been equipped like that. He has guts to support and courage to oppose openly.

He is excellent in planning. **Sri. NCR**, for many years after I left, most necessarily visited us. He is a man of magnanimity. He arranged a meeting, later dinner at Sankar Vilas as a farewell party on the day I left. I could not control my tears while speaking at the meeting because of emotional attachment for the institution for three decades.

**Sri. NCR** admired, appreciated and congratulated me every time we met as he is aware of my contribution to Sai Mission at various levels, provincial, national and international.

**Sri. NCR** well maintained his health by taking long, brisk walks every day. He left and joined 'Reddi's College' and returned back to our College as he could not continue for want of compromise on principles.

**Sri. NCR** in the later period after retirement used to visit **Sri. Gollamudi Anjaneyulu garu**, Rtd. Head, **Department of Zoology** in 7/4 Arundelpet and **Sri. Kesanupalli Satyanarayana garu**, Rtd. Lecturer in English, **Hindu College** in 5/4 Arundelpet. This way he visited Arundelpet and on the way he necessarily stopped by at our residence.

NCR! You are known for your loyalty, vision, creativity, planning and leadership. You, **NCR Sir**, are very popular and engaged private tuitions on a large scale in combination with **Sri. Jasthi Venkateswarlu-Sri. JV** at one time in Lakshmipuram. We have those memories and indelible impressions of our period in our College. Our loving homage to you, Sir!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-29

A very tall gentleman with a long face enters into the class room-Room No. 7, comments 'labham ledaya- ಲಾಭಂ ಲೇದಯಾ'-meaning you are useless. He asks questions calling every one by name. He concludes by saying 'labham ledaya- ಲಾಭಂ ಲೇದಯಾ' 'no use. He greets and reciprocates with a broad smile. The notes he dictates is excellent. It is more than reading a text book. Tall, elegant, nicely dressed, carrying books in his left hand and most often slack shirts/half sleeves yet always in shirt/tucked in with a duster and chalk pieces on the other hand, our dear **Sri. MAP-Sri. M. Amrutha Prasada Rao** is our lecturer who taught us ORGANIC CHEMISTRY.

He is in NCC-artillery section. In uniform you wouldn't find a better suited person in NCC than our **MAP Sir**.

He remembers every one and accosts by name. **Sri. MAP** is one of our illustrious teachers totally committed and dedicated. His notes are still in my memory-Paraffins, Olefins, Aldehydes, Sabatiers Method, Wurtz Method, Molecular Formula-Aluminum Carbide on heating with nascent Hydrogen Produces Paraffin. His notes are comparable to sugar cane juice. We will never forget him, his lessons and notes for life time. That is our **MAP Sir!**

He is a deeply religious man. He is an active evangelist. He visits private homes to pray and preach gospel. His children are our students. He and family stayed in 2nd Line, Nagarampalem where **Prof. Gummadi Joseph**, Physiology Professor in **Medical College** and a little farther **Sri. Ananda Rao** and **Naomi** teacher stay. They are in laws of **Dr. Jyothi Raju garu**. **Naomi** teacher is my mother's classmate in **Stall Girls' School**.

My reverential pranams to you, Sir, **MAP garu** with thanks and gratitude!

Ever your loving student..

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-30

A very soft, perfect, gentleman to the core! He cares for dress and meticulous and conscious of looking good. Shoe should shine. Tuck up/or tucked in shirt, its fold should be perfect. He has a smiling face. He is very friendly. He belongs to the **Department of Zoology** and served as the Warden, **Wolf Hall**. Now I am sure you will make out. Who is he? **Sri. GETA-George Edward Thomas Azariah garu!**

His father served as a Headmaster in **McLaren School**, Kakinada. In 1958 he took us on biological study tour. Believe me; he served personally snacks and tea to all students and a few other teachers that followed. I attended his wedding in **North Parish Church, Heyer Hall** compound. He married a student from **Govt. College for Women** by name **Ahalya Subhashini**, subject to correction. It is one of the largely attended weddings. Above all, three men of letters, giants, made speeches: **Dr. S. Anantham**, **Dr. MG. Thomas** and **Prof. AF. Thyagaraj**, Principal, ANR College, Gudivada.

**Mr. Chandran, Mr. Charles Wesley and Mr. BRRB** were residents of **Wolf Hall** then. **Sri. Azariah** is innovative and creative. He arranged Cricket match on **Wolf Hall** grounds. We were all invited.

A big shamiana was raised with chairs. Commentary was also there. Breakfast, lunch, tea and cool drinks were served as scheduled. **Sri. Azariah** is a very good teacher, approachable and his dissections in the lab are superb.

**Sri. Azariah** joined Noble College, Machilipatnam as the Principal. He must be enjoying his retired life. **Sri. Azariah** is an admirer of **Dr. MGT**. He is an able administrator. We are lucky to have been associated with him in our College. Dear **Azariah garu**, I pray God to bless you and family.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-31

How is it possible to look very fresh at the end of the class? How to see that chalk piece powder does not colour our hands? How to maintain same voice throughout the lecture? No shouting no rising of the voice-how to give lecture that way? He is **Sri. JV**!

**Sri. Jasthi Venkateswarlu garu, Department of Chemistry** is very special. He taught us Physical Chemistry in the room where presently Maths Department is located. It was probably in the year 1959. **Sri. JV** was always in whites, slack /half sleeves shirt and white pants.

**JV garu** has a smiling face. I never saw him angry or upset with any. He is a reserved gentleman and responds to the point. His closest associates may have a different experience.

**Sri. JV** is a very popular teacher. His lectures on Osmosis, Plasmolysis, Hess law of summation, former Berzelius Hypothesis, later Avogadro's Hypothesis, Dalton's Atomic Theory and the revised theory are fresh in my memory. What a lovely, impressive, ideal teacher is **Sri. JV!!**

A man of perfect character and values is an example to learn and emulate. He hails from **Kopparru** village close to Guntur.

He engaged private tuitions, teaching Physical Sciences in combination with **NCR** who taught Biological Sciences. They were very very successful during our student days. Believe me; students from other sections go to him for tuition and not from his own class. Why? His interest, style of teaching, notes are very much same at both the places. No difference at all! He is a very principled, straightforward man. He stayed in Lakshmipuram in the same lane where **NCR** stayed.

He spent most of the time in the Department. He was invited by the management of JKC College, Guntur to head the Chemistry Department. **Sri. YR**-Principal, **Dr. S. Anantham**-Vice Principal, **Sri. AS Krishna**-Botany Head, **Sri. Subbaiah**-Physics Head, **Sri. Rammohan Roy**-Telugu Head-all are from **AC. College** only.

How true it is what **Sri. JP** of our College said at one time in the **Assembly Hall**! **Sri. J. Paulus garu**-Principal said that **AC. College** is **Akhanda Jyothi** and many candles are lit from it, shedding light in all parts of the country. That is **AC. COLLEGE**!

The JKC picked up very good name in the in the earlier period itself when compared to other Colleges founded during that year. Why? How? They are **AC. College** products. Norms and precedence are established by these illustrious gentlemen in the same way as **AC.**



COLLEGE, their parent institution. **Mr. Koteswara Rao**-Head, Zoology, JKC College is also an AC. COLLEGE Brand. So the training they had, great people they worked with, made them shape the College within a short time. This is the rich legacy, heritage and inbuilt culture of our College which made any past student or a teacher very successful and exemplary in every way.

**Sri. JV** is very simple and humble apart from being a best teacher. He settled in USA long back and visits Guntur and his friends and relatives. I understand that he raised huge funds to help financially backward students. He is healthy, looks and talks as before.

May God bless you, your family, children and grandchildren!

In fond memory...

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-32

It is very rare to come across a multidimensional, multitalented, multifaceted, creative, innovative gentleman who is also a best teacher by his own right and merit. An eloquent speaker, who knows to win the hearts of everyone and a man of wide range contacts and highly influential with richness of exposure and experience, is our dear **Dr. P. Prabhudas garu**, most popularly known as **Dr. PPD**.

I was his student in 1957 and he taught us Chemistry and again in our 1st Year Degree, Physical Chemistry. He was very popular and taught many batches of students and engaged private tuitions. Later due to his multifarious activities, he discontinued coaching at home.

Our class was in Room No. 4, corner room on the ground floor. **Dr. PPD** dramatizes CHEMISTRY. He enacts CHEMISTRY such that lessons turn alive and we will never forget him and his teachings. He was the Head of the Department and later served as the Principal. He was in charge of canteen for some period.

A very jovial man, always sportive has grown from stature to higher levels in positions and popularity. His impressive presentation on periodic table in Chemistry is unforgettable. He will make elements come alive and stand in front of you. He dictates notes which excels any standard textbook. It is so simple but fetches you ample marks.

He speaks eloquently, emphatically and impressively. His gestures, standing posture and the pause he gives while deferring with anyone at the staff meetings deserve our attention. **Sri. GG. WARREN** and **Dr. PPD** presented opposite views and at a time contested against each other. Both of them were sarcastic, ironical and at the same time spoke with due respect to each other and maintained the decorum and the dignity at all staff meetings. All could know what they meant but the two never spoke on individual grounds. **Sri. G. George Warren** is not an ordinary man. He is very authentic, authoritative and speaks unambiguously. I, for one, always thought that they would have made their career as most ideal parliamentarians of those days like **SA Dange, Madhu Limaye, Vajpayee, Hiren Mukherji, VK. Menon**. I am hundred percent sure that I am not joking and exaggerating. Without **Dr. PPD** and **Sri. GGW** staff meetings are dull and disinteresting.

**Dr. PPD** enjoyed the support of **Dr. MGT** and all used to feel that **Dr. PPD** was the chief adviser to **Dr. MGT**. **Dr. PPD** played a key role when Arts and Science Exhibition was arranged when **Dr. MGT** was the Principal. **Dr. PPD** occupied all positions of prestige in **AELC**.

**Dr. PPD** got his Ph. D. from Temple University, USA. At Saraswati Mandir, attached to the Hindu College High School, **Dr. PPD** was felicitated along with **Dr. GS** and **Dr. Amarendra**, and all the three got Ph. D. almost same time. I was fortunate to speak on that occasion and I still have that photo with me.

**Dr. PPD** was first to become Chairman, Guntur Municipality from College teaching community. **Dr. PPD** was felicitated at Sri. VENKATESWARA VIGNANA MANDIR. He was given civic reception and all organizations viz., educational, political, service, government, and private participated, garlanded him and paid rich tributes. I in my own humble way spoke on that occasion.

**Dr. PPD** is a self made man of astounding guts and amazing managerial techniques. He is an expert in MAN MANAGEMENT. **Dr. GS** and **Dr. PPD** differed with each other with all the honour and mutual respect. They were never low and cheap. They knew how to agree to disagree. Both as teachers and leaders they are illustrious and are outstanding. Everyone has a message to convey and subject to teach.

**Dr. PPD's** daughter works with us now in our College in **Chemistry Department**. **Dr. PPD** left behind happy memories among his students and associates. That is **Dr. PPD!**

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-33

I am unlucky as I couldn't be his student, since he taught MPC students. But we stayed in the same locality. Both his daughters **Ms. Uma** and **Rajyalakshmi**, if I am not wrong, are my students. His brother **Pardhiveswar Rao**, subject to correction, retired as the Head of the Physics Department at PALEM and his son is also a retired Head of the Department Physics-**Narasimha Rao** in **Gorla Hanimi Reddy College** at Guntur. That grand senior man is **Sri. CVP-Chivukula Vara Prasada Rao**, popularly called **CVP**.

He stayed at 6/4 Arundelpet-Donka Road, close to Brindavana Kshetram. For a long time, **Sri. Y. Rosayya** garu stayed opposite his house. Later **Sri. YR** shifted to Brodiepet.

**Sri. CVP** is very loyal to the institution. He is a stern disciplinarian, a methodical man and I can say confidently that to **CVP**, work is worship.

Mostly he wore cotton full suits with a neck tie. He used bicycle to commute. Somehow I feel that **CVP** is of the British type, very formal and highly conscious of his position. His style carries dignity and prestige. He never called any one without prefix 'Mr.' At Hyderabad near Nampalli, we three, I, **Sri. CVP** and **Sri. C. Jaya Rao** stayed in the room when we had been there for Spot Valuation. **CVP** was first to get up and get ready including polished shoes. He says every time "**Mr. Anil Kumar**," "**Mr. Jaya Rao**" even in the early hours of the morning. He commanded respect among students and teachers.

He engaged private tuitions at home. I was told that he teaches from cover page till the last page of the textbook.

He is a serious man as I know him. He confined to the Department totally and never visited any Department any time on the campus. I also never saw him sitting anywhere other than his chair-Head of the Department.

A committee was set up for PUC admissions. **Sri. M. Brahmanaiyah garu** was the Chairman and I was one in the committee. **Dr. MGT** was the Principal at that time. I wanted a clarification from **Sri. MB**. I went to the **Department of Physics** and **Sri. CVP** was in the lab

upstairs. I just said "Sir! I want **Sri. MB** for some clarification." **CVP** immediately said loudly before students "**Brahmanaiah** can't come as he is in the class." To save my skin in front of students, I went close to him and uttered a lie. "Sir! Principal wants **Sri. MB**." Then immediately **Sri. CVP** said loudly in the same tone as before "**Brahmanaiah** you may go." That was his obedience to the chair.

After retirement he has become deeply religious, observing rituals, reading Sanskrit slokas, mantras, maintaining a record. He is most sincere with a stature and respect. We are privileged to have known him.

Sir, we should learn from you how to be dignified, well dressed, sincere and dedicated to duty! We are proud of you and we pay our reverential homage to **Sri. CVP**-Head of the **Department of Physics**.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-34

Do you know this? I am more than sure that most of you do not know. Today corporate Colleges are minting money by offering EAMCET coaching. Prior to that Vignan, Vikas, etc also prospered in EAMCET. But RAVI COLLEGE is the earliest and the first to start Medical Entrance Coaching.

Why am I writing all this? I want to let you know the brain behind this. Believe it or not, **AC. College** man is behind this. You may call him the father of today's EAMCET or the then Medical Entrance Coaching. You may agree or not. It is a fact. Who is that brainy man, architect of this entrance coaching from our College? All my contemporaries know this truth. He is none other than **Sri. RCR-Rudravarapu Chalapathi Rao** of the **Department of Physics**.

One evening, he sat with **Sri. CVN. Dhan**, Director RAVI COLLEGE at Brodiepet, Guntur and designed the whole project. He worked out logistics also to run the course, modus operandi like duration, schedules, time tables, hour-wise remuneration to teachers, and examination pattern.

Later **RCR** came out with another plan organizing CRASH COURSE for these students for 15 days. Thus **Sri. RCR** is the chief architect; nay father of Entrance coaching that has spread widely like a Banyan tree, statewide. Result is Chaitanya, Narayana Colleges, whatever is coming up in the recent years. **Sri. CVL. Narasimha Murthy**, **Sri. K. Hanumantha Rao**, **Sri. RRS. Sundar Das** know it well and will agree with me, having been associated with this since inception.

It is a matter of pride to have **Sri. RCR** as the strategist of this Entrance tests. Hats off to **RCR, Department of Physics** of our College! He also authored books on Physics, particularly for Entrance students. **RCR** is a very friendly, resourceful, well read, cultured, decent man who is down to earth, very humble in spite of his thumping success and popularity.

Some more on **RCR** in the next.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-35

I am a biology student. So I have not been blessed with an opportunity of being a student of **RCR**. But, as his colleague, worked with him closely in all committees of our College.

He wears a slack/half shirt, mostly white and seen wearing slippers. **Sri. RCR** carries with him a bag with extra pan he chews as he uses pan every day at intervals. He comes to College and returns home in a RICKSHA.

**Sri. RCR** necessarily visits ANANDA BHAVAN close to bridge down, Brodiepet. He maintained an account there and writes on a book the day's bill. ANANDA BHAVAN is the favourite hotel for AC. College faculty. Right from **Dr. MGT**, **Sri. YR**, **Mr. MVLNK**, **Mr. KHR**, **Mr. T. Srinivasan-TSN**, **Mr. S. Muddu Krishna-SMK**, **Mr. Turlapati. Radha Krishnamurthy-TRK**, **Mr. CVL. Narasimha Murthy-CVLNM** to name a few frequented Ananda Bhavan.

**Sri. RCR** carries with him besides the small bag with pan, the day's English news paper. He served as the Chairman on the committee in charge of Prizes distributed at College Anniversary. **RCR** was also in charge of Vegetarian section at College dinners. **Sri. GKD** assisted by **Sri. Hanumath Sastry** of Physics improved the standards, quality-wise and also quantity of Veg section of our College dinners.

**Sri. RCR** mingles freely with everyone and jokes. He engaged private tuitions on a large scale at home, taught Medical Entrance students both at home and RAVI COLLEGE, besides regular work at our College. He never looked tired and exhausted. The throat was never sore or any jarring sound. He enjoys teaching. He is always cool and calm and never raised voice.

**RCR** is known all over the state as he taught Medical Entrance students for many years. We all enjoyed his company and have fond memories of association with him.

Well done **Sri. RCR**! May your example inspire everyone and work tirelessly like you and committed to duty! We are really proud of you, Sir!

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-36

### PUDIVADA PROFILES

Pudivada is a village close to REPALLE in Guntur District. **AC. College** has every reason to feel proud of these Pudivadians-if I may say so, for the love and respect for them. One rose to the level of the Principal of our College. He is a genius as **Sri. JP** puts it "AYYA! AYANA CHALA THELIVIGALAVADU. Body antha burre (brain)- అయ్యా ఆయన చాలా తెలివిగలవాడు. బాడీ అంతా బుర్రే". **Sri. YR** calls him "Chebrolu man". He has two Master's Degrees and a Ph. D. from New York and Columbia Universities-USA, if I am not wrong. He is **Dr. C. Devadanam-Dr. CD**.

**Dr. Chebrolu Devadanam garu**, M. A., M. A., Ph. D. is a reserved person wearing slack/half shirt, always in whites. However, we have seen him in dark suits on special occasions. As he has a good personality, he looked majestic and dignified in suits. He stays in 6th line, Brodiepet. He is a great scholar and an authority on World History and Indian History. He is a man of very few words and did not socialize much. But he is respected by everybody. **Dr. CD** sits close to **Sri. YR**.

We had no chance to be near those three chair men on relaxing chairs in the corner of the staff room, occupied by **Sri. MLN. John garu**, **Dr. MGT garu** and **Sri. YR garu**. But I could hear them talk on politics. **Dr. CD** softly provokes **Sri. YR** and **YR** response-we know, serious and fully involved.

They are intellectuals. We are batchas-boys in front of them. **Dr. CD** is seen in smiles and broad smiles and he seldom laughs loudly. All history students love him and respect him. He gave us two lectures in 1957. We had Civics and History also in those days. The practice then was, never a class was let free, when a staff member is on leave. Further there was a notice board with names of staff on leave. A substitute was always sent, so that none can roam or loiter on the campus. When **Dr. NI** was on leave, **Dr. CD** engaged our class.

I vaguely remember that he has a good sense of humour too. His smiling, walking style and holding his handkerchief are typical and special. Once he proposed a vote of thanks at an Anniversary Function. There were many in the list. **Dr. CD** started “Firstly I thank **Dr. ---**, Secondly I thank **Dr.-----**” and the list continued until he had to say “sixteenthly I thank **Dr.---** and seventeenthly.” I left blanks as I do not remember all the names. **Dr. CD** did not miss anybody, so meticulous and articulated.

All his intelligence is inherited by all his children. Each one has many Degrees, for instance **Dr. Pushparaj (Zoology Department)**, I think has Degrees in Law too. All are soft spoken and accomplished. **Dr. CD** is a gift to our College from PUDIVADA.

His daughter in law, **Dr. Mary Ratna Sree**, is first Ph. D. holder in **Botany Department**. A very nice lady, modest, very humble, efficient and respectful to all seniors, cultured and well mannered.

**Dr. CD** and his family will be remembered by all of us.

Other PUDIVADA profiles to follow.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-37

#### PUDIVADA PROFILES (Contd.)

Looks very rude and crude. But very good at heart. May shout, but soft in relationships. Very strict towards students, uncompromising. He does not step out of the Department any time. He is **Mr. JA-JALADI ABRAHAM**, a Pudevada man. He is always free, frank and fearless. He does not mind to speak bitter truth.

He and **Mr. RRSSD-Raja Raymond Singh Sundar Das** spent two years in AJMIR for postgraduate studies where they met **Prof. Bendapudi Sundara Siva Rao**, who is an Andhra University brand and went on lien there. They also could meet **Ms. Nazma**, a former student of our College, who did her Ph. D. under **Prof. Siva Rao garu**.

**Mr. RRSSD** and **Mr. JA** are very close, intimate friends. Almost every day in the **Department of Botany** there used to be a friendly, heated, serious argument between **Mr. JA** and **Mr. MPR-M. Prasada Rao**. **Mr. MPR** hails from Ikkurru village close to Narasaraopet, if I am not wrong. Both are equally free, frank, outspoken and take firm stand on each side. But God has given **Mr. RRSSD** as the peacemaker. He only could pacify them. From the next moment both are best of friends. Thus, though being friends yet one can differ. That way **RRSSD** played the role of an umpire in this friendly match between **MPR** and **JA**.

**JA** is best in training students in Practicals. **JA** is obedient and honours the chair but he does not hesitate to express his views at staff meetings at the departmental level. **Mr. MPR** is also more or less same type. But they are harmless and even helpful. They are same both in and out and never diplomatic or political.

I am interested in public speaking from my school days even. That made **Sri. JP** and **Dr. MGT** nominate me as the Director of Literary and Debating Association for several consecutive years. This made me train our boys and lead them to all Intercollegiate Debating Competitions.

Boys come to me though at times someone else is the Director.

**Mr. Premsagar** was the director that year. The boys who won the trophy did not thank me on the dais in the **Assembly Hall**, may be by mistake. Both the winners came to see me in the Department. **Mr. RRSSD** and **Mr. JA** happened to be there in the staff room. **RRSSD** and **JA** shouted at them for their mistake in not expressing thanks to me. They almost kicked them out. That was their love for me.

Another time, a father of a student came to the Department and started shouting at me for not placing his son in the first place in the debating contest. He even charged me on silly communal grounds, which is not there in the blood of our family for generations. **RRSSD** and **JA** happened to be there and noticed all these false charges. They both got up and chased him until he left, shouting that his son had no existence in the competition but for me and that they were noticing how I groomed the boy over the years. That love both had towards me.

We went on study tours and enjoyed immensely. **RRSSD** used to give me clarifications whenever I approached him for explanation on spiritual teachings. This helped me in my presentations.

We at times had window views of the scenes happening in the General Hospital compound which is just behind the Department. My colleagues in the Department always stood by me, supported me, encouraged me and even felt proud of me by congratulating every time after my talk either at the College or elsewhere. They are God's gift to me. May God bless them and their families!

**Mr. Yobu, Department of Zoology** and **Mrs. Suvarna Kamala, Department of Chemistry** are from PUDIVADA. They are friendly and greeted with respect wherever and whenever we met. May God be with them and their families!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-38

A military major engages a class. In uniform, he equals any senior military General. The type of talking or teaching is calculated, timed and to the point. He only smiles and is never seen conspicuously laughing or speaking aloud either in a private conversation or in a group. At the same time, he is a very good teacher. His presence makes the surroundings disciplined and remained silent. He never shouts but soft and emphatic and direct. His is a base voice. He keeps both the lips little closed and teeth almost tight and expresses clearly, doubtlessly and firmly. He is none other than **Maj. CN. Frederick**, Head of the **Department of Zoology** (Rtd.).

He is quite friendly but keeps respectable distance. Thus he is closely distant or distantly close. Thus no one takes him for granted or can take lenience or extra liberty. He demanded respect and commanded respect. It is a matter of pleasure meeting **Maj. CN. Frederick** every time, any day.

He stayed at Arundelpet when I was doing my Degree and he was a bachelor. He married **Dr. Lalitha** (if I am not wrong) who worked in KUGLER HOSPITAL, GUNTUR and has earned a very good name. Thus both of them, our Major cum Professor and his wife are equally

popular. **Maj. CN. Frederick** settled in USA and his children too I believe are well settled in USA by the divine grace.

**Maj. CN. Frederick** at one time decided to return to India and settle in CHIRALA, his native place. His determination to renovate and make BAER HOSPITAL in CHIRALA back to its form and glory speaks of his love for the native place, spirit of service, sacrifice and patriotism.

**Maj. CN. Frederick** comes to GUNTUR obliging invitations for weddings. He is an able administrator. Thus **Maj. CN. Frederick** is an ideal man of whom we feel proud to be his students and the institution and its founders will bless him and family.

Major Sir, yours lovingly.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-39

I have never seen a man commanding respect while sitting in his office. Though there is a chair by the side of his table, all, even Heads of the Departments preferred to stand, talk to him and get the work done, seek his advice and benefited. All Principals sought his advice and guidance on all matters. No file or paper moved in the office without his perusal and approval as he will see all aspects of the contents. In drafting, he is an expert. He treats as the person deserves to be treated. He knows everyone by name and performance.

He was given a grand farewell on the day of his retirement! His words, made in public, I still remember: "Some are happy that I am retiring. Some are unhappy that I am retiring. All previous Principals appreciated my work as they know work." The then Principal and he did not sail together. That is the retort and wit of that man.

He wears dhoti, shirt and a coat, carries an umbrella and always seen in chappals. He stayed in the College campus at the bungalow adjacent to Non-Resident Student Centre. He is **Sri. CN. Devadanam garu**, Office Manager of our College. The post he held got recognition and prestige because of him. **Sri. CN. Devadanam** proved that it is the person that makes the post prestigious and not the other way round.

He almost controlled administration and won the appreciation of all College community. **Sri. CN. Devadanam garu** is from Chirala-A CHIRALA CHAMPION.

Young staff members are mostly seen around him. He moved with all the love and brotherhood. To be very specific, **Mr. RRSSD** and **Mr. JA** are very close to him. They assisted him also when required. He is **Mr. DB. Franklin** who succeeded **CN. Devadanam garu** as the Office Manager of our College. All youngsters called him "Anna" and thus he was very approachable, obliging and friendly. His handwriting is good, particularly in preparing cheques. **Mr. DB. Franklin** later served as the **Deputy Registrar** of **Nagarjuna University** and he maintained very good relationships with faculty of his erstwhile institution. We have very loving memories of our association with **Mr. DB. Franklin**. He hails from CHIRALA, a Chirala champion!

Then we have a man from the **Chemistry Department**. He is **Mr. DJ. Kanaka Raju-Mr. DJKR**. He is short, wearing pants such a way that socks are seen and the shirt sleeves up and folded at arms. He is a close friend of mine and also many. If many could get a chance to become Heads of the Departments, it is because of untiring, determined efforts of **Mr. Kanaka**

**Raju** only. It was he who was mainly instrumental for the introduction of ROTATION of headships. He is a Chirala man.

**Mr. N. Chiranjeevi, Department of History** was in the office and later in the History Department as faculty member. He served as the Warden, **Heyer Hall**. He married **Kasturi** madam, if I am not wrong, a lecturer in English, Govt. College for Women and is the daughter of **Prof. Abraham of Madras Christian College** at Tambaram.

**Sri. N. Chiranjeevi** was very close to **Dr. N. Isaac, Sri. N. Chiranjeevi** settled in USA long back. His brother **Mr. Hiram Raju** served in the **Department of Maths** in our College. Both the brothers are friendly and jovial. They hail from CHIRALA.

Thus CHIRALITIES contributed their might for the growth of our College.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-40

#### TENALI TOPS

A genius! A man of wealth of knowledge! A disciplinarian both at home and College. Reserved, but allows you to come close. Serious when comes to subject and teaching. His English is of olden days, yet humorous, that is subtle. He commuted every day from Tenali. He is **Sri. G. Krishna Das**, popularly and endearingly called **GKD**.

**Sri. G. Krishna Das** is an Andhra University product. In Physics, he is a genius. **Physics Department** knows his depth in subject. He taught many batches of students offering free coaching when approached. He taught Physics even for a few students from Iran, as in those years Iranians studied at our College besides other Colleges.

A matter of pride, a feather in his cap is that he was the student of **Prof. S. Bhagawantham**, an internationally reputed Physicist.

I remember one incident. At a felicitation meeting of a faculty member (name withheld), when it was mentioned that the gentleman did very well working for a doctorate, **Sri. GKD** said "the fact that you accomplished is enough to say the worth of your achievement". All laughed at the subtle humour.

**Sri. GKD** is a very frank, plain, open person. He is the other name of discipline. His children studied at our College. **Sri. GKD** is a man of academic excellence. The Department is benefitted by his valuable services.

He carries a bag, wears slack shirt, wearing chappals. He has curly hair. With due respect and honour to **Sri. GKD**, I would say his hairstyle looks like the most famous artist BALLARI RAGHAVA.

May God shower His blessings on your children and grand children.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-41

#### TENALI TOPS (Contd.)

Our College has such a vast campus and the TOWER is the special attraction. Front view is spectacular. The departments are beautifully located and independent. We can say there are a few Colleges with that richness of space and grandeur. The whole campus beautification is taken up by **Dr. MGT** as the Principal. I mentioned those in my write-up on **Dr. MGT**.



A very interesting thing is **Dr. MGT** wanted greenery, lawns and gardens. Thus he had plans to give a facelift to the whole premises. He instructed **Sri. N. Channa Reddi-NCR**, the Head of the Department of Botany, to expedite his plan. **Sri. NCR** immediately wanted **Sri. MVN. Satyanarayana Rao-MVNS** to plan and execute. **Sri. MVNS** planned by dividing into sectors like front area, library, quadrangle by the side of the assembly hall, triangle garden by the side of the steps leading to the **Department of Botany** and a garden adjacent to the **Department of Zoology**.

**Sri. MVNS** has a master brain. He ordered plants, saplings and has set everything ready for plantation project. Believe me, day in and day out including Sundays and holidays **Sri. MVNS** spent all his time and energies and could complete the task in a record time. **Sri. MVNS** is a committed man with a spirit of dedication. He is selfless and very simple and humble. He never claimed to have done anything. We know in the Department his tireless efforts and the spirit of sacrifice. He was totally immersed and got identified with this task. Dear **MVNS** Sir, we have to learn from you what focused attention is!

**Sri. MVNS** is the other name for sincerity, honesty, integrity and individuality. **Sri. MVNS** is quite handsome, fair in complexion with a pointed nose. He wears a full shirt tucked in and his footwear chappals. He comes to College on his bicycle. The ideas of **NCR** and the execution by **Sri. MVNS** are responsible for the beautification of the campus and the development of the **Department of Botany**.

**Sri. MVNS** has very limited contacts and friends. He enjoys jokes and has a good sense of humour. **Sri. MVNS** is creative and quite friendly. **Sri. MVNS--M-Mathukumalli**; there is one by name **Sri. MVN. Subba Rao garu**, a great philosopher and a follower of Brahma Samaj. **Sri. MVNS** has no affiliations nor aware of it. He will fold his shirt sleeves just one fold so that it is below elbows. He uses glasses for reading purposes. His son **Madhu** did his Ph. D. in Physics, Nagarjuna University. His daughter **Sudha** did her Degree and also B. Ed. Both are married and settled. It is decades ever since I met them.

**Sri. MVNS** is an all rounder as he knows household work also unlike me, a zero in that field. I once commented that "**MVNS** is house oriented." Immediately **Prameela** madam of our Department said "**Anil Kumar** is street oriented." **Prameela** is known for her ready wit. **Sri. MVNS** is a good teacher and takes care of students in Practicals methodically.

**Sri. MVNS** is good in drawing, stitching, repairing electrical and electronic gadgets. He is very mild and soft. He is very friendly and helpful. All students love him and he loves them equally.

It is most unfortunate that **Sri. MVNS** and **Smt. Suseela Mahanthi** got into a scuffle and even had to go to a court of law and finally by God's grace the matter was settled amicably, peacefully. It was only a testing time or a bad time and both were basically good. Why I mentioned this unpleasant situation? The reason is to let you know the individuality and integrity of **MVNS**. During that bad period, he was suspended and had not received any pay. I arranged some payment, not much, just peanuts, to correct papers of students of RAVI COLLEGE appearing for the entrance examination. He politely refused. Then I came forward and requested him to accept some amount as loan. He refused. My God, that period is a nightmare to me till this day! How he and his family withstood that time, I can't even imagine!! Almost every day, I met him in the night after completing coaching classes in RAVI COLLEGE.

Here I should say and admit openly how our students (**Mr. Ravindrakumar** and **Mr. Ganapathi** batch) stood by him as a tower of strength. They met AELC legal adviser **Sri. Katrapati Narasimham garu**, a resident of 4/3 Arundelpet, Public Prosecutor **Sri. Vishnubhotla Prasad garu**, a resident of 2/1 Brodiepet and even **Sri Mandali Venkata Krishna Rao garu**, the then Education minister who came on a visit to our town only to get **Sri. MVNS** reinstated. Every day they spent hours and hours with **MVNS**. At one time, I had to risk my job as **Sri. NCR** could sense that I was behind **Sri. MVNS**, hundred percent supporting him. We had a strategy to meet the situation and entirely by God's grace that **MVNS** could come out of this. My concern was that he was the only breadwinner in the family. He had neither contacts nor influence in the town. It was his dutiful nature, commitment to the College and the loyalty won the grace of God.

When **Ravindrakumar** (former student and ardent lover of our College and his teachers and a retired faculty from Chirala VRS & YRN College) met **MVNS** at his residence at Tenali, **MVNS** received him as his family member, which Ravi narrated to me two days ago with almost tears of love and gratitude. THAT IS THE TRUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A STUDENT AND A TEACHER.

**MVNS Sir**, we are proud of you and sweet memories of our association and staff room daily jokes, particularly in the company of **Mrs. BSP**-our dear **PRAMEELA** madam. May your family be blessed by God!

**C. Ravindrakumar writes:**

Sir,

What a brilliant narration! Tears, I do not know whether they are of joy or sorrow, in a state of extreme emotion, rolled down my cheeks towards the end while reading your narration.

By the time I got admitted into our College, that was on 3rd August 1970, to be precise, the campus had already been beautified. None of our classmates was aware of the role of **Sri. MVNS** in the campus beautification project then. It is only through your memoirs that I have come to know about this fact.

**Sri. NCR**, the HOD of Botany, had already left for North Carolina University, USA for his doctoral studies and during his absence the Department was headed by **Sri. MVN Satyanarayana Rao garu**. It was in our final year degree that **Sri. NCR** returned from the USA in 1974. **Sri. NCR** taught us Plant Physiology during 1974-75.

We stood witness to the most unfortunate incident that occurred between **Sri. MVNS** and **Smt. Suseela Mohanty**, in the verandah of our Department, on that fateful summer midday. We were waiting there for the University practical examination of our senior students to conclude for collecting our certified records from the Department. Having known the kind and gentleness of our **MVNS garu**; and since we had no interaction whatsoever with **Smt. Mohanty garu**, either directly or indirectly in classroom or laboratory either as a teacher or otherwise, we could not contain ourselves for the discourteous, rude treatment meted out to **Sri. MVNS garu** by **Smt. Mohanty madam**. We, under your guidance, did whatever was thought to be just and reasonable without worrying about the consequences that might befall. Your support in the whole episode, risking your service matters with a hostile Principal (**Dr. NI** was the Principal then) in the chair, stand testimony to your stand for justice and your steadfastness to the values you believed in.

Your lending a helping hand to your teacher, if I am not wrong, cum colleague in the times of crisis, speaks volumes about your kind nature.

Thanks for referring to our batch in general and a few of our names in particular in this episode of memoirs.

We are always proud to be the alumni of our **Andhra Christian College**, which has taught us everything.

Under COSIP, as Botany main students, how we were involved in our departmental activities like organizing a library, false roofing the staff room etc and the involvement of our teachers like **Sri. RRSSD garu** remain fresh and green in our memories.

My pranams to my great TEACHERS!

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar writes:**

Thank you, Ravi. That unfortunate event made us come closer understand each other. We met almost every day at night and plan for the next day, like strikes, stopping students at the gate including meeting the minister. Poor **MVNS** is helpless alone and you joined hands and just handful of us could organize strikes. **Dr. NI** and **NCR** know that I am supporting. **NCR** said in the staff room that he knows the man behind this and that he is risking his job. But I did not mind as we can't leave him in the middle. You guys are powerful instruments and **MVNS** could come out of the problem. But you boys come first in this battle. Thanks once again Ravi.

## **MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-42**

### **TENALI TOPS (Contd.)**

**On Sri. MVLN. Koteswara Rao by GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao**

#### **MODUKURU VENKATA LAKSHMI NARASIMHA KRISHNA KOTESWARA RAO**

He has 3 sisters **Vajramani, Gayatri, Durga Aditya Kumari**. He brought up all of them single handedly after early demise of his father. He performed their marriages in an excellent manner and all are now well settled. They used to say that he is not a brother but their father.

He first joined **ACC** in **Maths Department**, but after one year lost job and joined College at Tenali. Because of good fortune of students of our College, he again came back or else College would have lost a great maths teacher.

Though small in stature, he is able to command respect from the students. He used to engage tuitions and many students of other Colleges were also his students. He was remembered by many students after long years also for his method of teaching, making the tough subject Mathematics a lively one. He used to give many examples from movies, sports etc.

He is always in pleasant moods and carries it to any place he goes-classroom, staffroom, sports field etc. He used to be in charge of students' cricket for many years. **Dr. MGT** used to call him 'Nawab of Pataudi'. He took much interest in staff cricket tournaments. He is the opening batsman along with **Sri. GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao-GVLNS**. He is also a slow left arm bowler. On and off the field, he used to crack jokes and most sought after like **Sri. K. Anil Kumar-KAK, Sri. RS. Partha Sarathi-RSPS**.

He took charge of College time table from the able hands of **Sri. PS. Somayajulu garu-PSS**. He prepared College time table for many years (along with **Sri. GVLNS**). He is the most

sought after person during the preparation period of time table. Many lecturers come with odd favours and he obliged many a time.

If he is in staff room, everyone gathers round him and enjoys his jokes. If **Sri. K. Anil Kumar-KAK, Sri. RS. Parthasarathi-RSPS, Sri. V. Subrahmanyam-VS** (of Zoology) are also there—Oh, it's a great treat to watch! Those days are memorable days!!

His first sister's son developed a talent to imitate Senior NTR encouraged by mama **MVLNK**. **MVLNK** introduced him into films as child artist. **MVLNK** also acted in one or two scenes in one of them.

Now he is in HYDERABAD enjoying his stay with his son.

He is in Facebook much to the delight of his old students and friends and gives quiz questions on movies, maths etc.

**Anil Kumar Kamaraju writes:**

**Mr. MVLN. Koteswara Rao** is our contemporary. **Mr. K. Changal Rao** (Economics) **Mr. Sarma** (Politics) and **Mr. Prasada Rao**, if I am right (Maths) are good friends. **Mr. MVLN. Koteswara Rao, Mr. B. Samuel Kuldeep Roy-BSK. Roy, Dr. T. Alexander Rajabhushanam-Dr. TAR and K. Anil Kumar** never came to College without properly dressed, matching zodiac neck tie, terlin shirt, Ambassador Shoe shining. His hairstyle and walk is like a cricketer. A very jovial man and many like his company. He and **Sri. GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao-GVLNS** did time table work and were in great demand. **Sri. MVLN. Koteswara Rao** and **Sri. GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao** are like BAPU-RAMANA of Telugu film industry, music directors Shankar-Jaikishan, Lakshmikanth-Pyarelal of Hindi films.

Their presence is a must in PRIZE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, and counting of votes at the time of Science Association elections that takes place in the Degree Lab of **Botany Department** while **Sri. RRS. Sundar Das, Sri. BR. Raja Bhushanam, Dr. T. Alexander Rajabhushanam** controlled the enthusiasts. I thought that better the write-up prepared by **Sri. GVLNS** be directly put as it is as he has done much better than what I would have done. Thanks **GVLNS** for your generous friendly gesture!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-43

#### HOMAGE TO **Sri. LRK-Sri. Lakkaraju Radhakrishna Murthy garu**

**Sri. LRK** is no more. He is the retired Head of the Department of English. **Sri. LRK** is a very popular teacher. **Sri. PS. Somayajulu garu- Sri. PSS** and **Sri. LRK** are very close and intimate. They served as the chief advisers to all Principals and staff on administrative matters and service conditions.

**Sri. TBR (Sri. T. Bhaskar Rao garu-Sphurthisri)** and **Sri. LRK** are (with due respect and adoration to both of them, if I may say so) two in one. **LRK** addressed **TBR** as "Bavayya-బావయ్య ". **TBR** stayed with him and family.

Tall and very handsome **LRK** is known to me since 1957. He wore white shirt tucked/ in shirt with no belt but he used buckles. Later he started wearing white slack shirts. He was wearing shoe and later used chappals. He is famous in teaching Poetry. His pronunciation style and voice are very special. He is highly cultured, most non-interfering, non-controversial, perfect gentleman.

He was very close to **Sri. J. Paulus**, former Principal. In Telugu Department **Mr. G. Ramamohana Rao-GRMR**, **Mr. T. Kotaiah-TK**, **Mr. Lincoln** and **Mr. T. Radha Krishna Murthy-TRK** used to move with him and received guidance. **Sri. LRK** is very well known for his sincerity, commitment and loyalty.

I would like to share with you what I observed at one time. The stage in front of the **Physics Department** was to be raised and a pacca/permanent dais was to be made. This was entrusted to **LRK. Sri. LRK** took two electricians **Mr. Krupa Rao** and **Mr. Johnny** to assist. They worked day in and day out, skipping lunch and spent till late hours in the night until the work is completed. He spent his money also for these helpers for their lunch, tea, snacks and dinner. His determined, focused attention to see it is completed is commendable.

He prepared felicitation addresses presented to distinguished visitors to our College. He was also in charge of College magazine and dramatic association.

He is highly reserved and has always been a man of few words. He is very helpful to whoever approached him.

**Sri. LRK's** wife **Mrs. Swarajya Lakshmi garu** retired as the Head of the Department of Telugu, Govt. College for Women. **Sri. LRK** has three sons and a daughter. **Mrs. S. Sasibala**, his daughter is the Principal, Govt. College for Women. His son in law **Mr. S. Koteswara Rao** is with Nagarjuna University and a man of service. I know the whole family since long.

**Sri. LRK** associated with Sai mission and contributed a lot, particularly toiled hard at the time of construction of **SANTHI SUDHA**, located in ZP compound. **LRK** is a silent worker, never sought any recognition or publicity or any post of office anywhere.

May we draw inspiration from his life and work which is an apt tribute to him!

### **C. Ravindrakumar writes:**

Though not untimely, after all, **LRK Sir** had seen 1000 full moons; I believe, in his demise, ACC fraternity has lost another shining star from its galaxy of stalwarts of yesteryears, whose toil and dedication brought laurels to our *alma mater*. Your tribute to the departed soul of **LRK Sir** has rightly brought out the sterling humane qualities of him to the fore and to the notice of all the members of our ACC Alumni group.

Though we were not fortunate enough to have been taught by such giants like **Dr. MGT, Sri. LRK etc** we were lucky enough to have studied during their prime time of service, when our College was at its best in every field of education.

I had an opportunity of meeting Dr. Smt. Sasibala, daughter of **Sri. LRK Sir**, when she was working at my place as the Principal of YA Govt. Degree College for Women. It was during my interaction with her that I came to know about her ACC roots and relations. Though she worked here for a short period, she had left her indelible imprint and it was during her short stint that the College got reaccredited by NAAC.

I pray to the Lord to bless the departed soul with peace and eternal bliss.

### **Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

I was student of **Sri. LRK**. I enjoyed his teachings very much, specially dramas of greatest English writer Shakespeare. Sir is a very good friend of my father **Sri. MB**. I pray to God to give strength to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace!

**David Rajkumar Kolagani writes:**

My heartfelt tributes to a great soul **Sri. LRK**. He taught me English drama in my Degree. He did not simply teach but he enacted those scenes with his beautiful voice and modulations. We have the privilege of listening to the great masterpieces of Shakespeare-Twelfth Night and Julius Caesar. I still can visualize **Mr. LRK** in his whites both outside and inside. May the good Lord comfort the bereaved!

**Ganapathi Chavali writes:** May his soul rest in peace!

My heartfelt condolences to the family members of **Sri. LRK**.

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## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-44

### TENALI TOPS (Contd.)

He is very tall and stiff. I would say he is reserved. His teaching is appreciated by all his students. He was the tutor in the **Department of English**, when I was the student (1957 to 1961). Later he did his Masters in ANDHRA UNIVERSITY, Visakhapatnam. Two of his classmates, **Prof. Prasad** son of **Prof. Raghavachari**, Eye Specialist, serving as the Professor of Marathwada University and **Mr. Gnanaiah** are known to me.

By the time I joined service he was a full-fledged lecturer in the **Department of English**. To the extent I know, he is a man of few words and limited contacts. With all my appreciation for his imposing personality I humbly, respectfully, say his hairstyle is specially fit for 'Bryl cream' advertisement. The hair is so well organized that he is seen adjusting it often. He is **Sri. B. Chandra Paul-BCP**, who served as a lecturer, Head of the Department, and later rose to the position of Principal of the College.

**Sri. BCP**, as he is well known and called is the best friend of **Mr. Keller** of the same Department. I visited **BCP** in Kannavarithota when **Mr. Chiranjeevi** was his roommate.

He ensures discipline in the campus and in the classroom. I necessarily visited **Mr. BCP** whenever I happened to be at Guntur particularly to meet **Mrs. BSP**, his wife and also our colleague in the **Department of Botany**. **Mr. BCP**, **Mr. Premasagar**, **Mr. Chiranjeevi**, and **K. Anil Kumar** got married in the same year; **Dr. MGT**, as the Editor of our College magazine, that year published in the magazine, under the caption 'WEDDING BELLS'. **Mr. BCP** had a friend by name **Mr. Venkateswar Rao**, a Rtd. ITO, best known to me with whom **Mr. BCP** mentioned many good things about me. They have three daughters, well settled and happily married.

**Mrs. B. Susan Prameela-BSP** has two sisters and a brother, if I am correct. Her father served as the Treasurer, **AELC**. **Mrs. BSP** is most respected, beloved colleague of us in the Department. You may not believe that we, **Sri. MVN. Satyanarayana Rao-MVNS**, **Mr. CVL. Narasimha Murthy-CVLNM**, **Mr. RRS. Sundar Das-RRSSD**, **Mr. M. Prasada Rao-MPR**, **Mr. J. Abraham-JA**, **Dr. Ratnasri.**, **Mrs. Leela** and **Mrs. Vasantha**, mingled as ONE

FAMILY. In a way, I can say there were no secrets or anything personal. I stand corrected, if I am wrong, one sister of **BSP** madam is ANILA and the other one is SUNEELA. Anila, a Physics Lecturer in St. Theresa's College, Eluru married **Sri. GG. WARREN's** eldest son, who is an officer in Andhra Bank.

**Prameela** madam is the other name for modesty, and simplicity. **Prameela** madam is Indian womanhood personified. **Prameela** madam is a very efficient lecturer. Her drawings, handwriting are excellent. **Prameela** is a very good conversationalist. She has a very good sense of humour, ready wit and retort. She appreciated me as I imitated **Dr. JBW, Dr. NI and Dr. GS** every time and she replied in the same way in the same tone as I did including gestures. It has always been fun and frolic to everyone around.

Believe me or not, we in the Department felt always at home and to be true, even more. Time flew just like that every day. A holiday was boring since we miss the company of our dear colleagues.

I, as you know, have many engagements, addressing several gatherings at several places in and around Guntur. When I am found in a new suit, well dressed **Prameela** would immediately comment "EE ROJU meeting St. Joseph's College or Govt. College for Women- ఈ రోజు మీటింగ్ సెయింట్ జోసెఫ్స్ కాలేజీ లేదా గవర్నమెంట్ కాలేజీ ఫర్ విమెన్." She meant that my special dress indicates that I would be addressing girls. In a way she may be correct also.

**Prameela madam** is an artist as she made toys out of vegetables displayed during exhibition. **BSP** madam is always first to compliment and congratulate me after every lecture. Staff room with **Mrs. Prameela** is full of life and laughter.

She is a very sincere teacher. All students like her and appreciate her. I feel with no prejudice that **Mrs. Prameela** is the role model and should be to everyone. She is never found serious and upset. She never raised her voice anytime. We feel a family member in her. **Prameela madam** smiles and makes all smile. If bliss is God, we can say **Prameela madam** is divine. I can write many more as it is an endless saga of love, life and laughter.

We thank God for blessing the Department with the company and services of **Prameela madam**. We pray God to bless **BCP, BSP** and their children.

Then, I know very little of another Tenali man by name **Mr. SRT. Prabhakar-SRTP**. He belongs to the **Department of Chemistry**. He commuted every day from Tenali.

He is soft and mild and seen always carrying a bag with him. He greeted me with a smile every time we met.

**K. Hanumantha Rao writes:**

Dear Anil,

I am seeing all the Memories sent to me. Wah! What a fantastic photographic memory you have! You are taking back all the students and staff associated with AC. College during the period of 1960-1990's to those glorious yester years with your graphic description of events, persons and personalities to relive their joyful days and enjoy in armchair sittings. We all had joyful and memorable days in the College and earned respect in the society as staff of that great College. I strongly feel we would not have been like that if we were from some other College. It

is a great opportunity and pleasure to work with stalwarts like **Dr. MGT, JP, Dr. NI, Dr. PPD, Dr. GS, CVP, GKD RCR, MB, PSS, LRK, Jammalamadaka, Papayya Sastri** garulu and many more. We lived like a family, with affection and respect towards each other, without ever having the thought of religion coming in between us. Every one of us contributed our little bit for furthering ideals of our College.

On the personal side, a great opportunity was given to me by the special officer **MM Rahaman** and Principal **BCP**, when I was Head, to get new courses to the College. I, with the help of **Sri. Stanley Isaiah** of **English Department** succeeded, under great adverse conditions, in getting Computer course for Physics, Microbiology for Zoology, Biochemistry for Chemistry, Rural Development course at the time of **V. C. Simhadri**. The then Heads, **Sri. CVL. Narasimha Murthy-CVLNM, Sri. T. Srinivasan-TSN, Sri. BR. Rajabhushanam-BRRB, Sri. MVLN. Koteswara Rao-MVLNK**, all cooperated with me in that endeavor. I feel not to boast of, that is the great achievement in my life which gives me great satisfaction that I could also do my little bit. I bow my head in gratitude, when I pass in front of the College for all that has been given to me.

Many more I expect from great orator and narrator Anil.

### **C. Ravindrakumar, writes:**

Dear Sir,

Your Memories and Memoirs-44 is again a very special one to me. I had the opportunity of being the student of **Smt. BSP, Sri. BCP** and **Sri. SRTP**, whom you referred to in this edition with whom I have special memories.

My respect and reverence to **Smt. BSP** is special; ever smiling, never cursing, mother-like **BSP madam** endeared herself to one and all. During the years 1970-'75, she along with **Sri. JA**, used to take our practical classes in Botany. Perhaps, **Sri. JA's** harsh, tough and loud voice in contrast to **Smt. BSP's** soft, gentle and low voice made us adore **Smt. BSP** more. She used to appear as personification of softness, and motherhood, as rightly pointed out by you. Even her looks towards her students used to be so kind, pious, pure and mother-like. We never ever heard a single harsh word coming from her in spite of our omissions and commissions, as students. Equally good was another madam **Smt. C. Suvarna Kamala-CSK** of Chemistry. Whatever I have attributed to **Prameela madam** is equally applicable to **Suvarna Kamala madam** also.

Coming to **Sri. B. Chandra Paul-BCP Sir**, he taught us English, along with **Sri. ND Rajendra Prasad-NDRP Sir** during 1972-'73, in the newly annexed class rooms of erstwhile LMP School building, in our First Year B. Sc. Though he had big moustaches, we never used to see the ferocity in him, a good-hearted gentleman teacher.

I have a special liking for **Sri. SRT Prabhakar-SRTP Sir**. He taught us Intermediate Chemistry in the only classroom, next to the staircase, in the upstairs of **Chemistry Department**. The sounds and din emanating from the fast moving vehicles on the Women's College Road, just on the backside of our classroom, used to dominate **Sri. SRTP's** mild voice and with that, little could we hear him, though we take seats in the first few rows. Myself being an ANR fan, I had encountered a tricky situation in Naaz Apsara Theatre on the release day evening show (first show) of 'Srimanthudu' movie; **Sri. SRTP** was seen occupying a seat just on the back of our row. As an Intermediate student from a village, I used to fear a lot for my teachers. One can imagine my plight in the theatre till I left the theater at the end of the show! I



was with my uncle, a few years elder to me, in the theatre. On another occasion, while climbing up the stairs of **Chemistry Department**, I happened to overhear **Sri. SRTP** and **Sri. J. Bhavabhuti Sarma-Sri. JBS** discussing about an ANR starrer movie 'Prema nagar'. This endeared **Sri. SRTP** close to me, since we both liked the same cine hero.

Thank you, Sir, for making me remember my revered teachers through your Memories.

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-45

### A CREST JEWEL

We know of experts, distinguished persons, and popular teachers in their field of specialization. We also come across a few that keep a distance between them and the rest. I mean that all are not capable of mingling freely with every one, senior and junior alike. He did full justice to his job. He is the friend of everyone and almost impossible to decide who is close to him. In Telugu there is a popular song "Andari bandhuvaya Ayodhya Ramayya- అందరి బంధువయ అయోధ్య రామయ్య" -meaning Rama of Ayodhya is related to everyone. He is like that! Young among the young and quite elderly amongst seniors. He is **Sri. Mandali Brahmanaiiah-MB** of the **Department of Physics**.

**Sri. Brahmanaiiah garu** is from Andhra University. Somehow, we, the students of BIOLOGY are weak in Physics. It is a tough task for the teacher and a challenge to students. Probably of Maths component, biology boys can't match MPC students. This, I say basing on my own days as a student. Today it may be different. But **Sri. Brahmanaiiah garu** is the favourite teacher to all Biology students. His voice is typical when he rises.

He had LAMBRETTA scooter that he newly purchased that year. He would not acknowledge the greetings/namasthe- నమస్తే /good morning while he was riding the scooter as he was newly learning practicing driving. Later he is as good as anyone and changed the brand of his scooter.

His voice is heard in the neighbourhood as he teaches Physics. A very friendly **Brahmanaiiah garu** has endeared himself to all students and faculty. A very successful period as a teacher and he engaged private tuitions on a large scale in combination with **Sri. N. Channa Reddi-NCR / ASK (Sri. AS Krishna**, Botany Head, JKC College, who spent three years in our institution).

**Sri. MB** at times was seen with his shirt tucked in and in the later period preferred slack shirts. He is a man of discipline and never lenient to anyone. He was always a trusted person, loyal and obedient to authorities.

**Sri. MB** served as an NCC officer and so frequented his fellow officers like **Sri. M. Rajagopala Rao-MRG, Maj. CN. Frederick-CNF**, and **Sri. N. Channa Reddi-NCR**.

Above all I can emphatically say that there is almost none in the staff who have not been benefited or guided by him either for fixation/regularization/arrears/ any such service matters. HE IS ABLY, EFFICIENTLY, LOVINGLY, OBLIGINGLY, PLEASINGLY ASSISTED BY **Sri. C. Jaya Rao-CJR** of **Physics Department**. Right from UGC Scales they stood by everyone. Every staff member has to be thankful and grateful to these FRIENDS OF EVERYBODY. In fact, a regular Finance/ Accounts Department is maintained, managed and run

by these dedicated selfless experts in the staff room of the **Physics Department**. In a way it is AG's Office in our College. **Sri. CJR** continued throughout even after retirement till this day extending services to everyone with love. **Sri. M. Brahmanaiiah** knows typing. I know he spent till late hours in the night serving the entire faculty in all matters of pay scales and financial benefits.

He never carries any tinge of revenge or anger or hatred towards anyone. Further, he forgets immediately when he shouted with anger at anyone, a very noble quality! He settled in Brodiepet, Guntur and a good neighbour to **Sri. Yalavarthy Rosaiah garu** and **Sri. M. Rajagopala Rao garu**. **Sri M. Koteswara RAO garu**, as a teacher, proved to be a worthy son of a worthy father and has endeared himself to everyone on the campus.

Our grateful and reverential respects and gratitude to **Sri. Mandali Brahmanaiiah garu**.

**G. Ramakrishna writes:**

Thank you. I remember **Sri. Brahmanaiiah garu**. I stayed in AC. College for a short duration of 2 years long, long back. Your narration is bringing those great personalities live and it is as if I am watching them live now.

**Mandali Koteswara Rao, writes:**

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your excellent writing on **Sri. M. Brahmanaiiah-MB**, a very popular teacher in Physics. Usually, for biology students, Physics subject is a hard nut. But once heard from **Sri. MB**, it can be easily cut, meaning made so simple. For securing a seat in Medicine, Physics plays a key role; Sir, once you told me that if any student did some mischief in lab, **Sri. MB** used to utter 'you fellow, I will throw you out of the window'.

My father was my guru, friend & philosopher, who guided me when I joined as Lecturer in our great **AC. College**. He used to tell me to go to class well prepared and to be very loyal to the INSTITUTION. I followed the same during my 35 years service as a teacher. May his soul rest in peace!

Thank you, dear Sir, for writing so nice on Late **Sri. M. Brahmanaiiah**.

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-46

### BHIMAVARAM BUILDERS

I go to College on my cycle as usual. At the portico near the steps I hear a very senior faculty member humming a tune. It is not a popular cinema tune. I understand that it is of his own. In a hurry to sign in the register I rush to the office and walk into the staff room. There again I hear somebody humming. I understand it is sarcastic and critical conveying his dissent and obnoxious feeling towards someone. This is the meaning of what he is humming. He is absolutely right in saying so. But all do not have guts to express. He is always in whites-wearing a slack shirt and equally bright white pants. It is as though the dress is washed in electric dry cleaners or extra starch applied while given a wash. He has a thin hair, snub nose and good height. The hairstyle is such that it is combed up and it is wavy. I never saw him in moods or serious. He always jokes. He is **Sri. G. George Warren garu** of **Political Science**. A very senior, most respected, scholarly, perfect gentleman and an ideal teacher.

He is a first rank holder from Andhra University and a contemporary to **Sri. L. Bullaiah garu** former Vice Chancellor, Andhra University. Though **Sri. Warren** is outstanding in academics, he determined to serve in our College, otherwise he would have been like **Sri. Bullaiah garu**, his classmate in an exalted position.

**Sri. G. George Warren garu** taught CIVICS to us in 1957-58-First Batch PUC students in Room No. 7. As a teacher he has endeared himself to everyone. Listening to him is a treat. The hour simply flies unnoticed. **George Warren garu** speaks excellent chaste idiomatic English and has very good command over the language.

He is straight and focused. We do not have to study at home if we listen to him in attention and concentration. Most of us are of the same opinion. Thereafter, I noticed him speak at staff meetings with guts and authority. He is authentic in his statements. Once he referred to ROBINSON's interpretation of Church Constitution, not known and never heard even.

His wife worked for some time in St. Joseph's, Kannavarithota and is a very good lady and talks courteously, smilingly and lovingly.

Two of his daughters are Bi. P. students. **Sri. AS. Krishna**, who worked in our College and later shifted to JKC College, came as a Practical Examiner in Botany. Naturally there are several students who are duly recommended so that they would get high percentage of marks as weightage was given to Practicals at that time. **Mr. ASK** is my best friend as many know. I just pointed at **Warren Sir's** daughter appearing for exam that morning. Do you believe what **Mr. ASK** said "Warren gari ammaya- వారెన్ గారి అమ్మాయా! Then she is my candidate. Had **Warren** been with us the whole College would have danced round him! She is my child."

**Sri. Warren** breathed his last most unfortunately due to electric failure and oxygen supply while he was hospitalised. I remember the body lying in state in Room.No.1 for all the visitors to pay their respects. That is the respect and love he commanded among all known to him.

His son, **Mr. Nirmal Kumar**, presently working as a lecturer is a very good, brilliant boy and always stood first in Elocution and Debating Competitions. It is nice to meet him every time I visit our College.

Our reverential homage and gratitude to **George Warren Garu** with prayers to God to bless his children and grandchildren.

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-47

### BHIMAVARAM BUILDERS (Contd.)

He is tall and can be said handsome by virtue of his features and personality. A very interesting feature is he looked in the same style on the day of retirement as he joined service as a lecturer. He maintained his body slim and smart. We see him always tucked / in shirt though occasionally seen with neck tie and full dark coloured suit. Soft spoken, well mannered, very polite, non controversial, decent, cultured person, stayed in **Wolf Hall** for some time. I think he is interested in playing Badminton. He enjoys fun and jokes. He is a good teacher indeed. He is none other than **Mr. B. Roosevelt Raja Bhushanam-BRRB**. We joined our College on the same day, 15th June 1963 when **Dr. JB. Williams** was the Principal.

**Sri. Roosevelt** hails from PALAKOLLU near Bhimavaram, West Godavari. **Sri. Roosevelt** stayed in a rented room behind MGH School, Brodiepet. His roommates are **Mr. MV. Subba Rao** (he was with us and later went to Andhra University) **Mr. Satyanarayana Murthy** (served as a demonstrator in our College later went to join Syndicate Bank) and **Mr. Chenchiah** (Chemistry Demonstrator later joined College at Tenali). At that time, **Mr. AS. Krishna** was with us in the Department of BOTANY. We necessarily met every day. We go on bicycles up to Bishop Bungalow along the Ring Road and sit close to DN Murthy Bungalow. Being bachelors all topics are thought of including fair good looking girls. **BRRB** and **ASK** have lights to their cycles. I do not have. So **ASK** and **BRRB** kept me in the middle and focused their lights straight and thus I was never caught by the police for riding without light.

The wife of **BRRB** is equally tall and they made a beautiful pair. His wife worked in Govt. College for Women. They stayed in 2nd Line, Nagarampalem, probably as a tenant at **Prof. Gummadi Joseph's** house, a Prof. from **Guntur Medical College**.

I was first to get married among us. That being ASHADHA MASAM- ఆషాఢ మాసం, my orthodox in laws family had to keep my wife with them and she could not join me. She worked in St. Joseph's Convent, Kannavarithota for a year as a Hindi teacher where she met **Mrs. Warren garu** and **Mrs. R. Jacob Poornachandra Rao garu-RJP** who settled in USA and served as a lecturer in English, NCC officer and also Warden, **Wolf Hall**. During lunch time that year, I used to go to St. Joseph's Convent to meet her and have a cup of coffee in SAFAI Hotel on the Main Road, Nagarampalem near the central circle. This came to the notice of **BRRB** and he teased me like anything "Entira mamaa attani theesukuni hotel ke vacchava?- ఏంటిరా మామా అత్తని తీసుకుని హోటల్ కి వచ్చావా? " This he continued for many years. He always called me MAMA- మామా and my wife ATTA-అత్త.

We all worked together in close quarters, unity, friendship, and love. Be that anniversary function or student elections, we are a team comprising **Dr. TAR, CVLNM, RRSSD, JA, MVLNK, GVLNS, KHR, SMK, TSN** and took immense pleasure in organizing functions and meetings. **Sri. Roosevelt** is deeply religious. He organized College Christmas choir, daily prayer sessions in our Assembly Hall; assisted by **Mr. Nirikshan Rao** of **Chemistry Department**. **Sri. Roosevelt** has learnt playing on Piano. **Mr. Charles Wesley** of **Philosophy Department** was close to him. When all of us meet, there used to be loud laughter, mutual teasing, and exposing little weaknesses, though negligible.

**Sri. Roosevelt** along with **Mr. K. Christopher** did his M. Phil. under **Prof. Satyanarayana Murthy** of Nagarjuna University. Prof. Murthy's wife RAMANI garu served as a lecturer in BH College for Girls, 2nd Line, Brodiepet, Guntur.

**Sri. BRRB** should be a role model to everyone in his dress, devotion and duty. He headed **PG** section of **Zoology Department** and served after retirement also. If I am not wrong, he was the Head of the Department and later Vice Principal of our College. I know his son and daughter.

May God bless his children; and we thank God for blessing us with his association and friendship.

**Rajiv, S/o Sri. BRRR writes:**

Respected Sri. Anil Kumar,

The memoirs you have shared about my father **Mr. BR. Rajabhushanam** made me relive the bygone years of our life in **Wolf Hall**, watching the staff of our College play ball badminton in the **Wolf Hall** hostel grounds, our College Choir, Christmas and Anniversary celebrations.

The way you are framing your memoirs which brings out the glorious past of our College is fascinating and captivating. Your memory of the way a person used to dress, the kind of footwear a person used to wear and remembering the conversations that took place between people decades back even to the minutest detail is AMAZING sir. Thank you for taking the time to write the memoirs of our College most of which we the alumni as students are not aware off. The voluminous information that you are providing is touching as well as inspiring sir. And above all it is presented in the only way **Mr. Anil Kumar** knows i.e. as CHARISMATIC AND EXQUISITE as he is.

It is because of dedicated, committed and altruistic people like you and many others, who were willing to spare their time, energies and expertise that AC. College has become such a great institution which educated, guided and helped in moulding thousands of students to enhance their lives and careers over a century.

Thank you for the memories which will be cherished forever by every Alumni of our College.

Sharing makes you bigger than you are. The more you pour out, the more life will be able to pour in.

Regards,

**Sri. KV Raju (Special Officer, a Govt. nominee who served our College) writes:**

Dear Anil kumar,

I wish I too would have worked in AC. College when you were there.

Very good memoirs, a tribute to those who made the great AC. COLLEGE GREATER.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

[This is an add-on supplement to Sri. K. Anil Kumar's 'Memories & Memoirs- 47']

"పిల్లలారా, మీరు వచ్చి నా మాట వినుడి, యెహోవాయందలి భయభక్తులు మీకు నేర్పెదను." ~ కీర్తనలు 34:11

He was a Zoology teacher by vocation, but a native children Missionary by volition!

That in brief, depicts the entire life of **Sri. BUSI ROOSEVELT RAJABHUSHANAM (BRRB)** garu!

He was my teacher in B. Sc. and my **MENTOR** all through!

Punctuality and sincerity, hard work and honesty were his hallmarks!

Being the son of a Policeman, discipline in personal life & submission to authorities flowed naturally in his blood.

He indeed was a **JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF JESUS, THE KING OF KINGS**, as his name implies!

Here was one man who did full justice to his teaching inside the College and preaching, specially the Sunday Schools, outside the College, all over **AELC**!

On the day of his superannuation, I went to his home to greet him first. Sir suggested, why don't we pray? We both knelt down and offered praise and thanks to God. No sooner had we finished praying, than the land phone rang. It was **Rev.G. Emmanuel**, the President of **AELC** on the other end. He declared, '**Congratulations! You are RETIRING, YET NOT RETIRING TODAY!! We have appointed you as the HOD of PG Zoology!**'

Later that morning **President Emmanuel** personally attended the formal retirement of **Mr. BRRB** as the **ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL** of the College and praised him for his wonderful services rendered to the Church in general and the College in particular, and then he announced sir's continuation in the PG Department without a single day's break!

**Mr. BRRB** meticulously developed the PG Department and continued in that capacity till the morning of November 12, 2010, when an attender came to his home to fetch the keys of the PG Department, sir had already gone to his heavenly home!

I was sir's Associate Director of the Religious Activities Department that conducts the 'Morning Devotions' every day, 'Bible classes for Christian students & Moral Education classes for non Christian students' every Tuesday (an extra half-hour culling 5 minutes from each of the regular six periods, and without altering the starting & closing times of the day), 'Sunday school on Sunday morning for all Hostel students', 'Monthly Christian staff meetings', Retreats, Conduct of Competitions for Youth Sunday, Gospel Day and Reformation Day in consultation with the Student Chaplain and on..on !

Later when I became the Director myself, Sir was still available on the campus. Let me stress one important thing here. Although **AC. College** is a Christian College, Christianity is never thrust on any one. But, ample opportunities were given to any willing individual to know about the **LORD & His WORD!**

Two things are permanently etched on my memory connected with sir. The first one concerns the staff tour during 1969-'70. Somewhere in Karnataka the front tire of our bus suddenly burst with a loud noise on a long culvert without railings. The bus violently swaggered and stopped just inches from the edge of the culvert and the flowing stream underneath. Sir was the first to get out, gathered all of us, knelt down on the very road, in full view of the halted traffic and thanked the **LORD** for preserving all of us!

The other incident was during the period when sir was the warden of **Wolf - Hall**. It was summer vacation time. Sir and family were leaving for Coonoor to attend Sunday School Teachers' Training camp. I was not married at that time. Sir asked me to hold the fort during his family's absence, to stay in the warden's Quarters during night time! Normally I don't get up once I go to bed. But that night, I suddenly woke up as if someone nudged me up. I got up went to the bathroom. Immediately there was a terrible explosion like noise, dust engulfed the entire Warden's Quarters! It took about 5 minutes for the dust to settle down and to comprehend as to what happened. A large portion of the thick plastering from the roof came crashing down, believe me, right on the bed where I was sleeping moments ago. I knelt down and thanked the **LORD** again for sparing my life.

What **Robert Raikes** is for the Sunday School movement in the world, **Mr. BRRB** was for **AEL Church**! Additionally, I read in the biography of '**Father Heyer**', the founding father of **AEL Church**, that he started 74 Sunday Schools in USA, travelling on horseback, before he came to India. In like manner, **Mr. BRRB** started or revived more than double that number travelling on his Chetak (Interestingly, Chetak is the name of Chhatrapati Shivaji's horse!) One must watch sir as he leads the Sunday School kids in various Churches. The dignified **Mr. BRRB** instantly transforms into a singing, dancing & jumping child!

Christian kids everywhere love him and affectionately call him '**The Sunday School Uncle**'. Each Sunday was a busiest day for him. He starts the day with the morning student service, organizes west-Parish Sunday School, attends College Sunday School, eats a quick lunch and goes on his Scooter, with one senior student on his pillion seat, to 3 or 4 villages, each time different ones. He carries sweets, balloons, whistles etc all purchased from out of his own pocket for distribution. He returns tired but determined to join and lead the choir in the Evening English Service! What a dedication! What a devotion!

**Mrs. PC. Rajeswari Kumari garu** was the ideal wife of **Mr. Roosevelt garu** and shared all his dreams and aspirations. Theirs was a love marriage, as is mine. They addressed each other as '**daalaa**' (a special form of abbreviation for '**darling**', I believe). Madam is endowed with a melodious voice. She sings sweetly and speaks elegant English! On every Christmas Candlelight Service in St. Matthew's Church, she did the role of the narrator from start to finish so finely.

She started her career as a graduate demonstrator in Chemistry, like me. We all – madam from **Guntur Medical College**, **Mr. B. Solomon Sudhakar**, **Mr. Syed Riaz Hussain** & me from **AC. College**, **Mr. Narasimham** & **Mr. KM. Shah** from Hindu College, **Mrs. Tulasi** from Maris Stella College, **Mr. Ramanjaneya Raju** & **Mr. Satyanarayana Raju** from DNR College, Bhimavaram - did our M. Sc. privately as teacher candidates. The Nagarjuna University permitted just one batch of graduate demonstrators with CBZ background to do M. Sc. Chemistry. Thanks to madam, who was instrumental in getting this special provision for all of us!

**Mr. Roosevelt Rajabhushanam garu** was a man of equanimity; he was never tripped by success, nor was crushed by suffering. In fact, he endured a lot more than his fair share of sufferings. At one point in time, he appeared as the modern version of 'JOB' of the Old Testament! But Praise God, for sir's faith & fortitude in weathering all troubles!

In fact, you will find the following words inscribed on his tombstone:

"I have fought a good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith." ~ 2 Timothy 4:7

The epitaph also reads:

*'Here lies the man whose greatest joy was to carry the Gospel to children.*

*His mission on earth fulfilled, resting with our **LORD & SAVIOR!***

Wonderful words! No comment needed!

God bless the memory of **Sri. & Smt. Roosevelt Rajabhushanam!**

God bless their son **Prabhu Rajiv (Lullu)** and their daughter **Dr. Rosy Krupa Rajitha (Mammu)** & family !

God bless **Prof. Anilkumar!!**

God bless you all!!!

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:**

Out of love I addressed **Roosevelt** as **ROOSY**. But he is **Rosy** boy by virtue of his life of his faith and love for God. There is no other place he associated with other than the temple of learning **Vidyalaya** and the temple of worship **Church**.

His lead and leadership have been together. He did and made others do. First to come to College arrange for daily worship program by distributing hymn books besides arranging speakers. I attended daily prayers many times. Some of the Telugu hymns are still ringing in my ears. When I visited College later I requested for rendition of certain Telugu compositions. His dedicated devotional commitment made him spare all his time and energy in arranging Christmas programs including practice of Carols and the pageant. The photo posted made me go back to those days of my sweet association with him particularly accosting me **Are Mama**.

**Rosy** is a well mannered, highly cultured, decent, disciplined, handsome, dutiful, perfect gentleman to the core. Thanks once again for posting his photograph; his hair style and smile are typical of him. I am grateful to you for reminding the past once again.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □ Thank you sirs □

**Prof. Prakash Babu**, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad **writes:**

Dear all,

Wonderful narration by **K. David Nirikshana Rao garu** on the life of one of my beloved teachers who mentored me not only in the studies but also how to interact with different people and to get work to be done.

He said we always show humane treatment with subordinates and they should work for us happily not by force. During my stay I was elected for the science College small post-Treasurer; but because of **Mr. Roosevelt** that post was recognised more than President in subsequent years. As he was adviser for the elected body to guide in all activities during that year, he used to take me on his Chetak for various purchases. He used to stop before one shop and asked me to go and bargain but he stayed away always. He empowers and teaches how to bargain. If he had come with me I will never be able to learn. He used to pay small coins to workers and he used to say let them have tea and work happily. Even on the dais he taught me what to speak and how to speak.

I stayed in **Heyer Hall**, along with me, few of my friends used to go to his house for tuition in the morning. Since we are all from Telugu medium and village back ground, he took lot of care and taught us. Instead of taking fees he always feed us something or other in his house. At one stage we got some problem in the hostel and were asked to vacate in March to give it to today's EAMCET coaching classes who come to Guntur across state (for CVN. Dhan, Ravi College, Brodiepet). But he offered me to stay in his house, though we adjusted in the hostel itself. This shows his magnanimity.

Today I am here as a Professor, administrator and Pro Vice Chancellor, because of his mentoring and blessings. I wish he should have been alive to share my happiness.

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:**



Thank you immensely for beautiful and dutiful narration of our well known friend **Roosevelt Rajabhushanam**. You have taken all of us to good olden days, dear **Nirikshan**.

**Anita Susan writes:** It's a blessing to remember **Roosevelt sir** and I deem it a privilege to be his student and to be his colleague. □□

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Thank you **Prof. Prakash** for your special inputs of **Roosevelt sir's** magnanimity!

Thank you **Sri. Sanjeeva Rao garu** for the appreciation & encouragement!

Hi Sai, Welcome to our group. I'll add your number to my Contact list. Say Hi to your dad for me!

Thank you again again **Sri. Anilkumar garu** for giving some of us an occasion & opportunity to share our respectful sentiments about our great teachers!

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□□

**David Rajkumar Kolagani writes:**

It's a wonderful rendering of memories of my teacher and mentor **Sri. BRRB** by **Sri. Nirikshan**, **Sri. Anil** and by my student, now **Prof. Prakash**. What a gift the good **Lord** had granted to **AC. College!** I thoroughly enjoyed the close association with the entire family specially with sir. I learned the teaching technics from sir as I watched him in the class as student all the actions, histrionics and the simplicity with which he explained the lesson. We love you **BRRB**.

**Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

Excellent narration on the life of one of the best teachers in Zoology **Sri. BRR**. Ever smiling, always with full sleeves shirt tucked inside moving very actively in the College campus & above all a Zoology teacher made the subject very very simple which could be digested easily even to an average student.

He taught practical spotters so simple with excellent memorable comparisons. That was **Sri. BRRB's** teaching methods which his Jr colleagues learned and imbibed. Any assignment entrusted to him by College authorities was completed successfully. I am so happy to be his student and colleague & more happy to work with him in **Zoology Department**.

I thank everyone who wrote on one of my beloved teachers.

**Alexander Daniel Sunad writes:**

Picture brings back so many fond memories of Sir of 35 years ago, when I was his student in B. Sc. Zoology. Thank you **K. David Nirikshana Rao Sir** for posting.

**KV Raju writes:**

Mr. Anil Kumar garu,

Adding Mr. **Roosevelt Rajabhushanam** to memoirs is much awaited. My heart swells with joy. Qualities of very very good manners, dedication to duty, commitment to work attracted me and I never hesitated to assign highly confidential, responsible duties which demand TRUST, deep knowledge, unbiased judgment on the issue. He is second to none to handle any critical matter. Academic administration or Religion, in the best interest of the **AC. College**, he used

to be always with a very clean mind. **HE NEVER HESITATED TO DIFFER & EXPRESS IT BOLDLY ON ACTIVITIES RELATING TO CHRISTIAN RELIGION**, whenever my understanding was lacking clear perspective & vision.

His boldness in handling situations even in rough weather was highly commendable. A **WILLING WORKER, DECENT PUNCTUAL & perfect gentleman to the core** are worthy attributes to him. He never even claimed his rightful privileges. Even in the time of medical emergencies.

He doesn't need rest. Change of work was rest for him. An able Vice-Principal, strict administrator with heart & character.

He guided me, guarded me, protected me, and accompanied me even in very late hours, to fill me with courage and confidence.

He is highly knowledgeable, was very obliging to me always.

My humble salutations to him.

I lost a trustworthy friend, philosopher & guide. I always humbly express without hesitation that he saw to my safety as special officer. I know all his family members, his wife, son, daughter & son in law very intimately.

Mr. **Roosevelt** "I never forget your services, to me & to **AC. COLLEGE**."

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

మాస్టారు!

మీరే ముహూర్తంలో ఆరంభించారో కానీ మీ పోస్టింగ్స్ చాలా మందిలో గువ్వల్లా గూడుకట్టుకొని, గుంభనంగా ఉన్న భావాలు, జ్ఞాపకాలు, అనుభవాలు ఒక్కసారి ఒళ్లు విదుల్చుకొని, రెక్కలు విప్పి వినీలాకాశంలో (మన ఆలమైన్ గ్రూప్ వాల్ మీద) ఎగురుతున్న ఈ అద్భుత, మనోహర దృశ్యం నాలాంటి ఎందరికో ఆహ్లాదాన్ని, ఆనందాన్ని కలిగిస్తోంది. ఇందుకు మూలం మీరైతే, ప్రేరణ కలిగించినవారు మీతోపాటు శ్రీ డేవిడ్ నిరీక్షణ రావ్ గారు కూడానని నా అభిప్రాయం. ముందు ముందు మరింత మంది సాటిలేని నాటి మేటి మేధావులతో తమ అనుభవాలను ఈ మాధ్యమం ద్వారా పంచుకుంటే చదివి ఆనందించాలని నా ఆశ.

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-48

### BHIMAVARAM BUILDERS (contd.)

'Handsome is that handsome does' is a popular saying. I meet him every morning in the staff room and walk together to our classrooms. The common topic of interest is **Dr. MGT** and **Dr. NI** former Principals of our College. He likes me imitate **Dr. NI** and he responds in the same **Dr. NI** style. He has a well built body, quite stiff and looks like a sportsman. I am told later that he is a football player. He goes to class room carrying books and lecture notes. I know and observed the respect he commanded from students. He is both proficient and efficient. He is seen wearing slack shirt/half shirt, tucked in and wears shoes. I remember him with a mustache. He belongs to the **Department of Economics** and rose to the position of Principal of our College on merit. He is **Dr. Palaparthi Andrew-Dr. PA.**

He is very polite, soft spoken, mannered, friendly with a smiling face and non-controversial. One would like to meet and converse with him. As I know he is a self made man. He is basically an academic man. He is well settled and now a GUNTURIAN.

**Dr. Andrew** has three brothers in law. One is a pastor **Sri. Sundar Rao garu** and has a Doctorate in Theology from Wisconsin, USA. He is popular as a writer and speaker too. The other one is **Sri. Ratna Joseph**, my senior at our College. **Mr. Ratna Joseph** is the recipient of several prizes in his student days both in English and Telugu elocution and debating competitions and represented our College. After retirement as a lecturer in JAWAHAR BHARATHI COLLEGE, Kavali, he started on his own a school and is a successful man. He met me in Kavali and we reminisced our good old days. Another brother in law is **Prof. Ratna Raju**, retired Prof. and Head of the Department of Physics in ANDHRA UNIVERSITY. He is a very successful man throughout his career. He married **Sathya Bala** daughter of **Sri. Thalathoti Jaya Rao garu** (Brother of **Dr. TSP**, former Principal). She runs a reputed school, as I learn.

**Dr. Andrew** got his M. Phil. and later Ph. D. from Andhra University under **Prof. DSN. Raju**, who surprisingly is his own student! The doctoral thesis of **Dr. Andrew** is published by Astral International Publications, NEW DELHI and the books are sold like hot cakes. The publisher ordered for 1000 copies and took the copyright also. It is a matter of pride to all of us that one among us raised to that stature in academics. He has now taken to THEOLOGY. He published books and compiled them into a volume the title being SATHA SATHYA SUVARTHA SANDESALU- శత సత్య సువార్త సందేశాలు and another book SILUVA SUVARTHA SANDESALU- శిలువ సువార్త సందేశాలు. **Dr. Andrew** got his Ph. D. in a record time of just 3 yrs. His wife was our direct student.

Well! **Dr. Andrew**, you have done your job excellently, diligently, and dedicated. We are proud of you **Dr. Andrew** and may God bless you and your family and may you reach greater heights in devotion and love for the almighty!

#### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-49

#### BHIMAVARAM BUILDERS (Contd.)

As we walk to our **Department of Botany**, nearing the steps on one side is the water tank close to the well. Under the water tank is a very small room with one table and chairs around. That is the staff room for the **Department of English**. Our friends of that Department are seated there either correcting compositions or preparing for the class poetry/prose/drama whatever. We can meet certainly **Sri. Keller**, **Sri. M. Devaraju**, **Sri. Stanley**, **Sri. Mesheck**, **Sri. B. Chandra Paul**, **Sri. Prabhakar** and **Sri. Jaya Prasad** and we can find them there only as they go straight from the office to their staff room and from there they go to their classes and back to the staff room.

I meet them once in awhile to share my experiences with **Dr. MGT**, **Sri YR**, **Sri JP**, and so on. Two most respected, dignified, decent, modest, very neatly and well dressed, lady-staff also are noticed and it is a good omen for the day when we meet them. The two good ladies represent the Indian tradition in their talk and interaction with anyone. They are **Mrs. Sujatha** madam and **Mrs. Indira** madam. I know them as colleagues. It is nice to talk to them as they are also admirers of **Dr. MGT**.

**Mrs. Sujatha** madam's husband **Mr. Arthur** happens to be a colleague of my father in AL. College of Education. **Mr. Arthur** is a very decent, good mannered, gentleman with a smiling face and is one of the well dressed members of faculty in AL. College. I know him too.

The husband of **Mrs. Indira** madam is **Dr. Marianna Srinivasa Rao**, who served as a consultant in St. Joseph's Hospital. I met him also. I am happy to learn that the daughter of **Sujatha** madam is an IPS officer. They have a good name among students and teachers. **Sujatha** madam rose to the level of Principal of our College. She is very simple and soft, but I also come to know that she is a stubborn lady and a fighter for justice. It has always been a pleasure meeting them. They added grace to the campus.

**Sujatha** madam and **Indira** madam are also related and hail from BHIMAVARAM. We cherish memories of our association with them. We appreciate their valuable services and thank them. May God bless them and their families!

**Dr. Prasada Rao** of PG Department of History is my good friend and we discussed topics of mutual interest. **Dr. Prasada Rao** is soft and short, wearing chappals. I liked talking to him. He belongs to Bhimavaram. May God bless him and family forever and ever more!

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-50

### A Small Break, Snippets-1

\*In those days Matriculation examinations are held at the state level on our campus. **Dr. JB. Williams** is the Principal that year. Nearly 1500 to 2000 appear for exams. One day after the examination in the morning students are leaving the premises clapping, smiling, and laughing hilariously. **Dr. JBW** is standing in the verandah and remarked "Boys this is ANDHRA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE and not Mylapore. This is AC. College."

\*A function is held in **Strock Hall** and we are invited. **Sri. J. Paulus** is the Principal at that time. Chief guest **Sri. JP** has taken his place on the dais. A staff member is noticed by **Sri. JP** talking to a girl near hedge plants. He said from the dais "Anniversary is here not there. AC. College may have to rethink its policy on coeducation."

\*Pay Scales are revised that year. A staff member just returned from USA has not been given his due place in scales. He brings it to **Sri. JP's** notice. **Sri. JP** says to him "See! How can you be a student in USA and a teacher here simultaneously? You are not eligible."

\*The then Principal arranged reception on the occasion of his daughter's wedding. High tea is arranged in front of Staff Room in open space. The host, the then Principal said a few words thanking everybody. He asked his son in law, the bridegroom, to say a few words. That boy is young and evidently has no experience in public speaking. He said that "marriage is very useful and necessary." The host said "my son in law could know the use and the need to get married which I could know even after thirty years of married life." All laughed.

\***Dr. JBW** is the Principal then. Exams are going on. He has a suspicion that one staff member received commission while making purchases for the College anniversary. He comes to the Room No. 8. Looking at him he said "Terlin shirt chala bagundandi. Anniversary shirt kada!- టెర్లీన్ షర్ట్ చాలా బాగుందండి. ఆనివర్సరీ షర్ట్ కదా!"

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-51

### A Small Break, Snippets-2

\*It is exam time and **Dr. NI** is the Principal. It is Room No. 8. All are busy writing answers. I just came out of the room and stood in the corridor facing the Assembly Hall and it is time for the Principal to go on rounds. I have not found him. I am in a relaxing mood. At that time exactly in the opposite direction at the door facing open campus **Dr. NI** stood and said "Yeeda unnamandi. Adakadu- ఈడ ఉన్నామండి, ఆడకాదు" (I am here not there). I was shocked and I immediately greeted him. That is **Dr. NI**, an expert in hide and seek game!

\*Somehow, as ill luck would have it, I was late for the invigilation work. I rushed to Principal's chamber and pleaded with **Dr. NI** the then Principal saying "Sir! I am sorry for the delay. I stand guilty." See, **Dr. NI** reply "Yellandi. You sit excused andi.- ఎల్లండి. యు సిట్ ఎక్సుస్యూట్ అండి " (you go you are excused). That is their retort.

\*It was the time when **Mrs. Mahanthi** was under suspension. She met **Dr. NI** the then Principal to request him revoke the suspension and take her back. **Dr. NI** instead of talking on the issue started saying surprisingly "How are you **Mrs. Mahanthi**? How is your health? How is **Dr. Mahanthi**? How are children?" so by avoiding the question and the purpose of her visit **Dr. NI** so diplomatically handled the situation. Finally he said to her "chooddamaandi. Cheddamaandi- చూద్దామండి. చేద్దామండి" (We look into the matter. We will do it). That is **Dr. Isaac's** style of functioning.

\***Mr. MVLNK** has a good sense of humour and he enjoys humour. It was at the residence of Principal (bungalow). Christmas party was arranged. All staff attended. **Mr. Willinder Kumar** from Chinthalapudi, West Godavari, a lecturer found playing with children. **Willinder** said "I like children." **MVLNK** joked "Yes. It is evident. You love children more so Principal's (**Dr. MGT** was the Principal) children." Everybody enjoyed the joke and laughed.

\***Sri. GKD-Sri. G. KRISHNA DAS garu** had some property matters and had some litigation. **Sri. GKD** was presented with a suitcase on the day of retirement. **MVLNK** remarked it is correct gift, because our Sir "filed many suits at the court and cases to settle." All laughed and laughed starting from **Sri. GKD garu** himself.

Thanks for your time.

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-52

The King's royal court is fully packed to four thousand and even more. The royal court hall is big, spacious, equipped and grand in its look. The gallery is occupied fully by ladies. The dais is wide, imposing and impressive. In the front row is seated at the centre King with RAJA GURUS on either side and in the front row are seated senior ministers and behind in a few rows are seated ministers as per the seniority and protocol. The blue curtain behind is quite big and huge, a sort of welcome to the assembled.

The king starts with a prayer and thereafter requests one of the Rajagurus to speak. In the next session the king requests another Rajaguru to address the gathering. In the subsequent sessions the rest of the cabinet seniors start addressing one after another every week. The court assembles every Wednesday for an hour. This is followed every year the seating arrangement is fixed. The entire scene is gorgeous, grand, royal with dignity, decorum and discipline.

What is that royal court? Where is it? Who is the king and who are the RAJAGURUS and ministers? IT IS NONE OTHER THAN THE GRAND ASSEMBLY HALL OF ANDHRA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE. The king is **Dr. TS. Paulus**, Principal of the College, well reputed, unparalleled and widely known as the best administrator, the embodiment of discipline and dedicated service. As he walks you will notice royal dignity gesture and posture. Not even an ant is ready to face him. His car administrates and he can even rule from his official bungalow. All is cleared as he enters the College premises.

RAJAGURUS are two stalwarts, renowned scholars at the state and national level too. Their presence makes the ambience holy, academic and prestigious. They are revered **Sri. Jammalamadaka Madhavarama Sarma garu (JMS)** and revered **Sri. Jandhyala Papayya Sastri garu (JPS)**. All most all of us are known because of the College. But **Sri. JMS** and **Sri. JPS** contributed to the richness, glory and grandeur of the College.

The two are picked by **Sri. Telikicherla Venkataratnam garu** in fifties, the then Head of the Department of Oriental Languages. He brought **Sri. JPS** from Amaravathi High School and **Sri. JMS** from local Oriental College. **Dr. TSP** appointed them without second thoughts immediately. **Sri. T. Venkataratnam garu** owned a house at 6th Line, Brodiepet near MGH School (that corner house).

**Sri. Jammalamadaka Madhavarama Sarma garu** in his dhoti lalchi and shawl with vermilion/kumkum dot and vibhuthi rekhalu on his forehead is a walking encyclopedia in Sanskrit. He speaks at every meeting in Sanskrit for a couple of minutes necessarily and he has a metallic commanding voice. **Sri. JMS** has titles DARSANACHARYA- దర్శనాచార్య, LAKSHANIKA SIROMANI- లాక్షణిక శిరోమణి. **Brahmasri. Madhavarama Sarma garu** is very well known in literary circles and among Sanskrit pundits.

Tall, with a dhoti, wearing slip on shoe, with a shawl, bald with little hair, any way soft voice and looks as though Telugu literature, more so poetry is walking all corridors of the College engaging classes-who he is? He is none other than **Sri. Jandhyala Papayya Sastri garu (JPS)**.

**JMS** engaged B. A. classes while **JPS** taught B. Sc. students. I was privileged to have been his student in PUC in the year 1957, first batch and later 1st year and 2nd year Degree. I admire him, his poetry and oratory. The two gems are most precious in the crown of AC. COLLEGE.

All literary meetings all over the state are participated and contributed by these two most valuable precious diamonds of literature. All leading literary magazines worth the name carried their precious articles. I am nobody to comment or competent to say anything of their achievements and stature among scholars and standard of their renderings, be that poetry or prose.

Since I happened to be the direct student of **Sri Jandhyala Papayya Sastri garu** well known as **Karunasri**, I will share a few anecdotes in the next. What a fortune, privilege and blessing to have known them, taught by them and served as their colleague!

It was Room No. 3 and 1st hour is to be engaged. A tall, grand, neither old nor young lecturer gets into the classroom. Dressed in traditional Andhra style, a dhoti and a lalchi, with a shawl not wrapped, but in perfect folds with both ends free hanging down his shoulders, wearing glasses, bald, not totally, since peripheral white hair still persists, holding books on one hand and dhoti the other hand, smilingly, gently steps onto the dais an elderly gentleman by name **Sri. JPS**.

**Sri. Jandhyala Papayya Sastri garu** engaged our class PUC in the year 1957. He started taking attendance in a very funny way. He just called No.10, No. 20, No. 40 and finished taking attendance. Why so? The class is not only attended 100% but also by all those who were having leisure at that time simply walked into the classroom. The class is over-flowing. The same was the case in the subsequent two years also in my Degree class. That is the charisma of **Sri. JPS**.

I am reminded of his poem that I learnt in my childhood. 'BADIKI NADVALEDU PATHAALU CHADVALEDU, CHINNA PADYAMOPPACHEPPALEDU RAJA RAJU BIDDARA NETI VIDYARTHI LALITHA SUGUNAJALA TELUGU BALA-బడికి నడవలేదు పాఠాలు చదవలేదు చిన్నపద్యమొప్పచెప్పలేదు రాజ రాజు బిడ్డరా నేటి విద్యార్థి లలిత సుగుణజాల తెలుగుబాల.' The modern student can't walk to his school, can't study lessons, can't recite a single poem and looks like the prince of Whales. I may be wrong in quotation since nearly 70 yrs ago I studied this poem.

'YEDDUNEKKE SIVUDU HAMSANEKKE PANKAJASANUDU..BADDHAKAMPU MODDU BALLA PAI NEKKERA LALITHA SUGUNAJALA TELUGU BALA-ఎద్దునెక్కె శివుడు హంసనెక్కె పంకజాసనుడు బద్ధకంపు మొద్దు బల్లపైనెక్కెరా లలిత సుగుణజాల తెలుగుబాల.' I apologize if I quoted wrong as I already said it was recited 70 yrs ago. Bull was the chariot of Siva, swan was the chariot of Brahma, but to fellow who has not done his home work "standup on the bench" bench is the chariot.

There are none in TELUGU land who have not heard him. That day he was teaching his own composition KUNTHI KUMARI. Look how he dramatizes: **Papayya Sastri** is standing near a bush holding a camera and so could describe what was going on there. Part of the poem I read in 1957 I quote "gadi talpulu theesi mellaga digi vachuchunnadi snighdha sukumari kunthikumari గది తలుపులు తీసి మెల్లగ దిగి వచ్చుచున్నది స్నిగ్ధ సుకుమారి కుంతీకుమారి." Princess KUNTHI opens the door silently so as to walk out of the palace unnoticed. Where is the palace?" ADI OKA RAMANEEYA PUSHPAVANAMU. VANAMUNANDOKA MEDA అది ఒక రమణీయ పుష్పవనము. వనమునందొక మేడ." It is a mansion located at the centre of a beautiful garden. Yes.. yes, we could recognize her, the princess, so beautiful, delicate, tender, soft lady princess KUNTI KUMARI." JPS is noticing all this watching. At the end, leaving the newborn KARNA in a golden basket into the Ganges, KUNTHI cries in total agony watching the child carried by the waves of Ganges in the golden casket. He says "nischala nireeha nirnimesha neerasa lochanamulatho నిశ్చల నిరీహ నిర్నిమేష నీరస లోచనములతో" meaning: completely down, without closing eyelids, steady looks, and weak KUNTHI looks at the child. I know my

limitation in translating these which can't convey the depth of the composition. This was the lesson he taught us in Room No. 3 in the year 1957.

Again when I was doing my Degree First Year in 1958 **JPS** taught us a drama by name VENISAMHARAM-వేణీసంహారం written by BULUSU VENKATESWARLU. Where there were very hot, I mean highly romantic sentences, **Sri. JPS** just skipped off, of course, to our disappointment. The author used a word "maamaa cheppu cheppu మామా చెప్పు చెప్పు" meaning UNCLE TELL TELL ME. Here see how **Sri. JPS** taught "meeru rasetappudu cheppumu ani rayaali kani boots cheppulu rayaradu-మీరు రాసేటప్పుడు చెప్పుము అని రాయాలికానీ బూట్లు, చెప్పులు రాయరాదు," without demeaning, offending the author, he said mildly you should write CHEPPUMU-చెప్పుము and not cheppulu-చెప్పులు and boots-బూట్లు!

We had one classmate by name **Dr. Sampurna Rao** who settled in CHICAGO decades ago. In the Second Year Degree class **JPS** was telling about KARNA. He went on to say "KARNA lost the battle Kurukshetra because of six curses- "naachetanu neechetanu varamadigina kunthi chetanu----karnudeelge arguri chetan-నాచేతను, నీచేతను, వరమడిగిన కుంతి చేతను...కర్ణుడీల్లె ఆర్గురిచేతన్." Beg your pardon if I missed or wrongly quoted. Karna lost the battle because of these six. To draw the attention of girls **Sampoorna Rao** said "AYYO PAPAM-అయ్యో పాపం" What a pity it is! See the ready wit and retort of **Karunasri** "That Mahaaradhi Karna lost the battle once in KURUKSHETRA but this VIKARNA (he meant Sampoorna Rao) will lose two battles one in March and another September."

It was in Room No. 6 by the side of girls waiting room, **Sri. JPS** was engaging the class. One of our classmates by name **Williams**, a vet doctor now came late and stood at the entrance. Wearing short narrow Pants so that socks are visible was the fashion in those days. Williams wore new red coloured socks which he wanted girls to notice. He said "may I come in Sir!" **Sri. JPS** was teaching drama. First chapter is introduction NAANDI-నాంది. **JPS** said "NAANDYANTHAMUNA KEECHAKA PRAVESAM-నాద్యంతమున కీచక ప్రవేశం"-meaning at the end of NAANDI-నాంది introduction KEECHAKA comes." Evidently **Williams** is KEECHAKA now a villain. He was never late to the class thereafter.

In 1957 **JPS** was describing RAYALASEEMA drought. It seems a student wrote on the board 'AAKALI THO NAKA NAKA LADUCHUNNA RAYALASEEMA KSHAMA BADHITHULAKU SAYAM CHEYYANDI-ఆకలితో నకనకలాడుచున్న రాయలసీమ క్షామ బాధితులకు సాయం చేయండి', meaning 'help the drought stricken starving RAYALASEEMA PEOPLE.' Another student came and erased the letter KA from AKALI ఆకలి. Then it becomes ALITHO ఆలితో-meaning wife and another fellow erased and modified KSHAMA క్షామ as KAMA కామ. Kshama క్షామ is drought KAMA కామ is lust. **JPS** entered and said 'whosoever



must have written is a poet. I feel like presenting him with my book VIJAYASRI.' Two boys met him at the end of the class telling **JPS** that the idea was one of the two while the other simply wrote on the board. He admonished both and sent them away. THAT IS **Sri JPS**, a man of ready wit and humour.

More in the next.

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-54

### GUNTUR GIANTS

At a meeting in our College Assembly Hall **Karunasri** was speaking. Suddenly there was power failure. He had to resume his seat and continue soon after power supply. First thing he said was this that aroused increased curiosity and interest among the audience: "VASTHE PONIVI RENDU-వస్తే పోనివి రెండు. POTHE RANIVI RENDU-పోతే రానివి రెండు. VASTHU POYEVI RENDU-వస్తూ పోయేవి రెండు." He explained what he meant. VASTHE PONIVI RENDU-వస్తే పోనివి రెండు-two if they come do not go. What are they? APRADISHTA-అప్రదిష్ట (disrepute) and AVAMANAMU-అవమానం (Humiliation). POTHE RANIVI RENDU-పోతే రానివి రెండు-two if they go do not return..What are they? MAANAMU-మానము (character) and PRANAMU-ప్రాణము (life). VASTHU POYEVI RENDU-వస్తూ పోయేవి రెండు-those that come and go are two. What are they? KALIMILEMULU-కలిమిలేములు (wealth and poverty) and CURRENT-కరెంట్. There was thunderous applause for a long time.

**Karunasri** went to a hotel with two other poets. When bearer came **Karunasri** said "kesari kesari kesari కేసరి కేసరి కేసరి". The bearer brought three plates of KESARI కేసరి sweet. Then **Karunasri** said not this I said "kesari కేసరి (lion) ke sari కే సరి (equals) kesari కేసరి (Lion)," which means a lion kesari కేసరి equals ke sari కే సరి another kesari కేసరి lion.

**Karunasri** composed a song rendered by our College orchestra written at the time of INDO-PAK war. 'VIJAYA BHERI MROGIMPUMU RA VIJAYASRI VARI INCHUNU RA విజయభేరి మ్రోగింపుము రా విజయశ్రీ వరియించును రా' -meaning 'beat the drums of victory you are sure to win.' HIMAALAYAMMU VALE NILICHI KSHATRAVULA YAMALAMUNAKAMPUMURA-హిమాలయము వలె నిలిచి క్షాత్రవుల యమలమునకంపుమురా' - meaning 'be firm and steady like Himalayas. Fight and send enemies to hell.'

KARUNASRI composed our College song 'IDI OKA POOLA THOTA IDI VELUGULA RACHABATA-ఇది ఒక పూలతోట ఇది వెలుగుల రాచబాట' -This is a flower garden. This is the royal road of light. 'IDI CHADUVULA VEDAJALLEDI PADILAMAINA PASIDI THOTA-ఇది చదువుల వెదజల్లెడి పదిలమైన పసిడి తోట'-meaning this is the centre of learning that spreads knowledge safely. Indeed it is a garden of gold.

I wish and pray that our College students should sing on every occasion as it is a beautiful composition. Music was done by **Sri. T. Kotaiah** of **Telugu Department**. **Karunasri** attended all rehearsals and this was recorded by AIR also.

Once **Sri. MNR**, Head, **Telugu Department** irritated both **JMS** and **JPS**. Then **JMS** said "look **Maana Rao**, what you are outside the four walls of the College you know. You also know what we are everywhere." Then **Sri MNR** remained silent. That is the level of their confidence. I had the privilege of sharing the dais with both of them on several occasions which I consider a life time achievement.

**KARUNASRI** talk is 'kadalipakam-కడళిపాకం' plantain fruit juice while **JMS** talk is 'narikelapaakam-నారికేళపాకం'-coconut, so hard and tough. **Karunasri's** son **Dr. Babji** was our student and retired as the Head of the Department of Telugu, **HINDU COLLEGE, GUNTUR**. While the son of **Sri JMS**, **Sri. Bhavabhuthi Sarma** served in our College as a Chemistry lecturer.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-55

#### అనుభవాలు-అనుభూతులు-55

జీవితం నవరసాలు పండించే కావ్యం. అనుభవాలు, అనుభూతులు కలబోసిన కల. నేర్చిన నేర్చుకుంటున్న పాఠాల కార్యశాల. పంచుకుంటే పెరిగే సంపద. దాచుకుంటే తరిగే ఐశ్వర్యం. అన్ని రంగాల అభిరుచుల ఆనందోద్యానవనం. సంతృప్తి, సంతోషాన్ని మించిన ఐశ్వర్యాలు లేవు లోకంలో. గంపెడు సంసారమైనా కొండంత దైర్యంతో, స్థైర్యంతో ఒడుదుడుకులు తట్టుకుని, నెట్టుకుని వచ్చిన ధీశాలి. తెల్లని అర చేతుల చొక్కా, అదే రంగు ప్యాంట్స్, నున్నగా దువ్వి అణగి కుడిపాపిటితో ఉన్న నల్లని జుట్టు, నల్లని మీసాలు, కళ్లజోడు, కాళ్లజోడు, చెరగని చిరునవ్వు, సున్నిత హాస్యం..ఇవీ మన శ్రీ వల్లభజోస్యుల మధుసూదనరావు – **VMR** గారి ఆహార్యం. (అన్నట్లు..వీరి తమ్ముడు డా. శర్మగారని వైద్యులొకరు డొంక రోడ్ లో ఉండేవారు. వారు, నిమ్మకాయలు నిలబెట్టేందుకు అనువైన మెలితిరిగిన మీసాలతో ఉండేవారు.) మన కాలేజీలో కెమిస్ట్రీ లెక్చరర్ గా నాలుగు దశాబ్దాలకుపైగా సేవలందించిన ఆదర్శమూర్తి మన **VMR** గారు.

నేను చదువుకుంటున్న రోజులలో మధుసూదనరావు గారు, **JB. విలియమ్స్** గారు బ్యాడ్మింటన్ ఆడేవారు. వారితోపాటు శ్రీ **MLN. జాస్** గారు కూడా ఉండేవారని మా అమ్మగారు శ్రీమతి కామరాజు సరోజినీదేవి చెప్తుండేవారు. చివరి దశాబ్దకాలంపాటుతప్ప సుదీర్ఘకాలం సైకిల్ వారి వాహనం. కారా కిళ్లీ నముల్తూ, ఎఱ్ఱని నాలుకతో ప్రత్యక్షమయ్యేవారు. సరససంభాషణాచతురులు. మృదుమధురభాషి. నిరాడంబరులు. శ్రీ **VMR**గా ప్రసిద్ధులైన మాస్టర్ గారి యొక్క అశేష శిష్యుగణం దేశవ్యాప్తంగా ఉన్నత పదవులలోఉండేవారు. ఇక ..విదేశాలలో స్థిరపడిన వారి సంఖ్య చెప్పనక్కరలేదు. ఎనలేని శిష్య సంపదగల భాగ్యశాలి శ్రీ **VMR**.

మా ఇంటిల్లిపాదీ ఏ రోగం, రొప్పు వచ్చినా డా. ముక్కామల అమరేశ్వర రావు గారి దగ్గరకు వైద్యానికి వెళ్లేవారం. ఒకసారి ఆయన "VMR గారి క్లాస్ లో నేను, జుపూడి యజ్ఞనారాయణ, కణ్ణా నరసింహారావు మూడు పెన్ లు వాడే వాళ్లం. బ్లూ ఇంక్ లో నోట్స్, రెడ్ ఇంక్ లో ఈక్వేషన్ లు, గ్రీన్ ఇంక్ లో డయాగ్రామ్స్ వేసే వాళ్లం" అన్నారు. ఈ మువ్వురిలో శ్రీ జుపూడి వారు, శ్రీ కణ్ణా వారు న్యాయవాదవృత్తిలో దిట్టలని అందరకీ తెలుసు. (సశేషం)

తెలుగు టైప్ సహకారం: చిలకపాటి రవీంద్రకుమార్, విశ్రాంత వృక్షశాస్త్ర అధ్యాపకుడు, VRS & YRN కాలేజి, చీరాల (ఆంధ్ర క్రైస్తవ కళాశాల పూర్వ విద్యార్థి 1970-75)

## MEMORIES & MEMOIRS-56

### అనుభవాలు-అనుభూతులు-56

వృత్తిరీత్యా రసాయనశాస్త్ర అధ్యాపకులైనా, శ్రీ VMR ప్రవృత్తి మాత్రం సాహిత్యం, సంగీతం, ఆధ్యాత్మికం. Shakespeare, Milton, Shelly వంటి మహారచయితల సాహిత్యాన్ని అవుపోశనపట్టిన VMR తరచు వారి రచనలను ఉటంకించేవారు. పోతనామాత్యుని ప్రసిద్ధ పద్యాలను అలవోకగా చెప్పగలిగేవారట. ఈ విషయం వారి పిల్లలు చెప్పగా తెలిసింది.

'అమ్మలగన్నయమ్మ... పద్యం మొదలుపెట్టి ... మహాత్మ్య కవిత్య పటుత్వ సంపదల్' అనేవి గమ్మత్తుగా అనేవారట. అలాగే 'కరి దిగుచు మకరి సరసికి,' 'అడిగెదనని,' 'అటజనికాంచె,' 'అలవైకుంఠ పురంబులో' పద్యాలు VMRకి చాలా ఇష్టమట. సంగీతప్రియులు VMR: 'నగుమోము,' 'ప్రక్కన నిలబడి,' 'ముద్దుగారే యశోద,' 'అన్ని మంత్రములు,' 'బ్రహ్మకడిగిన పాదము' వంటి కీర్తనలనెన్నింటినో అభిమానించి పాడించుకునే వారట మన VMR. ప్రతి ఏడాది డిసెంబర్ 31, రాత్రి 12 గం.లకి అందర్ని లేపి టీ, బిస్కట్లు ఇచ్చేవారట. పాత రోతలను మరచి ఇకనుండి క్రొత్తగా జీవించమనేవారట. ఇంటిల్లిపాదీ డాక్టర్లు, ఇంజనీర్లు కానక్కరలేదు. చేతి వ్రేళ్లవలె సామర్థ్యానుసారం అభిరుచికి తగ్గట్లు విద్యలనభ్యసించాలనే నమ్మికగలవారు VMR.

కొత్తపేటలో భగత్ సింగ్ విగ్రహం దగ్గర సినిమా హాలుకెదురుగా శ్రీ నడింపల్లి నరసింహారావు గారింటి ప్రక్క జంటగా రెండు ఇళ్లుండేవి. ఒకటి శ్రీ వల్లభజోస్యుల సుబ్బారావు గారిది. (వీరు మన కాలేజీలో వారే. Dr. TSP సమకాలీనులు, స్నేహితులు) హిందూ కళాశాల ప్రిన్సిపాల్. ఈయన VMR కు సోదరులవుతారు. రెండో ఇల్లు VMR గారిది. వారి వసారాలో ఎన్నెన్నో సాహిత్య గోష్ఠులు జరిగేవట. సుప్రసిద్ధ దిగ్గజ పండితులు పాల్గొనేవారట. VMR హాస్యప్రియులు కూడా. నచ్చిన సినిమా పాటలను ఉదహరించేవారట. రాజమహేంద్రవరంలో అపార్ట్మెంట్ లలో కాపురముంటున్న పిల్లలతో గడిపేందుకు VMR వెళ్ళినపుడు అక్కడ ఉన్న కాపలాదారుని పేరడిగితే అతడు 'నాపేరు నేరెళ్లు' అని సమాధానం చెప్పాడట. ఇక VMR హుషారుగా

'అమ్మో నేరేడు పళ్లు..అమ్మాయి కళ్లు అల్లో నేరేడు పళ్లు..ఎరుపెక్కే చెక్కెళ్లు..ఎదలోన ఎక్కెళ్లు.. లేలేత కొబ్బరి నీళ్లు' అని పాట అందుకున్నారట. అందరూ ఆనందంతో ఉబ్బితబ్బిబ్బయ్యారట.

పాఠాలు చెప్పటం వృత్తి. కానీ ప్రవృత్తి ఆదర్శాన్నిస్తుంది. జీవితకాలం జ్ఞాపకం ఉంచుకునేలా చేస్తుంది. సాత్విక, తాత్విక, సౌమ్య, సాహిత్య, సంగీత వీరాభిమానియైన VMR గారికి, మన కళాశాల రసాయనశాస్త్ర అధ్యాపకవరేణ్యులైన VMR గారికి అంజలి ఘటిస్తున్నాను. మన కళాశాల కెమిస్ట్రీ అధ్యాపకులందరూ వారి శిష్యులే! వారు తీర్చి దిద్దిన సౌందర్య ప్రతిమలే! చిరకాలం నిలిచేవి ధర్మం, కీర్తి ప్రతిష్ఠలు. వీనిని సొంతం చేసుకున్న VMR ధన్యులు. మన కళాశాల కీర్తికిరీటంలో కలికి తురాయి VMR.

### MEMORIES & MEMOIRS-57 అనుభవాలు - అనుభూతులు-57

విద్యానిలయమై, కళానిలయమై, సుందరభవనసముదాయమై, సువిశాల ప్రాంగణ సంశోభితమై అలరారు మన ఆంధ్ర క్రైస్తవ కళాశాలలో లైబ్రరీ ప్రముఖమైనది. ఒక ప్రక్క బారులు తీరిన బీరువాలలో ముచ్చటగా అమరిన గ్రంథరాజాలు, వేరొక ప్రక్క కళాశాల పూర్వ ప్రధానాచార్యుల (Principals) చిత్తరువులు, చక్కగా వరుసలో అమర్చిన బల్లలు, కుర్చీలు, విద్యుత్కాంతులతో రాజదర్బారులా రీవిగా కనిపిస్తుంది. గ్రంథాలయాధిపతుల (Librarian)కు ప్రత్యేక సౌకర్యం కల్పించబడింది. వారి కార్యాలయం సిబ్బంది, అతిథులు కలవటానికి వీలుగా అమరింది.

నాకు నచ్చిన, నేను మెచ్చిన లైబ్రేరియన్ Dr. K. Issac Madhusudan Rao గారు. KIMRగా ప్రసిద్ధులు. వారు ఇంగ్లీష్ డిపార్ట్మెంట్ లో ఉన్నప్పుడు మాకు డిగ్రీ మొదటి సంవత్సరం (1958) లో Non-detailed text - Hardy రచన బోధించారు. తరువాత కాలంలో లైబ్రేరియన్ గా స్థిరపడ్డారు. మంచి దుస్తులతో, షూస్ ధరించి KIMR చాలా హుందాగా అందరినీ నవ్వుతూ పలకరించేవారు. పెద్దలలో పెద్దగా, పిన్నలలో పిన్నగా మసలే మనస్తత్వం KIMR గారిది.

వారి తండ్రిగారి పేరు Axil గారనుకుంటాను. వారు తరచు కాలేజీకి వస్తుండే వారు. KIMR గారి సతీమణి వసంతకుమారి అని నాకు గుర్తు. ఆమె PUCలో మా సహాధ్యాయులు. కాకుంటే మరో సెక్షన్, బహుశా 7th PUC అనుకుంటాను, మాది 6th PUC. తర్వాత మేము B. Sc., ఆమె B. A. అభ్యసించాము. కానీ కొన్ని క్లాసులు కామస్ గా ఉండేవి. మా సహాధ్యాయులే (classmates) రాణి సరళ మేడం (ఫిజిక్స్), రియాజ్ హుస్సేన్ (కెమిస్ట్రీ) CVLNM (బోటనీ); మా సమకాలినులుగా B. A. లో AL. College of Education Principal Dr. Rajendra Prasad గారి సతీమణి, AL. College Office Manager సతీమణి ప్రభావతి గారు (వీరు St. Joseph's College of Educationలో పనిచేశారు), మన కాలేజీ ఎకనామిక్స్ డిపార్ట్మెంట్ కు చెందిన శ్రీ శారి గారి సతీమణి లలితారత్నం గారు (వీరు Stall School లో పనిచేశారు) క్లాస్ మేట్స్.

నేను ఆ సంవత్సరం కాణీ ఖర్చు లేకుండా College Magazine Boardకు ఎలక్షన్ లో ఏకగ్రీవంగా ఎన్నికైనాను. నన్ను ప్రతిపాదించింది CVLNM. అందువల్ల వీరంతా నాకు సమీపస్థులు, ఆప్తులు.

ఇక Dr. KIMR గారు నాగార్జున విశ్వవిద్యాలయంలో ఇంగ్లీష్ డిపార్ట్మెంట్ ప్రధానాచార్యులైన సుప్రసిద్ధ Prof. రాఘవాచార్యులు వద్ద Ph. D. చేసినారు. కష్టపడి, దీక్షతో, పట్టుదలతో ఉన్నత శిఖరాలనందుకున్నవారు డా. KIMR. తరువాత కాలంలో నాగార్జున విశ్వవిద్యాలయంలోచేరి రీడర్ పదవి దక్కించుకుని, ఆ పిమ్మట ప్రొఫెసర్ గా పనిచేశారు KIMR. ఆయన మాకు గురువులని చెప్పుకోటం సంతోషంగా ఉంటుంది.

CVLNM, RRSSD, BRRB, TAR, MVLNK, GVLNS వగైరా అంతా కుఱ్ఱ గ్యాంగ్; కొత్తగా ఉద్యోగాల్లో చేరినవారం. Dr. KIMR మమ్మల్ని వారానికొకసారి కలిపివారు. ఒక్కొక్క వారం ఒక్కొక్క డిపార్ట్మెంట్ వారు అందరికీ కాఫీ order చెయ్యాలి. ఆ ప్రకారం తప్పక Canteenలో కలిసేవాళ్లం. కొన్ని సందర్భాలలో Azariah (Zoology) కూడా పాల్గొనేవారు. చాలా నీట్ గా, ట్రిమ్ గా ఉండే KIMR ఒక్కరే అన్ని తరాల వారితో ప్రేమగా, చనువుగా ఉండేవారు.

నాగార్జున విశ్వవిద్యాలయంలో ఉండగా ఎందరెందరికో సహాయంచేశారని విని ఆనందించాను. డిగ్రీలు పొందడం, ఉన్నత శ్రేణిలో నిలవడం వారివల్ల జరిగిందని అంటుంటారు. ఇవన్నీ అటుంచగా నేనంటే వారికి ప్రేమ. "What Anil?" అంటూ పలకరించేవారు. మా జోక్స్ మాతోపాటు ఆనందించేవారు. పిన్నులలో పిన్ను, పెద్దలలో పెద్ద, లైబ్రేరియన్ పదవికే గుర్తింపు, గౌరవాన్ని తెచ్చిన Dr. Prof. KIMR గారిని స్మరిస్తూ నమస్కరిస్తున్నాను.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

The following article is written by me - **David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula (KDNR)**. I was a student of **A. C. College** during 1965-'69 (P.U.C & B. Sc.), a resident of **Wolf-Hall** in the same period and a member of the Chemistry faculty from 1969-2007.

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*"Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will work for kings, not unimportant people."*  
**Proverbs 22:29**

He was my teacher in **A. C. College** and in a sense, he still is!

He is the center of attraction wherever he is! A voracious reader, an excellent teacher, an intent listener, an affable friend, a captivating story-teller, an engaging conversationalist, an unstoppable joker, a talented voice-imitator, a sartorially stylish person, a skilled writer, an able administrator, a fluent speaker of chaste English & Telugu languages, an effortless interpreter from English to Telugu and with equal felicity from Telugu to English, a spell-binding orator, a much-sought-after international speaker on spiritual matters, a man of endless energy and boundless joy...what else and what not? You name any positive personality trait, he certainly has it!

I guess he is now around 75 years, still active & vibrant as ever! Have you guessed who he is?

I will tell you, but not yet! Not today. Please wait for tomorrow!

**Ezra writes:**

Sir, shall I tell his name? I am also his student. He is the best mimicry artist. Nice to see you on whatsapp sir.

Thank you.

**Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Don't reveal it yet dear Ezra. Give me the privilege to do it in 10 hrs from now.

God bless!!

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

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### (The Conclusion)

**ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE:** Gratitude for his *Alma mater* and the teachers that directly or indirectly shaped him to be the shining star that he is now is indelibly burned into his brain and he wears it on his sleeves! Mention the name of '**Andhra Christian College**, Guntur or the name of any of his Gurus, he becomes like a man possessed. The ecstasy must only be seen to be believed! He begins to sing and dance, Yes D A N C E, totally disregarding the fact of who he is and where he is!

Divinely gifted with a golden voice and a gigabyte-sized evergreen memory, he recounts fascinating facts and amusing anecdotes about the College and its rich history to regale the audiences anywhere! I was thrilled to see him do a jig on the dais, as recently as Jan 12, 2017, at the College Alumni meet attended by a galaxy of VVIPs and a large number of students of yesteryears. This dancing in the public, reminded me of king David dancing in the streets, before the Ark of the Covenant, engrossed in joyful worship (**2 Samuel 6:14**)!

**DEEPLY DEVOUT YET DOWN TO EARTH:** Unless you ask him specifically, you will never know that he is such a deeply religious man. He doesn't wear the proverbial 'Holier than thou' look. Healthy humor is his forte. He is a moving encyclopaedia! Broach any subject and you will never be disappointed!

**WIDELY TRAVELLED AND VASTLY WISE:** As far as I know, he has visited more than 108 countries, giving religious discourses. Devotees in India & abroad lap up the rivers of wisdom that come out of his mouth! He is the author of 20 books in English and 6 in Telugu!

It is becoming increasingly difficult for me to go on any further without revealing his name. So I reveal his name here & now!

Who else fits exactly into all the details mentioned above? This Living Legend is none other than,

**SRI \* ANIL \* KUMAR \* KAMARAJU \* GARU**

He is the official translator of 'Sri. SATHYA SAI BABA' of Puttaparthi, conveying his message & mission to the non-Telugu speaking devotees around the world. He also worked as

the Principal of 'Sri. Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning', White Field Campus, Bangalore; later as the Professor of Bio-Sciences in 'Sri. Sathya Sai Deemed University', Prasanthi Nilayam campus, Puttaparthi.

Google his name, 'Anil Kumar Kamaraju', you will know how greatly popular he is all across the globe. You get loads of information - audio & video as well!

I should have mentioned in my self-introduction at the outset that I was a student of Biology in P.U.C., and of CBZ in my B.Sc. Later I did my P.G in Chemistry.

It is my good fortune to be his direct student, not just me but also my wife **Mrs. Kempu Navaratna Kumari**. In the recent 'Alumni Meet' I mentioned above, as Sir was leaving the Assembly Hall, he happened to see us both at a distance in the audience, greeted us loudly by our names. We were overjoyed at this. Please find few photos of this event attached herewith. I recorded the video of Sir dancing on the dais but somehow it got deleted from my phone. If any of you present on that day have it, kindly post it!

In the year 2000, I was attending a refresher course in Chemistry at Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur. During that time, I visited 'Prasanthi Nilayam' Puttaparthi, along with my batch mates. When I contacted sir regarding our visit, he arranged a volunteer to receive us, seat us in the front rows in the Darshan Hall. The hush and silence & the rapt attention of hundreds of devotees as Sri. Sathya Sai Baba was wheeled around in the aisles were stunning!

In fact, I also visited Tirumala, Madhura and other South Indian Temples during the College staff tours, thanks to my senior colleagues and friends like **JB. Sarma garu**, **S. Muddu Krishna garu** and **GVLN. Sajeeva Rao garu**.

At the beginning of this month I had a chance meeting with **Mr. Mandali Koteswara Rao** of the Zoology Department, where he mentioned about how **Sri. Anil Kumar garu** was posting his 'Memories & Memoirs' of the College, in the Alumni Whatsapp group. I was not in that group as my Whatsapp number is a different one, I normally use. I took from **Mr. MKR** the phone number of **Sri. Anil Kumar garu**, but even before I rang him up, Sir himself called me and emailed me all the 54 parts posted till then. It was beautifully written 'Chronicles of the College' that informs and inspires the later generations.

Having conveyed my initial impressions on 'Memories & Memoirs', I said, " Sir, you wrote about everyone, but who will write about you? His answer was, "No need. For, I see a part of myself in every person I wrote about."

At that very same moment, I determined in my heart to place on record my impressions about the **Living Legend** that **Sri. ANIL KUMAR GARU** is! Hence this article!!

May God bless Sir & his family and use him for the well being of the mankind!

Thank you all for your patient reading!!

**G O D \* B L E S S !!!**

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

Dear Sri. Nirikshana Rao, Sir,

What a marvelous and fitting tribute to a great personality! **Sri. KAK** sir is a personification of humility and simplicity. I haven't come across a better tribute than yours so far, Sir, □□□□□□

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Thank you so very much Sri. C. Ravindra Kumar sir, for your appreciation & encouragement.

Anil Kumar Sir told me that you are the one who took time to convert all episodes of his 'Memories & Memoirs' into PDF form, and also typed the Telugu content, so that late entrants to the WhatsApp group like me gets the benefit of going through the precious writings.

Also it can reach anyone outside the Alumni group as well!

Your voluntary contribution is significant!

Well, we can even form into an 'admirers of Anil Sir' group!

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU SIR !!

**Krupadanam Billa writes:**

It's a fitting tribute to Sri. Anil Kumar Garu.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

**Anita Susan writes:**

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

**C. Rommel <babalotusfeet@gmail.com> wrote:**

Wow...wow ...how true ....Respected Prof Anil Sir...loving Sairams to you..

Super Six by **Prof. KDNR**... what a sweet lovely write up by **Prof David. NK**, in the vocabulary of Gods! ...

**Am writing this mail to seek your kind gracious permission to share this appended Article of Prof. David to a few close friends of mine. Thank you sir!**

Rev Sir, ...how many tones of effort must have gone into God's Hands to make this Prof. Anil sir ... a physical miracle, who dances in footsteps of Swami, makes Swami and His devotees always blissful, and who inspires and guides hundreds of thousands towards God and Santhana Dharma Unity principles.

Our happiness, thanks and Sweetest Congratulations once again sir ... May Swami Varu continue to bless you, your sweet family, your every step and every effort!

**Sir, Indeed you are 'An Eternal Legend in the Footsteps of Swami'!**

With deep respects,

**Rommel**

Camp USA



**Dr. K Sarada Devi (1971-76) writes:**

Dear Sir,

Words are not sufficient to thank you and appreciate you for the great response you delivered for the outstanding and most eminent personality of our *Alma Mater* Sri. **KAK garu**.

It is also my privilege to be his direct student.

When he was dancing on the Dias I felt the same feeling as you did.

If you have time pls. Forward the PDF memories and memoirs to **Dr CNF**. He wants to read them.

Regards. **Sarada**

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Dear thalli **Dr. Sarada David Raju**,

Greetings to you in JESUS' precious name!

Thank you for the appreciation.

**Maj. Dr. CNF garu** is in my FB friends list as - Nathaniel Chikkala - I will surely forward Anil Kumar Sir's 'Memories & Memoirs' to him. There is an elaborate mention about him in the section 'Chirala Champions'. Meanwhile if you have his email id please let me know to expedite the process.

God bless you thalli,

## MEMORIES & MEMOIRS-58

### అనుభవాలు-అనుభూతులు-58

అచ్చులో అక్షరాలు అందంగా, పొందికగా ఉంటాయి. Text booksలో అక్షరాలకంటే ఆయన రాసే అక్షరాలు ఏరకంగాను తీసిపోవు. వాటికి దీటుగానే ఉంటాయి. ముత్యాల్లాగా ఉంటాయి ఆయన రాసే అక్షరాలు. కాగితంపైనా, బ్లాక్ బోర్డ్ పైనా అంతే. అదే ఆయన ప్రత్యేకత. ప్రసిద్ధ గ్రంథాలలో బొమ్మలుంటాయి. అవి నిపుణులచే గీయించేవి. ఆయన గీసే బొమ్మలు అంతకు తక్కువేకాదు. ఒక సారి రాసినా, గీసినా చెరిపే ప్రసక్తేలేదు. అంటే అచ్చులో ఉన్న అక్షరాలు ఆయన దస్తూరి చూసి చిన్నబోతాయన్నమాట. నిపుణులు ప్రత్యేకంగా గీసిన బొమ్మలు సైతం ఈయన గీసిన బొమ్మలు చూసి సిగ్గుపడవలసిందే! బొమ్మలంటే ఆటవస్తువులుకావు. డయాగ్రామ్స్ అన్న మాట. వాడుకలో ఉన్న మాటలు వాడటం మంచిది. తెలుగు తాపత్రయంతో రాస్తే అర్థంకాకుండాపోతుందేమోనని నా బాధ. నా సుదీర్ఘమైన కళాశాల అధ్యాపకవృత్తిలో అలాంటి దస్తూరిగల దిట్టను, అంత అందంగా బొమ్మలు గీయగల సమర్థుడిని చూడలేదు. రిటైరైపోయి చాలా సంవత్సరాలైంది. ఇక ముందు చూస్తాననుకోను. ఎవరా అధ్యాపకశిల్పి? ఎవరిది ఆ నైపుణ్యం? ఎవరి

కళాసంపత్తి అది? ఇంకెవరు.. ఆయనే మన శ్రీ చిల్లర వేంకట లక్ష్మీ నరసింహ మూర్తి. Sri. CVLNMగా ప్రసిద్ధి చెందినవారు. బోటనీ అధ్యాపక శ్రేణులు.

ఇక్కడ్నుంచి రాయటం నాకు కొంత ఇబ్బందిగానే ఉంటుంది. గౌరవవాచకం 'వారు', 'మీరు', పోయి, ఏకవచన ప్రయోగమైపోతుందేమో! 'వాడు', 'వీడు' స్థితికి వస్తుందేమోనని సంకోచంగా ఉంది. వీలైనంతవరకు నా పరిమితుల (limits)లో నేనుండి మర్యాద పాటించాలనే ఉంది. సందర్భానుసారంగా పదవినియోగం మారితే (usage of words) క్షమించండి.

ఏమిటి ఈ దుగ్ధ, బాధ అంటారా? CVLNM, నేనూ 1957 నుండి సహాధ్యాయులం. 'ఏరా' అని పిలుచుకోవటమేతప్ప మరొకటిలేదు. ఏం చెయ్యను? అందుకనే ముందుగానే క్షమించమంటున్నాను. శిష్యులకు, మిత్రులకు అపారమైన ప్రేమగౌరవం CVLNM అంటే! మరినాకు? ఆరెంటితోపాటు చనువు చొరవ సహజంగానే అధికంగా ఉన్నాయి. Classmate ఆ తర్వాత colleague అయిన CVLNM గురించి ఎంత రాసినా, చెప్పినా చాలదు. పూర్తి పేరుతో కాకుండా అందరం 'నర్సింమూర్తి' అంటాం. కాలేజీలో, యూనివర్సిటీలో అదే పిలుపు.

మన కాలేజీలో ఇద్దరమూ లెక్చరర్స్ గా చేరాక మరో మిత్రుడు ప్రవేశించాడు. ఆయన శ్రీ. ఆవుల శ్రీకృష్ణ' Sri. ASK గా సుప్రసిద్ధుడు. మొదటిసారి కలిసినదగ్గర్నుంచి మేము ముగ్గురం 'ఏరా' అని పిలుచుకుంటాం. ASK లక్ష్మీపురం 2వ లైన్ లో మన బోటనీ హెడ్ ఆఫ్ ది డిపార్ట్మెంట్ శ్రీ N. చన్నారెడ్డి గారి ఇంటి ప్రక్కనే ఉండేవాడు. ASK మూడు సంవత్సరాలు మన కాలేజీలో పనిచేసి JKC కాలేజీకి మారాడు. ఎవరు ఒప్పుకున్నా కాదన్నా నాదృష్టిలో ASK స్థానిక JKC కాలేజీ వ్యవస్థాపకుల (founders)లో ఒకరు అని చెప్పాలి. వాడు JKCకి వెళ్లినా, మేము కలవని రోజు, ఒకరినొకరు తలవని రోజు లేదు. ASK కి మేమిద్దరం, నేను, నర్సింమూర్తి, ప్రాణం. ఇందులో వీసమెత్తు అతిశయోక్తిలేదు. ASK ఎప్పుడూ 'మన ఏసీకాలేజీ రోజులు వేరు' అంటుండే వాడు. వాడికి BRRB, TAR, RRSSD, TSN, KHR గాడ మిత్రులు. వీరితో కూడా ASK సంబోధన ఎప్పుడూ 'సంబోధనా ప్రథమా విభక్తి'లోనే, 'ఏరా'గానే ఉండేది.

మిగతా ఇద్దరి ప్రసక్తిలేకుండా మాలో ఏ ఒక్కరి గురించి చెప్పలేము. అలాచేస్తే అది అసంపూర్ణమూ, అన్యాయమూ ఔతుంది. నిర్ద్వందంగా, నిక్కచ్చిగా, ఘంటాపథంగా పూర్తి ఆత్మవిశ్వాసంతో చెప్పాలంటే CVLNMని మించిన లెక్చరర్ మాతరంలో, అందునా బోటనీలో లేడనే అనాలి. చుట్టుప్రక్కల కాలేజీల్లో అసలే లేడనాలి.. నిజం మాట్లాడాలంటే! CVLNM బోధించిన 45 సంవత్సరాలలో బోటనీ చదువుకున్నవారిలో ఎవ్వరూ వాడి తీరుని, వాడి టీచింగ్ ని, వాడి perfectionని ఈ జన్మలో మర్చిపోలేరు. భవిష్యత్కాలంలో ఎవరైనా లెక్చరర్ కావాలంటే వాడే ఆదర్శమూర్తి CVLNM. వాడే స్ఫూర్తి, మార్గదర్శి; నిగర్వి, నిరహంకారి,

నిరాడంబరుడు CVLNM. బోటనీలో డిగ్రీ వాళ్ళకు పుస్తకాలురాశాడు. ఎంత సంక్లిష్టమైన, సుదీర్ఘమైన విషయాన్నైనా కట్టి కొట్టి తెచ్చే అన్నట్లు అలవోకగా సరళంగా సంక్షిప్తంగా చెయ్యడం వాడికే సాధ్యం. ఏ సబ్జెక్ట్ లోనైనా విభాగాలుంటాయి. మా బోటనీలో Algae, Fungi, Bryophyta వగైరా ఇంకా Physiology, Embryology, Taxonomy.. విషయం ఏదైనా సరే CVLNM expert; అద్భుతంగా చెప్తాడని అంటారు అందరు. ఒక్కోసారి అనిపిస్తుంటుంది నాకు.. నేను కూడా వాడి student అయితే బాగుండేదేమోనని. అంతటి పేరుంది మావాడికి (CVLNMకి). (సశేషం)

**Dr. KM. Ratnasree writes:**

I am at Hyd. Will be leaving on 23 May. Smt. Sarojoni devi garu was blessed to have great sons who are carrying her legacy.

Proud to be student and colleague of Sri. CVLNM.

**David Nirikshana Rao writes:**

Thank you & God bless you thalli **Dr. Ratna Sri**

**Dr. K Sarada Devi:** Sure Sir. Thanks for your blessings.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

'నర్సింమూర్తి', మాస్టారు నాకూ మాస్టారే!

'అన్నీ ఉన్న విస్తరి', 'నిండు కుండ'!

ఇక ఆయన విద్యార్థుల విందుకు అవధి ఏముంది?

అందమైన భామల బొమ్మలంటే బాపూ,

అంతే అందమైన బోటనీ బొమ్మలంటే 'నర్సింమూర్తి' మాస్టారే!

పేపర్ మీదైనా, బ్లాక్ బోర్డ్ మీదైనా!

కలర్ చాక్ పీస్ లకు కంప్లీట్ న్యాయం చేసేదీ,

'సర్టిఫైడ్ బోనపైడ్' అన్న సంతకం ఆటోగ్రాఫ్ గా మార్చేసేదీ,

'ఏంవోయ్' అంటూ ఆప్యాయంగా పలకరించేదీ,

ఎన్నడూ మరచిపోలేని బోటనీ మాస్టారు మా 'నర్సింమూర్తి' మాస్టారే!

'పానకంలో పుడకలా' మధ్యలో అడ్డొచ్చినందుకు

పెద్ద మనసుతో మన్నిస్తారని అనీల్ కుమార్ మాస్టార్ని వేడుకుంటూ,

మీ శిష్య పరమాణువు నిరీక్షణ రావ్ కూరాకుల!

### అనుభవాలు-అనుభూతులు-59 (CVLNM-2)

"ఏమిటి? ఇంకా ఇంటికి రాలేదా? లేట్టిపోతోంది. ఐనా ఎక్కడికి వెళ్లంటాడులే?! ఆ నర్సింగ్ మూర్తి ఇంట్లోనే ఉండి ఉంటాడు. కంగారేంపడక్కర్లేదు" అనుకునేవారు మా ఇంట్లో. 1957 నుండి 1989లో నేను మన కాలేజీ నుంచి మారి పుట్టపర్తిలో చేరేవరకూ ఇదే వరస!

ఏబై సంవత్సరాలపైబడడ మా స్నేహంలో ఎలాంటి అరమరికలు, భేదాభిప్రాయాలు, పంతాలు, పట్టింపులు, పోటీలు ఏక్షణంలో లేవు. క్రమేణా కొద్దిగా మిత్రబృందం TSN, KHR, TAR, SMK, BRRB, RRSSD, SMKల వరకు విస్తృతమైంది. మాటలకందని, అంచనాకందని, ఊహలకందని సాన్నిహిత్యం, స్నేహం మాలో ఉన్నాయి ఈనాటి వరకూ. ఇది మారనిది, చెదరనిది, యుగాలు మారినా, జగాలు కదలినా చెరగనిది మా స్నేహం. అది మా అదృష్టమేమో అనుకోవాలి. మాతోపాటు మన కాలేజీలో చేరిన లెక్కరర్లు చాలా ఆప్యాయంగా, ప్రేమగా ఉండేవారు. ఎవరూ ఏమీ అనుకోవద్దు సుమా! నిజం చెప్పేస్తున్నాను. మా బ్యాచ్ లో ఉన్న సాన్నిహిత్యం మా ముందు తరంలో కానీ, మా తర్వాత తరంలోకానీ నాకు కనిపించలేదు.

PUCలో చేరినపుడు కాలేజీకి నిక్కర్లలో వచ్చేవాడిని. Dr. G. Samuelగారి మందలింపుతో ప్యాంట్లు కుట్టించుకుని ధరింపనారంభించాను.

నర్సింగ్ మూర్తి మూడు దశాబ్దాలపాటు మంగళగిరి-గుంటూరు-మంగళగిరి మధ్య ప్రతి రోజు వస్తూపోతూ ఉండేవాడు. PUCలో ఉండగా వాడిని చూసి కొన్ని నెలలు నేను క్యారియర్ తెచ్చుకుని కాలేజీలో మధ్యాహ్నం విరామ సమయంలో భోంచేసేవాడిని. తరువాత మానేశాననుకోండి. ఇంగ్లీష్ డిపార్ట్మెంట్ వెనుక వాటర్ ట్యాంక్ ను ఆనుకుని చెక్కమెట్లు ఉండేవి. వాటిపైన కూర్చునే వాళ్లం.

నర్సింగ్ మూర్తి విద్యార్థిగా కూడా అపురూపమైన వాడు. రోజు మంగళగిరి-గుంటూరు-మంగళగిరి మధ్య షటిల్ సర్వీస్ చేసినా PUCలో, B. Sc.లో I Classలో ఉత్తీర్ణుడైనాడు. మా మాస్టర్లందరికీ వాడంటే అభిమానం. వాడి తెలివితేటలు, వినయం, మర్యాద, పలకరింపు అసమానమైనవి. పెద్దగా మాటకారి కాకున్నా సంభాషణలో చురుకైనవాడు. వాడికున్న జ్ఞాపకశక్తి నిరుపమానం. వేమన, సుమతి, శ్రీ కాళహస్తీశ్వర, నరసింహ శతకాలన్నీ క్షుణ్ణంగా చెప్పగలడు.

గుంటూరు అరండల్ పేట 4వలైన్ శివాలయం ప్రక్కన కొన్నేళ్లున్నాడు. వాళ్ల నాన్నగారు శ్రీ చిల్లర ఆంజనేయులు గారు కూడా మా సంభాషణల్లో పాల్గొనేవారు. నాకు వాడి కుటుంబం అంతా తెలుసు. కాకుంటే

ఇప్పుడు అందరూ ఎదిగి పెద్దవాళ్ళైపోయింటారు. నన్ను గుర్తుపట్టకపోవచ్చు. మరచిపోయి ఉన్నా ఆశ్చర్యంలేదు.

బ్రాడీపేట 3వలైన్ మొదటి అడ్డరోడ్ లో డా. వాడపల్లి వేంకటేశ్వరరావు గారింటి ప్రక్క కొన్నేళ్లున్నాడు. బ్రాడీపేట 3వలైన్ 12వ అడ్డరోడ్ లో పాండురంగ విద్యాలయం దగ్గరగా కొన్నేళ్లున్నాడు. ప్రతిరోజు ఈ ఇళ్లన్నింటి చుట్టూ నేను, ASK తిరిగిన వాళ్ళమే.

స్లాక్ (షర్ట్), ప్యాంట్స్, బెల్ట్ షూ వేసుకునే వాడు నర్సింగ్ మూర్తి. సఫారీ ధరించిన సందర్భాలు ఉన్నాయి. ఆరు నూరైనా, నూరు ఆరైనా ప్రతి రోజు రెండు పూటలా గుంటూరు ఓవర్ బ్రిడ్జ్ కి దగ్గరగా లక్ష్మీ పిక్చర్ ప్యాలెస్ ప్రక్కన ఆనంద భవన్ కు వెళ్లవలసిందే. మధ్యాహ్నం భోజనం అక్కడ చేసేవాడు. ఎక్కువగా రిక్షాలో తిరిగేవాడు. సూక్ష్మదర్శినికీ కూడా కనబడని బొట్టు నుదుట ధరించేవాడు. మేం ఇద్దరం కలిసి ఉండే వాళ్ళం. (సశేషం)

**Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

Dear Anil sir,

What a writing on **Sri. CVLN**, the teacher whom I liked the most! I am very proud to be his student during my BSc 1970-73. He will concise the entire ocean like subject into a spoon. His notes so simple brief and understandable.. That is our great teacher **Sri. CVLN**. His diagrams on board are prints. During public exams the entire paper can be revised in one night.

My regards to my beloved teachers.

**అనుభవాలు-అనుభూతులు-60 (CVLNM-3)**

మీకు నమ్మలేని నిజం ఒకటి చెప్పాలి. నేను, ASK, CVLNM ముగ్గురం బోటన్ వాళ్ళం. ముగ్గురికీ ట్యూషన్లున్నాయి. ఎక్కడా వెంట్రుకవాసి పోలికలు, పోటీలు లేవు. పైగా ఎలా ఉండేదంటే..తలుచుకుంటేనే నవ్వుస్తుంది. ఆనందమౌతుంది. ASK ఇంటికి నేవెళ్ళే, వాడు ట్యూషన్ చెప్తున్నారే "అరేయ్ అనిల్ గా , రారా! నేను లోనకెళ్లి స్నానంచేసొస్తాగాని ఈలోపట నువ్వు చెప్పరా" అనేవాడు. నర్సింగ్ మూర్తి విషయమైనా అంతే. పైగా ASK తన ట్యూషన్ లో "అరేయ్! వాళ్ల క్లాసులవాళ్లు నాదగ్గరకెందుకు వచ్చారా? వాళ్లు బాగానే చెప్తారుగదరా!" అని కసురుకునేవాడు. ఇదెక్కడైనా ఉందా? ASK నాతో "అనిల్ గా! సంపాదించుకోరా! ఈ మీటింగులూ, ప్రయాణాలెందుకురా? ఆడపిల్లలు కలవాడివి!" అనేవాడు.

డా. అనంతం గారు JKC కాలేజీ ప్రిన్సిపాల్ గా ఉన్న రోజులవి. కాలేజీ వార్షికోత్సవానికి ఎవరిని పిలవాలని హెడ్స్ మీటింగ్ లో చర్చించారట. ASK "ఎవడండీ మావాడికంటే మాట్లాడేది? వాడిని మించినవాడులేడు. అనిల్ గాడిని పిలుద్దాం. వాడొస్తాడు" అనేశాడట. డా. అనంతంగారు వెంటనే "ఏంటి బాబూ

అనిల్ కుమార్ ని వాడు, వీడు అంటున్నావు. వస్తాడు అంటున్నావు. ఏంటిది?" అన్నారట. "మా ఇద్దరిమధ్య అంతేలేండి. వాడు ఏడికిబోతాడు? నేను ఒప్పిస్తాలెండి" అన్నాడట. అంత ధీమా, అంత చనువు, స్వేచ్ఛ మామధ్య ఉండేవి. అలాగే ఆ ఫంక్షన్ కు వెళ్లాను. ముఖ్య అతిథి నాటి రాష్ట్ర హోం శాఖామాత్యులు గౌ. డా. కోడెల శివప్రసాదరావుగారు. అనివార్య కారణాలవల్ల ఆలస్యంగా వచ్చారు. నేనూ, ASK బాతాఖానీలో పడ్డాం. సమయం తెలియలేదు. గౌరవ మంత్రివర్యులు డా. కోడెల శివప్రసాదరావుగారు "నేను అనిల్ కుమార్ గారి మాటలు వినటానికి వచ్చాను. ASK దగ్గర ట్యూషన్ చదివాను. నాకు ఇద్దరూ కావలసినవారే!" అన్నారు. అవి తలచుకుంటేనే పులకరించిపోతాను.

ఓసారి నన్ను JKC కాలేజీకి ప్రాక్టికల్ ఎక్జామినర్ గా వేశారు. అప్పుడు శ్రీయలవర్తి రోశయ్యగారు అక్కడ ప్రిన్సిపాల్. సాధారణంగా ఎక్జామినర్ గా వచ్చినవారికి హారతిపడతారు. కానీ మా రోశయ్యగారి తీరే వేరు! "ఊళ్లోవాడిని ఎక్జామినర్ గా ఎలా వేశారు? వాళ్లకి బుద్ధిలేదు. నీకు సిగ్గులేదు. ఒకే ఊళ్లోవాడిని ఎక్జామినర్ గా వేయవచ్చునా? నువ్వు, ఆ కృష్ణా (ASK) బాగా ఫ్రెండ్స్ అని నాకు తెలుసు. పరీక్షలని గాలికి వదిలేసి పిల్లలు కాపీ కొడుతుంటే ఊరికే కబుర్లలో మునిగితే ఇద్దర్నీ సస్పెండ్ చేస్తా. నేను మాటిమాటికీ చెక్ చేస్తూనే ఉంటాను. జాగ్రత్త" అన్నారు బహిరంగంగా. అదీ రోశయ్యగారంటే! (సశేషం)

**Ganapathi Chavali writes:**

#### **అనుభవాలు-అనుభూతులు-61 (CVLNM-4)**

ఉదయం కాలేజీలో పరీక్షలు ఐపోగానే పేపర్లు ఆఫీసులో ఇచ్చేసి నేరుగా ఆనంద భవన్ కు చేరేవాళ్లం. సమయం 11గం.ల ప్రాంతమాతుంది. అప్పుడే ఆనంద భవన్ హోటల్ వాడు ఒక పెద్ద బేసిన్ లో పెరుగావడలు తెచ్చి ఎదురుగా అద్దాల బీరువాలో పెట్టేవాడు. ఇంకేం?! వెంటనే ఆర్డర్ ఇచ్చి పెరుగావడ ప్లేట్ల పైన కారబూండి చల్లి తెమ్మనేవాళ్లం. వారెవాహ్! ఆ రుచే వేరు. నర్సింగ్ మూర్తి భోజనాల హాల్లోకి వెళ్లేవాడు. మేము (నేను, ASK) భోజనానికి ఇంటికి చేరేవాళ్లం. ఇక సాయంత్రమైతే ఉల్లి మినప ఆర్డర్ చెయ్యవలసిందే. స్ట్రీట్ ప్లేట్ పైన అరిటాకువేసి దానిపైన నూనె ఊరుతూ పలుచగా లోపల్పించి ఉల్లి, అల్లం, మిరప ముక్కలు తొంగి చూస్తుండగా అల్లప్పచ్చడి, కొబ్బరి చప్పీలలో నంచుకుంటూ తింటుంటే..ఆ మజాయే వేరు. ఆ రుచే వేరు. ఆ రోజులు రావు. కొన్ని సంవత్సరాలు ఆనంద భవన్ మహారాజపోషకుడు నర్సింగ్ మూర్తి. ప్స్..ఎమిట్ అప్పుడే రిటైరైపోయి ఇలా జ్ఞాపకాలను నెమరు వేసుకోవాల్సి వస్తుందని నా మటుకు నేను అనుకోలేదు. నర్సింగ్ మూర్తి మంగళగిరిలో, నేనుపుట్టపర్తిలో..ASK వైకుంఠధాముడైనాడు. అలాగే KHR, TSN, SMKలకు కూడా నేను దూరమైనాను.

దాదాపు 30 వసంతాలు కావస్తున్నది నేను గుంటూరు విడిచిపెట్టి. ఐనా మన కాలేజీని తలవని రోజులేదు. నా ప్రాణ మిత్రులైన TAR, CVLNMలని తలుచుకోని క్షణంలేదు. అలాంటి ఆనాటి స్నేహితులతో

సమానమైన ఆత్మీయులు, హితులు, స్నేహితులు, కష్టంసుఖం చెప్పుకోడానికి ఒక్కరైనా లేరు నాకు ఇక్కడ. దైవలీల ఇదేనేమో! అంటే అజరామరమైనది, మరపురానిది, మరువలేనిది మాస్నేహం. ఏజన్మ బంధమో కదా!

ఆంధ్రా యూనివర్సిటీలో 'అశోకవర్ధన' హాస్టల్ గ్రౌండ్ ఫ్లోర్ సెంటర్ రూంలో ఉండేవాడు నర్సింమ్మూర్తి M. Sc. చదువుతున్నప్పుడు. అదే హాస్టల్లో వాడి రూంకిపైన థర్డ్ ఫ్లోర్ లో రూం 100లో నేనుండేవాడిని. రూంలు వేరైనా వాడి రూంలోనే ఉండేవాడిని. మిత్రులు పోగయ్యేవారు. ఇక కాలక్షేపానికి కొదవేముంది? ఒక నిజం చెప్పనా? ఏనాడూ పుస్తకం తీసుకుని సీరియస్ గా ఒక గంట నర్సింమ్మూర్తి చదవుతుండగా నేను చూడలేదు. నర్సింమ్మూర్తి ఏకసంధాగ్రాహి. క్లాసులో పాఠాలు వాడి బుఱ్ఱలోకి అక్కడికక్కడే చేరిపోయేవన్నమాట. అమోఘమైన జ్ఞాపకశక్తి! నాకెవడూ అలాంటి మేధావి తారసపడలేదు. న్యూక్లియర్ ఫిజిక్స్ డిపార్ట్మెంట్ మెట్లపైన కూర్చుని రాత్రివేళ కంటైన్డ్ స్టడీ చేసిన రోజులున్నాయి. ఏ విషయం ఐనా క్షణంలో సమాధానం వస్తుంది. ఏ మొక్కపేరైనా, ఏ వృక్షి పేరైనా సరే మరుక్షణం చెప్పగలడు. కుటుంబ బాధ్యతలవల్ల B. Sc. లో చేరాడు. లేకపోతే డాక్టరయ్యేవాడు. ఒక పెద్ద సర్జన్ గానో, ఫిజిషియన్ గానో, గొప్ప ప్రొఫెసర్ గానో ఉండవలసినవాడు. ఆ కుటుంబ బాధ్యతలవల్లే M. Sc. తో ఆపాడు కానీ కేంద్ర సంస్థలలో సైంటిస్ట్ గా పనిచేసి 'పద్మశ్రీ' అందుకోదగ్గ సత్తా ఉన్నవాడు నర్సింమ్మూర్తి.

నేను కాలేజీలో పనిచేసిన 26 సంవత్సరాలూ స్టాఫ్ మీటింగ్స్ లో ప్రక్క ప్రక్కనే కూర్చునే వాళ్లం. ఏదో అత్యుత్సాహంతో నేను లేచి ప్రశ్నలడగబోతుంటే నా చొక్కాలాగి "కూర్చోరా, నీకెందుకు?" అనేవాడు. వాడులేకపోతే నా ఉద్యోగం ఉండేదేమో ఎవరికి తెలుసు!

"నువ్వు నేరుగా వెళ్లి మాట్లాడరా. ప్రివేర్ కాకపోతేనే నువ్వు బాగా మాట్లాడతావురా" అంటూండేవాడు.

Dr. G. Samuel గారి notes పూర్తిగా రాసిన వాడు CVLNM. మేము కాపీ చేసుకునే వాళ్లం. Dr. GS చాలా స్పీడ్ గా డిక్టేట్ చేసేవారు. Dr. GS గారు నర్సింమ్మూర్తిని ప్రేమగా చిరునవ్వు తో "How are you? బామ్మగారు బాగున్నారా?" అంటూ పలకరించేవారు.

ఇంకో విషయం మరచిపోయానండోయ్! 1957 నుంచి 1961 వరకూ PUC, B. Sc. లో నాకూ, నర్సింమ్మూర్తికీ మరో ఫ్రెండ్ ఉండేవాడు. వాడే డా. నట్టా బాలకృష్ణ. M. Sc. తర్వాత Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, ముంబై (BARC)లో పేరుప్రఖ్యాతులతో పదవీ విరమణ చేశాడు. ఆ నాల్గు సంవత్సరాలూ మేము త్రిమూర్తులుగా వెలిగాం.

నర్సింమూర్తి అజాతశత్రువు. స్నేహశీలి. అధికప్రసంగం ఉండదు. తనకు శారీరిక ఇబ్బందులున్నా టైంటేబుల్ మార్చమనికానీ, ఇన్విజిలేషన్ వద్దనికానీ, మేడమీదకాదు క్రింద క్లాస్ రూంకావాలనికానీకా జన్మలో అడగలేదు. కక్షసాధింపు, పగ, కేకలు నర్సింమూర్తి జాతకలోనేలేవు. ఇంటిదగ్గరికెళ్తే ఆప్యాయంగా పలకరించి చక్కని ఆతిథ్యమిచ్చేవాడు.

విద్యార్థులకు బృహస్పతి.. మిత్రులకు ప్రాణం.. అధికారులు కు విశ్వాసపాత్రుడు నర్సింమూర్తి.

నర్సింమూర్తి నిండు నూరేళ్లు భగవంతుని ఆశీస్సులతో ఆరోగ్యంగా, సకుటుంబంగా ఆనందంగా ఉండాలని ప్రార్థిస్తున్నాను.

**Ganapathi Chavali writes:**

First I must congratulate **Dr. Nirikshna Rao garu**, who had brought a beautiful narration about our author of Memories & Memoirs, **Dr. K ANIL KUMAR**. It is true that if you do not touch the narration about him, the Memories serial is incomplete. It is like Pappu without uppu. Thank you for your great personification.

**Sri. KAK**, to my mind, is much beyond as a teacher to us. He might have attained the spiritual heights of supremacy.

My sincere regards to our living Legend.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

అరమరికలులేని, అజరామరమైన, అసలైన ఆదర్శ స్నేహానికి ఆనవాలు మా గురుదేవద్యయం (**Sri. KAK & Sri. CVLNM**), ఆ **ASK**గారి స్నేహం. అసూయాద్వేషాలు, మదమాత్సర్యాలతో ముగ్ధిపోతుండే ఈ యుగంలో ఇంతటి నిర్మలమైన స్నేహం మనగలుగుతున్నదంటే, గాంధీ మహాత్ముని గురించి విశ్వవిఖ్యాత శాస్త్రవేత్త ఐస్ స్టీన్ అన్న మాటలు (రక్తమాంసాలతో ఈ భూమ్మీద ఇలాంటి ఒక వ్యక్తి నడయాడాడంటే ముందు తరాలవారు నమ్మరేమో) తలపుకు వస్తున్నాయి. ఇంతటి కపటంలేని, నిస్వార్థ స్నేహం సాధ్యమా అనిపించక మానదు. చదువరులెవరికైనా. మీ మువ్వురి మధ్య స్నేహం అసలు సృష్టిలో తీయవైన స్నేహానికే మచ్చుతునక. మీ స్నేహానికి 'దృష్టి'తగలకుండా ఉండుగాక!

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

A beautiful 'PEN PORTRAIT' of **Sri. CVLNM garu**.

So true, so fascinating, served with 'నోరూరించే పెరుగావడ' or 'వేడి వేడి ఉల్లిమినప' fresh from 'ఆనంద భవన్'!



I am reminded of the highly popular 'Andhra Jyothi Weekly' Serial of about 100 episode - 'అమరావతి కథలు' by శంకరమంచి సత్యం-a few decades ago, which was later published in the book form.

I believe 'Memories & Memoirs' by **Sri. Anil Kumar Kamaraju garu** would also likewise become a popular book & an authoritative document of **A. C. College**, Guntur, specially for period between 1957- 89!

Needless to remind that teachers and students of that period and their progeny are spread across the whole globe!

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

+91 99593 82777 writes: Beautiful idea sir

**Ezra writes:**

**Sri. CVLNM** gariki. I pursued botany only because of **CVLNM** garu. I am immensely thankful to him.

**Ganapathi Chavali writes:**

Sir,

It is true that Anand Bhavan is the only restaurant following the spread of karakara boondi on perugu avada, even now. Long live boondi on avada and long live your friendship, sir.

**Sri. CVLN garu** is a walking encyclopaedia in Botany and is an authority on subject. He never gave such a pose but is polite and humble, always cheering. His attitude to elders and students is at the same level.

Last year my forensics Ravindra and I had made it convenient to see him at his residence. In spite of that odd hour, while he was taking rest, he invited us with same affection. The respects his family members shown and their hosting with fruits are unforgettable. My respectful regards to each one of them, whose contributions I feel, in our growth.

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

Dear friends,

This being the season of weddings I am forced to attend at least a few of them. Summer being unprecedentedly severe I feel it better we have some break now and we can resume our series thereafter. We are now in the field of GUNTUR GIANTS. It began with **Karunasri, Sri. JMS, Sri. VMR** and **Sri. CVLNM**. We have few more heroes to come, your favourites, with a brilliant record. **AC. COLLEGE** is a caravan that walks majestically and an ever flowing river. So I pray God to help bless and guide me. I am speechless as I attempt to thank our alumni, particularly those that have been responding every time. A big thank you to all.

I will get back to you definitely after the break.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY VACATION.

Yours forever in the spirit of **AC. COLLEGE THE UNIQUE**.

**Prof. DC. Madhusudan Rao, MS., Rtd. Prof. Medical College writes:**

Hi Anil!

Nenu **Madhu**. Thank you **Anil**. I became 60 years younger while reading this. Pl. send other writings. **Madhu**

(He is the childhood classmate of **CVLNM** and he is also our alumnus.)

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

This is what I expect wish and pray everyone in the group to do. Write on your feelings, experiences with your classmates, roommates, classes' teachers of your College days and how they moulded, guided and shaped you leaving indelible impressions.

That justifies the formation of the group.

I wholeheartedly appreciate congratulate and compliment **Sri. KDNR** for making this more interesting, inquisitive about events of his own life experiences in relation to our College.

KEEP IT UP. GOD BLESS YOU. Let others also follow the line.

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

**Sri. J. Paulus** is a very courageous stubborn administrator.

Once students announced strike. **Sri. JP** stood at the gate. He folded his sleeves-up and swinging his umbrella freely on both sides like mace-"gada", he shouted at the crowd and said "Come on! I am ready to face all of you. Come on!" The fellows ran away. I was the witness.

When I was a student in degree class **Sri. JP** noticed one boy copying. He was so wild, took the student's hair on the head in his fist and had hit it on the bench. I am sure the student punished and others that witnessed would not copy for lifetime. That is **Sri. JP Sir**. It was **Sri. KDNR** post that made me share this with you. Dear **Nirikshan** continue please.

**David Nirikshna Rao Kurakula writes:**

Thank you so much **Sri. KAK sir** for the appreciation & encouragement!

Having settled down from jet-lag, I am slowly savoring your '**Memories & Memoirs**' chapter by chapter!

Just as you have rightly mentioned sir, let everyone in the group come out and share his / her experiences to show the magic of myriad colored mosaic of our *Alma mater*, **Andhra Christian College, Guntur!**

God bless you Sir, God bless you all!

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

Good! Very good! Reveal and share the personal moments and exemplary life of our illustrious teachers not known to many. Our culture is not that of a corporate College. We carry with us the precious impressions lifelong. Their vocation of a teacher is to help us for our living while their life conveys message for our life. So AC. COLLEGE has two sides of a coin, living and life. **WELL DONE. GO ON WRITING DAVID NIRIKSHAN RAO!** This is gratitude which is noble and divine. God bless you boy!

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

Dear **Sanjeeva Rao**,

We all know that you had very close association with many of our colleagues. We also know that you served in various capacities. We are happy that you are one of the most non-controversial personalities. Come on! Share your experiences which you are already doing and we appreciate. Continue this line dear **GVLNS!**

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

Simplicity, humility, integrity, individuality and scholarship all in one are in the name and form of **Sri. J. Paulus**, former Principal.

**'MEMORIES & MEMOIRS' - Annexure-1**

**'అనుభవాలు & అనుభూతులు' - అనుబంధం -1**

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బుజ్జు కథలో ప్రధాన కథకుడు ఒక గంటో, గంటన్నరో కథ చెప్పింతర్వాత 'రెస్ట్ రూమ్'కు వెళ్ళినప్పుడు, అప్పటి వరకు 'తంధాన అంటే తాన తంధాన' అంటూ సహకారం అందించిన 'వంతలు', ప్రేక్షకులకు బోర్ కొట్టకుండా అవీ, ఇవీ చెబుతూ కార్యక్రమాన్ని కొనసాగిస్తారు. ప్రస్తుతం నేను చేయబోతున్నది అదే పని. అనిల్ కుమార్ గారు వచ్చేలోగా మీతో కొంత కాలక్షేపం....

**ప్రిన్సిపాల్ జోన్నకూటి పాలస్ (Mr. JP) గారి గురించి:**

1965లో నేను ఏసీ కాలేజీలో చేరడానికి వచ్చేసరికి, JP గారు కొత్తగా ప్రిన్సిపాల్ అయ్యారు. మా నాన్న రెవరెండ్ కూరాకుల ప్రకాశరావు గారు నన్ను వెంటబెట్టుకొని అడ్మిషన్ ఇంటర్వ్యూ కి తీసుకెళ్ళారు. అప్పుడు మా నాన్న గారు మేడికొండూరు ప్యారిష్ పాస్టర్ గా పనిచేస్తున్నారు. మేడికొండూరు గ్రామానికి 2 కిలోమీటర్ల దూరంలో JP గారి స్వగ్రామం వెలవర్తిపాడు ఉంటుంది. (డా. తలతోటి శామ్యూల్ ? పాలస్ (Dr.TSP) గారి స్వగ్రామం మేడికొండూరే!)

"మీరు మా ప్యారిష్ పాస్టర్ గారు కదూ" అంటూ సాదరంగా కూర్చోబెట్టి, నేను జిల్లా పరిషత్ హైస్కూల్, మేడికొండూరు లో ఆ సంవత్సరం 'స్కూల్ ఫస్ట్' వచ్చానని తెలిసికొని మరింత సంతోషంగా నాకు సీటిచ్చేసారు. 1965 - '66 - PUC - Bi. P. - 8<sup>th</sup> Section - Class No: 702. పోస్ట్ కార్డ్ సైజ్ లోని తెల్లని కార్డుపై ఎడమ వైపు అడ్మిషన్ నంబర్, కుడి వైపున క్లాస్ నంబర్, క్రింద లైన్లో స్టూడెంట్ పేరు, మిగతా వివరాలతో టైప్ చేసిచ్చిన 'అడ్మిషన్ కార్డ్' అందుకోవడం ఎంతటి ఆనందమో! ఆ సాయంత్రమే **Sri. GET** అజరయ్య గారు వార్డెన్ గా వున్న **Wolf - Hall** హాస్టల్ లో అడ్మిషన్ పొందాను. అప్పట్లో **అజరయ్య గారు** Zoology హాడ్ గా పనిచేస్తున్నారు. Stylish & Systematic! ఆ తర్వాత నోబుల్ కాలేజీ, మచిలీపట్నం వెళ్ళిపోయాను.

ఆరోజుల్లో PUC లో మార్కుల ఆధారంగానే మెడిసిన్ సీట్లు వచ్చేవి. ఆ సంవత్సరం (1966) 'కట్ ఆఫ్' మార్కు 68%, నాకు 67% వచ్చింది. అలా B. Sc. లో చేరాను. ప్రిన్సిపాల్ JP గారే నాకు సీట్ ఇచ్చారు. 1966-'69 - B. Sc. - CBZ - 4<sup>th</sup> Section - Class No: 472. **ఉల్ఫ్ హాల్ వార్డెన్ గా Major C N ఫ్రైడెరిక్ గారొచ్చారు.** Strict & Serious! జువాలజీలో సీనియర్ లెక్చరర్ మరియు NCC లో మేజర్ రాంక్ ఉన్న ఆఫీసర్!

JP గారంటూ మొదలుపెట్టి స్వగతంలోకి వెళ్ళావేంటి అంటున్నారా? అక్కడికే వస్తున్నా.... (సశేషం)

### 'MEMORIES & MEMOIRS' - ANNEXURE-1

'అనుభవాలు & అనుభూతులు' - అనుబంధం -1(Contd.....)

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అనిల్ కుమార్ గారు తన 'Memories & Memoirs'-9 లో జ్ఞాపకం చేసినట్లు, ప్రిన్సిపాల్ JP గారు చూడ్డానికి ఎంతో సాదాగా, అదే సమయంలో ఎంతో హుందాగా కనిపించేవారు. తెల్లని పంచె, ఎక్కువ సార్లు ముదురు ఆకుపచ్చ రంగు మూత కోటు (Closed Neck coat) ధరించేవారు. బయటకొస్తే చేతిలో గొడుగు తప్పక ఉండేది. 'హయర్ హాల్ కాంపస్' లోని ప్రిన్సిపాల్ బంగాళా నుండి కాలేజీకి నడిచే వచ్చేవారు. చెప్పు తెగితే, ఫుట్ పాత్ మీదే ఆగి కుట్టించుకునే వారు.

ఇంగ్లీష్ భాషపై పట్టు, కొఠారి కమీషన్ రిపోర్టు కొట్టిన పిండిలా ఉటంకించగలగడం, ముందుగా సిద్ధపడకుండానే అప్పటికప్పుడు ఏ విషయంపైనైనా అనర్గళంగా మాట్లాడగలగడం ఆయన్ని విశిష్ట వ్యక్తిగా నిలబెట్టాయి. ఆర్థిక విషయాల్లో అత్యంత జాగ్రత్త చూపించేవారు - తనదైనా, కాలేజీదైనా! ఏ రోజుకారోజు ఎకౌంట్ బుక్స్ అప్ డేట్ చేస్తేనే గాని ఆఫీస్ స్టాఫ్ ను వెళ్లనిచ్చేవారు కాదు. ఏ విషయంలోనూ వేలెత్తి చూపలేని విధంగా జీవించారు! అందుకే రిటైరైన వెంటనే పెదనందిపాడు కళాశాలకు ప్రథమ ప్రిన్సిపాల్ గా ఆహ్వానింపబడ్డారు!

JP గారికి చేబ్రోలు నాటు పుగాకు అన్నా, దోసకాయతో కలిపి వండిన ఎండు చేపల కూరన్నా మహా ఇష్టమట! ప్రతి శనివారం మధ్యాహ్నానికి JP గారు పెదనందిపాడు నుండి వస్తుండేసరికి తనకిష్టమైన కూర వాసన ఘుమాయిండాలట! ఈ విషయాన్ని కన్నవారితోటలోని వారి ఇంటి (ప్రస్తుతం మాజీ మంత్రి కన్నా లక్ష్మీ నారాయణ గారిల్లు) ఎదురుగా అప్పట్లో బడ్డీ కొట్టు నడిపే 'బికారి' చెప్పేవాడని, బికారే వీటిని JP గారికి తెచ్చిపెట్టే వాడని, నా కెమిస్ట్రీ కొలీగ్ 'రాయప్ప- KR' చెప్పాడు. రాయప్ప, JP గారింట్లో చాలా కాలం అద్దె కున్నాడు.

సాదాతనానికి మహోన్నతను సంతరింపజేసిన మన ప్రిన్సిపాల్ **శ్రీ జోన్నకూటి పాలస్ - JP గారికి** మనందరి నమస్సుమాంజలులు !

MAY GOD BLESS HIS MEMORY FOR ALL OF US!!

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:**

When we were in I B Sc in 1959-60 the students with first 20 no.'s i.e., 201 to 220 were joined in BA class for language classes. Thus I had the good fortune of being a student of **Sri. J. Paulus**. When I used to go to the toilets behind Assembly Hall as staff member, I found some times **JP**, principal, smoking Indian cigars sitting on an old wooden box.

**David Nirikshan Rao Kurakula writes:**

Thank you **Sri. Sanjeeva Rao garu** for your appreciation & encouragement and your own input on Principal **JP garu**!

God bless!!

**ANITHA writes:**

Thank you very much sir always remain indebted to my teachers who influenced me sir also taught us Chem

**ANITHA writes:**

I still remember the classes you taught us full of jokes and the class of 1 hr seemed to be just like 10 mts and I still remember the enthusiasm in their faces when you are teaching□□□□

Sir Nirikshana rao garu!

**Ganapathi Chavali writes:**

It is very nice to hear, no it is to see the great personalities of our College thru this column or medium. Pl continue.

We may see multifold unknown facts. Quite inspiring.

**Following is the Transcript of a Whatsapp video posted by C. Ravindrakumar:****పుష్పవిలాపం**

రచన: జంధ్యాల పాపయ్య శాస్త్రి

గానం: ఘంటసాల వేంకటేశ్వర రావు

నీ పూజ కోసం పూలు కోసుకొద్దామని ప్రొద్దున్నే మా తోటలోకి వెళ్ళాను ప్రభూ

ఉదయశ్రీ అరుణారుణ కాంతులలో ఉద్యానం కళకళలాడుతూ ఉంది

పూలబాలలు.. తల్లి ఒడిలో అల్లారు ముద్దుగా ఆడుకుంటున్నాయి

అప్పుడు..

నే నొక పూలమొక్కకడ నిల్చి చివారున కొమ్మవంచి గో

రానెడు నంతలోన విరులన్నియు జాలిగ నోళ్ళువిప్పి "మా

ప్రాణము తీతువా" యనుచు బావురుమన్నవి - క్రుంగిపోతి - నా

మానసమం దెదో తళుకుమన్నది పుష్పవిలాప కావ్యమై.

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అంతలో ఒక సన్నజాజి తీవ ఇలా అన్నది ప్రభూ!

ఆయువు గల్లు నాల్గు గడియల్ కనిపెంచిన తీవతల్లి జా

తీయత దిద్ది తీర్తుము - తదీయ కరమ్ములలోన స్వేచ్ఛమై

నూయల లూగుచున్ మురియుచుందుము - ఆయువు దీరినంతనే

హాయిగ కన్ను మూసెదము - ఆయమ చల్లని కాలి వ్రేళ్ళపై.

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ఇంతలో ఒక గులాబీబాల కోపంతో ముఖమంతా ఎర్రబడి ఇలా అంది ప్రభూ..

ఊలుదారాలతో గొంతు కురి బిగించి

గుండెలోనుండి సూదులు గ్రుచ్చి కూర్చి

ముడుచుకొందురు ముచ్చటముడుల మమ్ము

అకట! దయలేనివారు మీ యాడువారు!

పాపం! మీరు దయాదాక్షిణ్యాలుగల మానవులు కాబోలు..

మేము

మా వెలలేని ముగ్ధ సుకుమార సుగంధ మరంద మాధురీ

జీవిత మెల్ల మీకయి త్యజించి కృశించి నశించిపోయె; మా

యౌవనమెల్ల కొల్లగొని ఆపయి చీపురుతోడ చిమ్మి మ

మ్మావల పారబోతురుగదా! నరజాతికి నీతి యున్నదా!

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బుద్ధదేవుని భూమిలో పుట్టినావు

సహజమగు ప్రేమ నీలోన చచ్చెనేమి?

అందమును హత్యచేసిడి హంతకుండ!

మైలపడిపోయెనోయి! మీ మనుజుజన్మ.

అని దూషించు పూల కన్నియల కోయలేక వట్టి చేతులతో వచ్చిన నా యీ హృదయ కుసుమాంజలిని గైకొని  
నాపయి నీ కరుణశ్రీరేఖలను ప్రసరించు ప్రభూ!

ప్రభూ...

**SRINIVASA REDDY from Karnataka:** This is one of the touching compositions of Sri. Jandhyala Papayya Shastri garu and sung so touchingly by Sri. Ghantasala garu. Thank you.

**SASTRY from Delhi:** కళాశాల నాటి మధుర జ్ఞాపకాలు కనులముందు మెదలాడించినందుకు ధన్యవాదాలు □ □

### 'Memories & Memoirs' - Annexure- 2A

### 'అనుభవాలు & అనుభూతులు' - అనుబంధం - 2A

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ప్రిన్సిపాల్ డా || మానుకొండ జార్జ్ థామస్ (Dr. MGT) గారి గురించి:

శ్రీ అనిల్ కుమార్ గారు తన 'Memories & Memoirs' 12-14 భాగాలలో ప్రస్తావించిన విషయాలకు అనుబంధంగా నాకున్న కొన్ని జ్ఞాపకాలు :

నాకు మన కాలేజీలో ఉద్యోగం ఇచ్చింది **Dr. MGT** గారే! అది ఎలా జరిగిందంటే :

1969 జూన్ లో B. Sc. 62% మార్కులతో పాసయ్యాను. జూలై 28 న మా నాన్నగారు మహిమ ప్రవేశం చేశారు. పాస్టర్ గారి భార్యలు ఆ రోజుల్లో ఉద్యోగాలు చేయరాదనే నిబంధన ఉండేది. అందువల్లా మా అమ్మ శ్రీమతి క్రీస్టినమ్మ గారికి ఉద్యోగంలేదు. అప్పటికింకా నన్ను, మా చిన్నక్కను ఇంకా చదివించాలి. (అన్నట్టు, మా తల్లిదండ్రులకు మేము మొత్తం 12 మంది సంతానం. 11 మంది ఆడ పిల్లల తర్వాత నేనొక్కడినే మగపిల్లాడిని! అందుకే నా పేరు నిరీక్షణ రాప్!!). ఆ పరిస్థితిలో, అప్పటి **AELC** ప్రెసిడెంట్ రెవ. **S. W. స్మిత్ నర్** గారు - పాస్టర్ గా పదవిలో ఉంటూ మరణించిన మా నాన్న గారినిబట్టి - నాకు కాలేజీలో Graduate Demonstrator గా రికమెండ్ చేశారు. ఈ విషయంలో అప్పటి ఆఫీస్ మేనేజర్ శ్రీ బెంజిమిన్ ఫ్రాంక్లిన్ (DBF) గారి సహాయం మరువలేనిది. నిజానికి, ఆ రోజుల్లో నేను, నా **ఉల్ఫ్ హాల్** నేస్తం పాగళ్ల జయపాల్, ఫ్రాంక్లిన్ గారి భటుల్లా చెరోప్రక్కన ఉండేవాళ్ళం. ఇదే కాకుండా, నేను ఫైనల్ ఇయర్ లో ఉండగా మా వార్డెన్ మేజర్ **C. N ఫ్రెడరిక్** గారు నన్ను **ఉల్ఫ్ హాల్** 'ప్రిఫెక్ట్ - Prefect' గా రికమెండ్ చేయడం, **Dr.**

**MGT గారే** నన్ను నియమించడం, ఆలా వారికి ముందే తెలిసుండడం కూడా కలిసొచ్చిన మరొక అంశం. అయితే వీటన్నిటి వెనుక దేవుని అనాది ప్రణాళిక, ఆయన అపరిమితమైన కృప నా పట్ల మెండుగా ఉందనేది సుస్పష్టం! అలా 1969 ఆగస్ట్ 25 వ తేదీన కెమిస్ట్రీ డెమాన్స్ట్రేటర్ గా **Dr. MGT గారి** సంతకంతో అపాయింట్మెంట్ ఆర్డర్ పొందాను.

క్షమించాలి, మళ్ళీ స్వగతం లోకి వెళ్ళిపోయా !

ఇక **Dr. MGT గారి** విషయానికొస్తే, వారిలో అందం అనలేను గాని, ఒక బలమైన ఆకర్షణ (కరిష్మా) కొత్తవారికైనా కొట్టొచ్చినట్లు కనిపించేది. ఒక్క మాటలో చెప్పాలంటే **MGT గారంటే Majesty! రాజసం!** వారి కంఠం అమోఘం!! వారి వాచకం అనితర సాధ్యం!!! మాకు షేక్స్పియర్ వ్రాసిన KING LEAR బోధించారు. "Have more than you show; Speak less than you know." "Nothing will come out of nothing." మచ్చుకు కొన్ని మరపురాని సూక్తులు.

క్రొత్త Textbook రాగానే, కుట్లు వూడదీయించి, ప్రతి రెండు ప్రింటెడ్ పేజీల మధ్య ఒక white paper పెట్టి మరలా bind చేయించేవారు. ఆ తెల్ల కాగితం పై ఎప్పటికప్పుడు నోట్స్ వ్రాసుకొనేవారు. ఇక వారికి వేరే నోట్స్ తో పనిఉండేది కాదు. మర్చిపోతానేమో అనే దిగులూ ఉండేది కాదు. ఈ విషయం వారే మా క్లాసులో స్వయంగా చెప్పి, చూపించారు. సిద్ధపడకుండా క్లాసుకు వచ్చేవారుకాదు. ప్రెస్ పేస్ తో (లాక్టో కాలమిన్ రాసుకొని వస్తారని అందరూ అనుకునేవారు) వచ్చి, మధ్య మధ్యలో ప్లాట్ ఫారం దిగి ముందుకు వచ్చి, వంగి , స్టూడెంట్స్ ముఖాల్లోకి చూసేవారు. ఇక క్లాస్ లో ఆశ్రద్ధాగా ఎవరుంటారు?

ఇక Wednesday Assembly ఒక అపూర్వ అనుభవం! Heads of Departments అందరూ ముందుగా Dais పై కూర్చోవాలి. సీనియర్ స్టాఫ్ ముందువరసల్లో, మిగిలిన వారు హాల్లో ప్రతి వరసకు ఆ చివర ఈ చివర కూర్చోవాలి. సరిగ్గా 9:45 కి MGT గారు ప్రవేశిస్తుంటే హఠాత్తుగా అంతా నిశ్శబ్దం! అందరం లేచి నిలబడేవాళ్ళం. వారి స్వరం లోని modulation, intonation, diction లను బట్టి ఆంగ్లం అంతగా రాకపోయినా అందరూ ఆనందించేవారు! ఒక్కొక్క వారం ఒక్కొక్క అంశం - స్టూడెంట్స్ కి అవసరమయ్యేవి - మాట్లాడేవారు. తానే కాకుండా, ఆయా అంశాలలో నిష్ణాతులైనవారిచే మాట్లాడించేవారు. ఇక్కడొక ప్రత్యేక విషయం మీకు చెప్పాలి. ఇది చాలా మందికి తెలియని విషయం - నాకు లైబ్రేరియన్ **మంచాల జయరామ్ గారు** చూసి చెప్పిన విషయమేమంటే - **MGT గారు** ప్రతి బుధవారం 8 గంటలకే కాలేజీకి వచ్చి అసెంబ్లీ హాల్లో తన స్పీచ్ ట్రయల్ చూసుకునేవారట!

ఈ విషయాల ఆధారంగా నేను నేర్చుకున్నపాఠం, మనందరం నేర్చుకోవాల్సిన సత్యం ఇదే :



చెప్పేది పాఠమైనా, ప్రసంగమైనా, శుభాకాంక్షలైనా, శ్రద్ధాంజలైనా " BY FAILING TO PREPARE, YOU ARE PREPARING TO FAIL!" (సశేషం)

**Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

Dear KDNR sir,

Wonderful writing on a great teacher & a role model to many students. .We remember him ever.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

**Moses Kommalapati writes:**

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes writes: KDNR hats off.**

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

**Anita Susan writes:** Excellent narration sir □

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes: Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** ఒక డా. ఎంజీటీ,

ఒక అనిల్ కుమార్ గారిలా ఒక డేవిడ్ నిరీక్షణరావు గారు. □

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

It's really humbling. Ravindra Kumar sir!

**Ganapathi Chavali writes:**

After hearing from Dr Nirikshana rao garu, I feel sorry that I could not have joined the College during the days of Paulus garu and Thomos garu like principals. However the narration of Dr KDNR garu is picturesque.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

**Anita Susan writes:**

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar writes:** Very very good.

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar writes:**

Nireekshan Rao,

Excellent job! This is what I wish.God bless you.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Thank you soooo.. much sir!

God bless!!

'అనుభవాలు & అనుభూతులు' - అనుబంధం - 2B

(Written by: డేవిడ్ నిరీక్షణ రామ్ కూరాకుల)

ప్రిన్సిపాల్ డా II మానుకొండ జార్జ్ థామస్ (Dr. MGT) గారి గురించి: (Contd...)

వారి వద్ద నేను నేర్చుకున్న ప్రత్యేక పదాలు (మచ్చుకు కొన్ని) :

'At Home' - ప్రతి Christmas సెలవులకు ముందు 'The Principal will be AT HOME (capitals mine, for emphasis) for the staff - both teaching & non-teaching at... on..' అని నోటీస్ పంపేవారు.

'ఎట్ హోమ్' అంటే కేవలం ఇంటి వద్ద ఉంటారని మాత్రమే కాకుండా, ఏ భేషజాలు లేకుండా, కలుపుగోలుగా, స్నేహ పూర్వక వాతావరణంలో కలుస్తారని అర్థం! ఆ సందర్భంగా అందరికీ ప్రిన్సిపాల్స్ బంగళాలో తేనీటి విందు ఏర్పాటు చేసి, ఒక్కొక్కరి దగ్గరకు వచ్చి పలకరించి, చివరిలో అందరికీ బహుమతులిచ్చి పండక్కి పంపేవారు.

'Express Permission' - ప్రతి సెలవులకు ముందు 'No Staff member should leave the station without the express permission of the Principal' అని నోటీస్ పంపేవారు. దాని అర్థం - Express లా స్పీడ్ గా వెళ్లి పర్మిషన్ పొందడం కాదని; ప్రిన్సిపాల్ గారి నుండి మాట ద్వారా గాని, రాత పూర్వకంగా గాని తీసికొనే పర్మిషన్ - Expression - కు సంబంధించినదని తర్వాత తెలిసింది.

'Incessant rain' = ఎడతెరపిలేని వాన; 'Inclement weather' = అనానుకూల వాతావరణం. ఇలాంటి పదాలన్నీ వారు పంపే నోటీస్ లనుండి నేర్చుకున్నవే!

'Married WITH ' తప్పు; 'Married TO' ఒప్పు. Wedding Invitations లో వధూవరుల పేర్ల మధ్య ఎక్కువమంది 'with' అని రాస్తారు. అలా రాస్తే వధువుకు, వరునికి వేర్వేరు పెళ్లిళ్లు ఒకే సమయంలో జరుగుతాయని అర్థం వస్తుందని, 'TO' అని రాసినప్పుడే వారిద్దరికీ వివాహం జరుగుతుందని అర్థం అని చెప్పేవారు. నా పెళ్లి కార్డులో, నా కుమార్తెల పెళ్లి కార్డుల్లో కూడా 'TO' అనే పదాన్ని వాడాను.

ఒక సమావేశం లేక శుభకార్యం జరిగే స్థలాన్ని తెలియజేయడానికి ఇచ్చే ఆయా వివరాలు తప్పనిసరిగా ఈ క్రమంలోనే రాయాలని చెప్పేవారు. Time, day, date, venue.

Eg: at 10:00 am, on Friday, the 2nd June, 2017 at .....(venue).....(Town/City)...(Pin Code).

(సశేషం)

రవీంద్రకుమార్, చీరాల:

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

My dream has come true dear **Nirikshan Rao**. This write up is special as it is instructive and educational in approach. Like this you opened a new dimension what we have learnt for life time apart from syllabus. Hats off to **Dr. MGT** who inspired thousands and thousands of his students in several ways. **Nirikshan** go on my dear boy! God bless you.

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

A head of the department went to **Dr. MGT** and said, "We request you to preside. We want to invite your Mrs."

"What English you are speaking? Say "Your wife" or "Mrs.Thomas." It is wrong to say "your Mrs.", "My Mrs."

I met **Dr. MGT** with a note. I wrote "Few students will be going on a study tour." **Dr. MGT** said "What Anil! I don't expect you of all to write like this. "few" meant none. You should say "a few". The word "boomerang" I learnt from him in the year 1964 when he was addressing our College community.

Zindabad **Dr. MGT** the teacher of teachers!

Thank you sir! □

Dr. MGT's influence upon his students is indelible & monumental!!

God bless his memory!!!

**Ram Narayan Rao, Delhi writes:**

Sir you are great by sharing your experiences teaching us so many things Sairam

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

That was the day when **Dr. MGT** was to preside over a function organized by me. A few minutes before the function I met **Dr.MGT** in his chamber. He was fixing a rose flower to his coat. Looking at me he said, "Did you inform **Sebastian** to attend? (**Sebastian** of Neptune Studio, 3rd Line, Arundelpet)". I replied "No Sir". Immediately he said, "You should know and look into every minute detail. That is the management."

Like this many must have learnt many things from our teachers. Share them. We love and enjoy every one that you mention.

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

While speaking to **Dr. S. Anantham**, the great I said "vagaries" mispronounced as "ve-in telugu". **Dr. Anantham**, expert in phonetics, said "No Anil! It is vagaries (va -as in telugu).

How shall and can I ever in full totally express my gratitude to my illustrious teachers? Impossible!

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

నిజం సర్! అలాంటి టీచర్స్ అరుదైపోయారనిపిస్తోంది.

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

**What is maturity?**

Shri Adi Shankaracharya lovingly explains.

**CHECK YOURSELF**

1. Maturity is **when you stop trying to change others, ...instead focus on changing yourself.**
2. Maturity is **when you accept people as they are.**
3. Maturity is **when you understand everyone is right in their own perspective.**
4. Maturity is **when you learn to "let go".**
5. Maturity is **when you are able to drop "expectations" from a relationship and give for the sake of giving.**
6. Maturity is **when you understand whatever you do, you do for your own peace.**
7. Maturity is **when you stop proving to the world, how intelligent you are.**
8. Maturity is **when you don't seek approval from others.**
9. Maturity is **when you stop comparing with others.**
10. Maturity is **when you are at peace with yourself.**
11. Maturity is **when you are able to differentiate between "need" and "want" and are able to let go of your wants.**
12. You gain Maturity **when you stop attaching "happiness" to material things!!**

Human birth is a gift of God. Don't waste this precious life brooding over petty issues. Lead a matured life and realize your self.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** A precision scale to check oneself every now and then!

Thank you so much Anil Kumar sir, for sharing these nuggets of wisdom!

God bless!!

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:** Sir you are great by sharing your experiences teaching us so many things Sairam ☐

**SUBRAHMANYAM, Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad writes:**

Sairam Respectful SAIRAMS and NAMASTES to the Most Respected and Beloved Sir,  
SAI DAY and Good Morning.

Recollecting the Good Golden days and writing article "Memories & Memoirs" is the inspiration of SWAMY VARU only. Hope, for any, other than our Beloved Sir is not possible.

Sairam

With kind and profound regards,

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'అనుభవాలు & అనుభూతులు' - అనుబంధం - 2C

(Written by: డేవిడ్ నిరీక్షణ రాస్ కూరాకుల)

ప్రిన్సిపాల్ డా II మానుకొండ జార్జ్ థామస్ (Dr. MGT) గారి గురించి: (Contd...)

వారి పరోక్ష స్మృతి చిహ్నం:

ప్రతి రచయిత తన రచనల్లో ప్రత్యక్షంగానో, పరోక్షంగానో ఎక్కడో ఒకచోట తప్పక కనిపిస్తాడు. ప్రతి దర్శకుడు తన సినిమాలో ఒక చిన్న పాత్రలోనైనా తప్పక కనిపిస్తాడు. సృజనాత్మకతనున్న వ్యక్తులకు వుండే ఒక ప్రత్యేక లక్షణమిది! Dr. MGT గారు కాలేజీలో ఇప్పుడెక్కడ కనిపిస్తారు? ఎక్కడో ఎందుకు? ఎంట్రన్స్ లోనే, మెయిన్ గేట్ దాటగానే ప్రధాన ఆకర్షణగా కనిపించే SAINT GEORGE & THE DRAGON STATUE ద్వారానే! 'చెడుపై మంచి సాధించే విజయాన్ని- Victory of Good over Evil' ప్రతిబింబించే ఈ శిల్పం ప్రపంచ ప్రఖ్యాతి గాంచింది. ఉత్తమ సందేశం తోబాటు, బహుశా ఈ శిల్పం పేరులో వున్న 'జార్జ్- George' అనే పదం Dr. M. జార్జ్ థామస్ గారికి ప్రేరణ కలిగించివుంటుందని నా భావన. మెయిన్ రోడ్ పై వెళ్లేవారికి కూడా స్పష్టంగా కనిపించేందుకై అందమైన, ఎత్తైన Pedestal కట్టించారు. కాలేజీ మెయిన్ బిల్డింగ్ కట్టడానికి వాడినలాంటి చెక్కుడు రాళ్లతోనే ఈ పీఠాన్ని కట్టించారు. (గుంటూరు మెడికల్ కాలేజీ లో 'THE THINKER' స్థాచ్యూ ఉంది కాని, అది తక్కువ ఎత్తులో ఉండి, దగ్గరకు వెళ్లే గాని కనిపించదు.) ఆ రోజుల్లో కోటయ్య అనే మంచి సూపర్వైజర్ కాలేజీ నిర్మాణపు పనులన్నీ చూసేవాడు. ఆయనకు సగం బట్ట తల, నోట్లో బంగారపు పన్ను, భుజంపై పైపంచె ఉండేవి. కొచ్చిన్, కేరళ నుంచి SRMT పార్సెల్ వాస్ లో నాలుగు భాగాలుగా వచ్చిన ఈ శిల్పాన్ని పెద్ద క్రేన్ సహాయంతో బిగించడం నాకు బాగా గుర్తు. ప్రిన్సిపాల్ Dr. MGT గారు ఆ రోజంతా - పని ముగిసే వరకు - దగ్గరుండి పర్యవేక్షించారు.

విలియం షేక్స్పియర్ పరోక్ష స్మృతి చిహ్నం :

ఈ సందర్భంలో ప్రఖ్యాత ఆంగ్ల కవి 'WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE' రచనకు సంబంధించిన ఒక సంఘటన నాకు గుర్తుస్తుంది. 1611 లో ఇంగ్లీష్ లోకి అనువదించబడిన THE HOLY BIBLE - 'KING JAMES VERSION'/'AUTHORIZED VERSION' లో కొన్ని భాగాలను అనేక మంది ఆంగ్ల భాషా ప్రముఖులతో పాటు, విలియం షేక్స్పియర్ కూడా చేశారని, ముఖ్యంగా Psalm 46 ను ఆయనే చక్కని, చిక్కని ఇంగ్లీష్ లోకి అనువదిస్తూ, తన పేరును అదృశ్యంగా అందులో అమర్చారని ఒక భావన ఉంది. ఆయన ఆ కాలంలో బ్రిటిష్ సామ్రాజ్యాధిపతి 'కింగ్ జేమ్స్' కొలువులో పనిచేస్తున్నది మాత్రం చారిత్రక సత్యం. 1564 లో జన్మించిన షేక్స్పియర్ కు 1611 నాటికి వయస్సు సరిగ్గా 46 సంవత్సరాలు నిండాయి! Psalm 46లో

మొదటినుండి 46 వ పదం 'SHAKE'-(though the mountains SHAKE with the swelling thereof), చివరి నుండి వెనుక్కి లొక్కిస్తే 46 వ పదం 'SPEAR' - (and cutteth the SPEAR in sunder - ఒరిజినల్ స్పెల్లింగ్ లో చివర 'E' కూడా ఉంటుంది). SHAKE+SPEARE = SHAKESPEARE! అద్భుతంగా లేదా! అన్నట్టు, ఇంగ్లీష్ భాషలో పట్టు సాధించాలంటే, ముఖ్యంగా classics చదివి, అవగాహన చేసికోవాలంటే ఎవరైనా KJV బైబిల్ చదవాల్సిందే! (సశేషం)

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

Nirikshan Rao,

Glad that you are going deep into subject like etymology, history and theology. I appreciate your spirit and research that must have gone into this write-up.

**David Nirikshana Rao writes:** Thank you so much sir for the appreciation & encouragement!

God bless!!

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

**\*ఐశ్వర్యం అంటే\***

- 1.తల్లిదండ్రులను రోజూ చూడగలగటం
2. అనుకూలవతి అయిన భార్య/భర్త ఉండటం
- 3.చెప్పినమాట వినే సంతానం ఉండడం
- 4.ఋణాలు లేకపోవటం
- 5.మన అవసరానికి తగ్గ ధనము ఉండటం
- 6.వదీ తిన్న అరిగించుకొనే శక్తి ఉండటం
- 7.మనకోసం కన్నీరు కార్చే మిత్రులు ఉండటం
- 8.పది మందిలో గౌరవించబడటం

ఇవీ అష్టైశ్వర్యాలు...

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□ (Namaskaram Symbol)

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

**ANCIENT INDIAN WORDS OF WISDOM**

**WHEN TO BE SILENT - a few practical tips**

1. Be silent - in the heat of anger.

2. Be silent - when you don't have all the facts.
3. Be silent - when you haven't verified the story.
4. Be silent - if your words will offend a weaker Person.
5. Be silent - when it is time to listen.
6. Be silent - when you are tempted to make light of holy things.
7. Be silent - when you are tempted to joke about sin.
8. Be silent - if you would be ashamed of your word later.
9. Be silent - if your words would convey the wrong impression.
10. Be silent - if the issue is none of your business.
11. Be silent - when you are tempted to tell an outright lie.
12. Be silent - if your words will damage someone else's reputation.
13. Be silent - if your words will damage a friendship.
14. Be silent - when you are feeling critical.
15. Be silent - if you can't say it without screaming.
16. Be silent - if your words will be a poor reflection of your friends and family.
17. Be silent - if you may have to eat your words later.
18. Be silent - if you have already said it more than one time.
19. Be silent - when you are tempted to flatter a wicked person.
20. Be silent - when you are supposed to be working instead.
21. Be silent - when your words do not do any good to anyone including yourself.
22. Also ....

Be silent - When you are with stupid people.

"WHOEVER GUARDS HIS TONGUE KEEPS HIS SOUL AWAY FROM TROUBLES"

**David Nirikshana Rao:** □□

**'MEMORIES & MEMOIRS' - Annexure- 2D**

**'అనుభవాలు & అనుభూతులు' - అనుబంధం - 2D**

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**ప్రిన్సిపాల్ డా II మానుకొండ జార్జ్ థామస్ (Dr. MGT) గారి గురించి: (Contd...)**

**PET BIRD - TALKING PARROT:**

**Dr.MGT** గారింట్లో గేట్ శబ్దం కాగానే, 'వసంతా' అంటూ ఒక high pitched voice ఇంట్లోని వారందరిని alert చేసేది. ప్రిన్సిపాల్స్ బంగాళా గ్రీల్స్ - వరండా దాటి లోపలి వెళ్ళే, డ్రాయింగ్ హాల్లో ఒక పంజరం కనిపిస్తుంది.

ఆ పంజరంలో మాట్లాడే రామ చిలుక ఉండేది. మనం 'హలో' అంటే 'హలో' అనేది. 'గుడ్ మానింగ్' చెబితే గుడ్ 'మానింగ్' చెప్పేది.

ఆ రోజుల్లో ఇంగ్లీష్ లెక్చరర్ జెట్టి స్టాన్లీ ఐజయ్య (JSI) గారు Dr. థామస్ గారికి పేపర్ వాల్యుయేషన్ లో 'స్పెషల్ అసిస్టెంట్'గా ఉంటూ, ఆ రామ చిలుకకు కొన్ని 'తిట్లు' నేర్పడానికి 'తుంటరి' ప్రయత్నం చేయడం, థామస్ గారు ఆ సంగతి కనిపెట్టి వారించడం, ఆ సంగతి స్టాన్లీ గారే నాకు చెప్పడం బాగా గుర్తు.

రామ చిలుకకు మాటలు నేర్పడం అంటే ఎంత ఓర్పు, ఎంత నేర్పు కావాలో ఊహించండి! అవి థామస్ గారిలో పుష్కలంగా ఉన్నాయనడానికి ఇదొక మంచి ఉదాహరణ!

#### FIRST FAMILY:

'ఫస్ట్ ఫామిలీ ఆఫ్ ది కాలేజీ', 'ఫస్ట్ లేడి ఆఫ్ ది కాలేజీ' అనే పదాలు నేను వారి కాలంలోనే విన్నాను, నేర్చుకున్నాను. కాలేజీలో, హాస్టల్స్ లో అనేక ఫంక్షన్స్ లో ఈ పదాలు తరచుగా వినబడేవి. ప్రతి ఆదివారం సాయంత్రం 6 గంటలకు Heyer Hall compound లోని St. Matthew's Churchలో జరిగే ఇంగ్లీష్ ఆరాధనలకు Dr. MGT గారు, కుటుంబ సమేతంగా వచ్చి మొదటి వరుసలో కూర్చునేవారు. వారి ముగ్గురు పిల్లలకు అప్పట్లో 10-12 సంవత్సరాలుండేవి. వారిని చక్కగా డ్రెస్సు చేసికొని తెచ్చి, 'ఫస్ట్ ఫామిలీ' అంటే ఇలా ఉండాలి అని చెప్పకయే చెప్పేవారు!

#### FAVOURITE CINE PAIR:

Dr. MGT గారికి అక్కినేని నాగేశ్వరరావు - సావిత్రి జంటగా నటించిన సినిమాలంటే ఎంతో ఇష్టమట. వారు నటించిన తాలుకు పాటలను కూడా వింటూ ఆనందించేవారట. అన్నట్లు, Dr. థామస్ గారు తన పెళ్ళికి ముందే, ఎవర్ని చేసుకుంటారో ఇంకా తెలియకముందే, దాదాపు 50-60 శారీస్ కొనిపెట్టి ఉంచారని రెబ్బా హయర్ పాల్ (RHP) గారు నాకు చెప్పారు. వారింట్లో ఒక పెద్ద పియానో ఉండేది. ఒక క్రీస్మస్ కు, అందరూ స్టాఫ్ మెంబర్స్ తో 'THE ROBE' అనే డ్రామా వేయించారు. అలాగే వారి కాలంలో 'క్రీస్మస్ పేజెంట్' కు వ్యాఖ్యాత శ్రీ V. లూథర్ ఐజక్ (VLI) గారు 'In the beginning' అని ప్రారంభించగానే 'దేవుడే మాట్లాడుతున్నాడా' అన్నట్టుగా అంతా నిశ్శబ్దం ఆవరించేది!

#### FAVOURITE BREAKFAST:

దాదాపు వంద సంవత్సరాలు జీవించిన Dr. MGT గారి ఆరోగ్య రహస్యం మిత భోజనం, ముఖ్యంగా వారి 'స్పెషల్ బ్రేక్ ఫాస్ట్' నట!

ముందు రోజు రాత్రి ఒక చిన్న పాత్రలో వండిన అన్నంలో, పాలు పోసి, మజ్జిగ తోడు పెట్టి, పెద్ద ఉల్లిపాయల ముక్కలు వేసి ఉంచేవారు. ఉదయానికల్లా తయారైన ఆ పెరుగన్నమే వారి ఆరోగ్య రహస్యమని



హయర్ పాల్ గారే నాకు చెప్పారు. Dr. MGT గారికి కాకర కాయ వేపుడు అంటే కూడా చాలా ఇష్టం. అప్పట్లో కాల్జీ వెజిటేరియన్ భోజనాల ఇన్ ఛార్జ్ శ్రీ S. ముద్దు కృష్ణ (SMK) గారు, అప్పటినుండి 'కాకర కాయ్ ఫ్రయ్ ' తప్పనిసరి ఐటం చేశారు.

### MAGNANIMITY:

Dr. MGT గారి tenure లో అద్భుతమైన Science & Arts Exhibition ఏర్పాటు చేయించారు. జిల్లా మొత్తం నుండి బస్సుల్లో స్కూల్ పిల్లలు వచ్చేవాళ్ళు. Chemistry కి సంబంధించి మేమెంతో కష్టపడ్డాం. మా ఒక్క డిపార్ట్మెంట్ 25 మంది. ఒక జూనియర్ కాల్జీ మొత్తం స్టాఫ్ కన్నా ఎక్కువ! అప్పుడు మా HOD Dr. పినపాటి ప్రభుదాస్ (PPD) గారు. ఇద్దరిద్దరు స్టాఫ్ ని ఒక టీం గా చేశారు. నేను జమ్మలమడుక భవభూతి శర్మ (JBS) గారు ఒక టీం. ఓవరల్ సూపర్విజన్ వలపర్ల డేవిడ్ ప్రతాప్ ప్రసాదరావ్ (VDP) గారు. Chemistryలో ఏ Branch కి సంబంధిన సమస్యనైనా ఇట్టే విప్పిచెప్పగల దిట్ట VDP గారు. 'అన్నా' అంటూ అందరం గౌరవంగా పిలిచేవాళ్ళం. మా టీం రూపొందించిన 'Chemical Volcano', Disappearing Beaker', 'Blushing Baby' నాకు బాగా గుర్తు!

క్షమించాలి. నాతో వచ్చిన చిక్కె యిది. మళ్ళీ స్వగతం లోకి వెళ్ళిపోయా !

Exhibition జరుగుతున్న ఒక రోజు, Dr. MGT గారు మాలో ఒక సీనియర్ మెంబర్ని (Name withheld) ఒక పరుష పదంతో మందలించారని తెలిసి, వేంటనే మేమంతా పనులు మానేసి, లాట్స్ నుండి బయటకు వచ్చేసాం. సంగతి తెలిసికొన్న మా HOD Dr. PPD గారు, Dr. MGT గారి దగ్గరకు వెళ్లి వారికి ఈ విషయం చెప్పారు. Dr. థామస్ గారు స్వయంగా మా వద్దకు వచ్చి, "Who heard me say that?" అని అడిగారు. ఒక క్షణం మౌనం. అప్పుడు మాలో దాదాపు జూనియర్ మోస్ట్ P. Ch . థామస్ (PCT) గారు ముందుకు వచ్చి, "నేను విన్నాను సర్!" అన్నాడు. అప్పుడు ప్రెస్సిపాల్ గారు "If Thomas says so, I accept it." అయితే నేనన్న పదం ఇది. మీరనుకున్నది ఇది. (Both words similar sounding, but withheld, - వారు అన్న పదంలో sting లేదు). "Whatever, Since I hurt you all so much, I am very sorry!". అదీ వారి పెద్ద మనసు!!

Dr. థామస్ గారి Funeral Service లో కళాశాల తరుపున శ్రద్ధాంజలి ఘటించే భాగ్యం నాకు దక్కింది. ఆ తర్వాత 2 రోజులకు విజయవాడ SRR కాల్జీలో ఇంగ్లీష్ లెక్చరర్ గా పనిచేస్తున్న శ్రీ నెల్సన్ గారు (Dr . థామస్ గారి వీరాభిమాని) నన్ను అభినందిస్తూ ఒక లెటర్ వ్రాసారు. ఆ మహనీయుని జీవితానికి కొంతైనా న్యాయం చేయగలిగానని, అది నాకు సంతృప్తిని కలిగించింది.

ఓపిగ్గా చదివిన మీ అందరికీ నా నిండు వందనాలు !

(సమాప్తం)

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□□□□ (Claps, Thumb up, Namaskaram, Bouquets)

అయ్యో! డా. ఎంజీటీ గారి గురించి మీ కథనాలను అపుడే ముగించేశారే! అనిపించింది సర్ సమాప్తం చూడగానే.

అరుదైన అపురూపమైన డా. థామస్ గారి వ్యక్తిత్వాన్ని, సంస్కారాన్ని మీ కథనాలద్వారా చక్కగా ఆవిష్కరించినందుకు, మాబోటివారికి అనిర్వచనీయమైన ఆనందాన్ని కలిగించినందుకు మీకు వేనవేల వందనాలు.□□□□□□□□□□ (Namaskarams, Bouquets)

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

Gold unearthed. Hidden treasures exposed and brought out. God bless you **Nirikshan Rao** for letting us know the hitherto unknown marvels.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Thank you so much Ravindrakumar sir, for your instant appreciation & encouragement !  
God bless!!

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Immensely grateful for your ready & unique appreciation coming especially from you sir, my favorite, favorite speaker **Sri. K. Anil Kumar** garu!

God bless!!

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

As Ravindra kumar, a distinguished alumnus felt we may also feel that episodes on **Dr. MGT** are coming to a close. No, No. It is an endless saga of excellence and idealism. It is an ever flowing river of continuity to eternity. More and more will add on and on as times pass by. **Nirikshan** my appreciation once again. At the same time my love and thanks to Sri. Ravindrakumar from Chirala who echoes spontaneously and naturally all these most interesting narrations.

**David Nirikshana Rao writes:** □□□

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:** □□□□□□

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:**

**\*RUN YOUR OWN RACE...\***

I was jogging this morning and I noticed a person about half a km ahead. I could guess he was running a little slower than me and I felt good, I said to myself I will try catch up with him. I had about a km before I needed to turn off. So I started running faster and faster.

Every block, I was gaining on him just a little bit. After just a few minutes I was only about 300 feet behind him, so I really picked up the pace and pushed myself.

You would have thought I was running in the last leg of an Olympic competition. I was determined to catch up with him.

Finally, I did it! I caught up and passed him. Inwardly I felt very good. "I beat him". Of course, he didn't even know we were racing.

After I passed him, I realized I had been so focused on competing against him that I had missed my turn to my house. I had gone nearly six blocks past my turn and I had to turn and go back.

It then dawned on me, isn't that what happens in life when we focus on competing with co-workers, neighbours, friends, family, trying to outdo them or trying to prove that we are more successful or more important and in the bargain we miss on our happiness within our own surroundings?

\*We spend our time and energy running after them and we miss out on our own paths to our given destination. The problem with unhealthy competition is that it's a never ending cycle.\*

\*There will always be somebody ahead of you, someone with a better job, nicer car, more money in the bank, more education, a prettier wife, a more handsome husband, better behaved children, better circumstances and better conditions etc. But one important realisation is that 'You can be the best that you can be, when you are not competing with anyone.'\*

\*Some people are insecure because they pay too much attention to what others are, where others are going, wearing and driving. Take whatever you have, the height, weight and personality. Dress well and wear it proudly, you are blessed. Stay focused and live a healthy life. There is no competition in Destiny. Each has his own.\*

### **\*COMPARISON IS THE THIEF OF JOY\***

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

Very nice **GVLNS**. We learn a lot from these. Life after all is a continuous process of learning and unlearning.

Good.

**Ganapathi Chavali writes:**

It is a guiding line for righteous living and is a scale of standard□

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

If DESIRES override DEVOTION.. FAITH is the first victim to Suffer....

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

If our EXPRESSIONS fail to reflect completely our THOUGHTS..... it is not FAILURE...

If our THOUGHTS find all the words

For EXPRESSION.... then the THOUGHTS are undoubtedly POOR....

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□□□□ (Well said, Thumb up, Claps, Bouquet)

**Alexander Daniel Sunad writes:** □□□□□□ (Well said2, Thumb up2, Claps2)

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-62

Life is an opportunity. It is for us to blossom basking in the divine grace. The life is so designed to grow and spread the joy everywhere we go and move about. It is sharing and caring indeed. The all dimensional growth is an indication of success. It is in this sense I said that **LIFE IS AN OPPORTUNITY**. Very few understand this as we are lopsided or unidimensional. **ANDHRA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE** has to its credit many who achieved these multifaceted aspects of life and made a mark in the history of the institution.

Very unusual that a man is traditional, orthodox, while at the same time ultra modern. It is amazing to note that one can be at his best in academics, dramatics, literature and music! The life is full of fun and a celebration. Time for humour is necessary, though seriousness of purpose remains unshattered.

Material success and spiritual growth are seldom together for which perfect balance is needed. A person with all these features and characteristics is one among us by name **Sri Thigulla Srinivasan- TSN** of the **Department of Chemistry**.

**Sri. TSN** stood outstanding in his studies. I remember that he got 1st Class both in his mains **CHEMISTRY** and also subsidiaries **BIOLOGY** in graduation. He also passed in distinction in his post graduate studies. As a student he was very brilliant. He served as a Demonstrator after his graduation. I was doing my Final Year Degree. Later he joined our College as a full fledged Lecturer in Chemistry and must have served for more than three decades or even four.

**Sri. TSN** is a very popular lecturer and authored books for undergraduate students. He is one of the elegantly dressed gentlemen. A friendly, jovial man and a good conversationalist. One certainly likes his company.

It is really providential that he spent precious moments with **Sir CV. Raman**, Noble laureate in Physics. Nice to have had a photo with him too. Lucky **TSN** has a reason to feel proud of it. Fortune favoured him a step further that made him spend most valuable time with **Mother Theresa**, again a Noble laureate. He did his M. Sc. from **Vikram University** under **Prof. Dr. Christopher, D. Sc., FRSC**, an internationally renowned figure in Chemistry. God has blessed him in all these rare opportunities.

**Sri. TSN** served as a Director, **Dramatic Association** of our College for a couple of years with **Sri. Christopher** of Philosophy as his Associate Director. He invited most famous cine artists to visit our College like **Sri. Vijayachandra, Smt. Thulasi, Smt. Poornima, Sri. Dhulipalla, Sri. Sudhakar** etc.

**Sri. TSN** served as a Director **Social Service Association** and he invited **Smt. Konda Parvathi**, a social worker and a patriot. She is the daughter of a great patriot **Sri. Konda Venkatappayya Pantulu**. **Sri. TSN** has to be credited for inviting **Smt. Tenneti Hemalatha**, a very very popular writer in Telugu literature.

**Sri. TSN** pursued spiritual journey and has attained a standard of his own. He was initiated by **His Holiness Viswananda**, a disciple of **His Holiness Swami Sivananda** of **Hrushikesh**. **TSN**, surprisingly, in spite of being a student of Chemistry, could write a book, a compilation of a few cantos from **Srimadbhagawatham**.

Above all, a friend to be coveted. A very cheerful, creative TSN is as before quite healthy, caring for dresses, movies, music and literature. I being his close friend feel proud of him. May His preceptor and God almighty bless him and family forever.

**TSN!** You can relax and feel highly satisfied, complacent as you and all of us look back and recall your rich contribution to our dear College, for years to come. **God Bless You, Sri. TSN.**

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

శ్రీ టీఎస్ఎస్ గారి పేరులోని తమిళ వాసన వల్ల వారు తమిళ మూలాలు కలవారేమోననుకొనే వాళ్ళం. గురువు గారివద్ద సాంబశివపేట మొదటి లైన్ చివర సరస్వతీ పిక్చర్ ప్యాలెస్ వెనుక ఒక మోటార్ మెకానిక్ బిల్డింగ్ పై భాగంలో వేప చెట్టునీడన రేకుల పైకప్పుగల చిన్న గదిలో ట్యూషన్ కు వెళ్లే వాళ్ళం. ఇరుకైన ఆ గదిలో కొంచెం గాలి ఆడక ఒకరిద్దరు మిత్రులు గురువుగారిని ఫాన్ పెట్టించండి అనడగితే, "ఓకే, గ్రాంటెడ్. వాట్ మోర్ యు వాంట్?" అంటుండేవారు. ఇప్పటికీ అప్పటి మా మిత్రులం కలసినపుడు శ్రీ టీఎస్ఎస్ ప్రస్తావన వస్తే ఈ విషయాన్నే గుర్తుచేసుకుని నవ్వుకుంటుంటాం.

ట్యూషన్ పిల్లలందరికీ సంవత్సరం చివర్లో గురువుగారు పాత గుంటూరులో వారి ఇంటివద్ద చిన్న పార్టీ ఇస్తే హాజరయ్యాను.

మళ్ళీరాని ఆ రోజులను, మధుర క్షణాలను మన కాలేజీని ఇలా మీ మెమోయిర్స్ ద్వారా తలచుకోగలగటం, ఏసీకాలేజీలో చదువుకోగలిగిన అదృష్టం మరోసారి కలిగినట్లనిపిస్తోంది. మీకివే నా కృతజ్ఞతాపూర్వక నమస్సులు.

**Ganapathi Chavali writes:**

**Sri. TSN** garu is a lecturer with low tone, steady and stable in his lectures and expressions, appeared to be lullabies to a child, and gave us relief in learning with ease. It is true that the mother teaches the baby about the world around, through her songs, and makes the child that there is somebody with him and I am safe. **Sri. TSN** was successful in giving us the same feel.

He is a highly spiritual and ever smiling. As our friend Ravindra rightly said we had the access with him and were permitted freely to express our discomforts in pursuing comforts.

**K. Shouraiyah writes:**

Thank you for memorizing **Sri. T S N**

**Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

Wonderful writing on one of my favorite teachers in Chemistry Department of our College. He made the subject simple & his notes very useful to students. Very active faculty member, good teacher & played active role in co-curricular activities of our College.

Thank you sir.

Regards.

**V. Giri (Visakhapatnam) writes:**

I am very fortunate to know about **Sri. TSN garu**, mavayagaru wn I am reading your article I felt as if I am there at that time. □□□

**Anita writes:**

A very simple, jovial, affectionate teacher.

Every one of my teachers in our College is unique and I am blessed and proud of my gurus. God bless them. □□□□□□

**MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-63**

Work is worship. Duty is God. Excellence and perfection at work decide the level of a teacher or any professional for that matter. Fruits speak of the greatness of the tree. Our students stand for our stature. A true teacher not only impresses by his expertise in teaching but also his movements, body language, art of teaching, expressions and even gestures. **Andhra Christian College** is the divine educational institution blessed with a galaxy of teachers who shine and glitter forever among student community.

Short but gigantic in stature, soft spoken, gifted with a smiling face always seen fresh, be that first hour or last hour of the day and maintained same dress- full shirt tucked in, wearing shoe, well polished of course, and does any assigned duty, diligently, devotedly to perfection and a favourite of all students in and around Guntur and many from all districts in the state, may be a few from other states and abroad, is our dear **Sri. Abdul Muzeer-AMR, Department of Chemistry**. He and **TSN** are classmates and contemporaries, worked in our College till the end of their service.

**Sri. Muzeer** totally focussed his attention on teaching and known as the **Best Teacher**, particularly offering coaching to Medical and Engineering Entrance students. I know some making reservation for coaching under him well in advance, even a year. I also know many big guns, professionals, top officials who are particular to get their children taught by him.

Even for regular private tuitions admission is given on marks basis and sometimes recommendations from high levels are also common. **Sri. Abdul Muzeer** is a most successful man as a teacher. God has blessed him with an opportunity to work with **Sri. RCR** of Physics, **Dr. TS. Rama Rao** of Hindu College Department of Botany and **Sri. Yesuratnam**, Department of Zoology from PBN College, Nidubrolu as a team. This combination was most sought after by students. All the four are highly accomplished and very popular.

We find **Sri. Abdul Muzeer** standing near Room No. 4 on the day of our College anniversary, in charge of cool drinks offered to students along with refreshments. He, **Sri. TSN** and **Sri. SMK** are second to none in this area. No complaint any time, no confusion any time and perfection is the end result each year. **Sri. Abdul Muzeer** is a friend of all. He talks less in soft voice, calculated, non-controversial person.

He was our senior and served as a Demonstrator when I was in Third Year Degree. He did his Masters from **Banaras Hindu University**. He is liked by all the successive Heads of the Department of Chemistry.

I know him as a student and he, **Sri. BRRB** and I joined in the same year 1963 on June 15th when **Dr. Williams** was the Principal.

I remember very well **Dr. Ch. I. Varadanam garu** in our College Assembly Hall during one of the sessions asking a few students seated in the front row to get up. **Dr. Ch. I. V.** proudly announced that all of his Chemistry main students secured first classes. There was a thunderous applause in the College Auditorium. Among them are **Sri. TSN** and **Sri. AMR**.

If I am to say so I would put it this way. In Telugu films two are most popular stars, each having fans in equal number, one is **Sri. NTR** and the other is **Sri. ANR**. I consider **Mr. TSN** and **Mr. AMR** as **NTR** and **ANR** in the film world of Chemistry.

Both are doing fine and are my close friends.

I wish and pray for their long healthy and spiritual life.

**Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

Dear Anil sir,

I am so happy to go over what you have written about **Sri. AMR**. I was fortunate to be his student in B. Sc. where he taught Organic Chemistry. Mesmerising teaching! Subject made so simple. He is one of the BEST teachers in Chemistry in the entire AU area.

My regards to him & to you specially sir for writing on the GEMS (teachers) of our *Alma Mater*. Reminiscences & nostalgic.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

Dear Anil Kumar Sir,

In my 5 year long student life in our College, though I did not have an opportunity to listen to **Sri. Muzir Sir's** lectures, on a few occasions I had a chance to hear Sir's mellifluous voice, so sweet and soft. Sir looks gentle to the core.

Your vivid portraying of **Sri. AMR** and comparing the duo, **TSN** and **AMR** with the stalwarts of Telugu Silver Screen is very apt!

I love your writing and presentation style.

My sincere thanks to you Sir for bringing back those days to our memory. □□

**Dr. K Sarada Devi writes:** □□

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

The name '**MUZEER**' is the 'Magic Mantra' for EAMCET students for over 2 decades! That was before the days when the corporate institutions spread their tentacles in a vice like grip, suffocating the rest!

Getting an admission in Intermediate science group is one thing and getting an admission in **Mr. Muzeer's** tuition is an entirely different thing. If you get a seat with him, the rest is easy & automatic - be it the 'coaching quartet' for the Medical entrance (**Messrs AMR, RCR, TSRR, ChYR**) or the 'tuition triad' for Engineering entrance (**Messrs AMR, RCR, PSS/ MVLNK**). I must place on record my deep gratitude for the Quartet for coaching both my daughters, that too without charging me single paise!

In spite of his high popularity, **Mr. Abdul Muzeer (AMR)** remains simple & humble! He was my teacher in my PUC and later my senior colleague in the Department.

While everyone talks about his exceptional teaching, **Mr. Muzeer** always speaks about his own exceptional teacher in High School- **Mr. Subba Rao** of Tuni, who taught him English. He fondly remembers how **Mr. Subba Rao** instilled in him the love for the language and its grammar. Needless to say, that **Mr. Muzeer** speaks & writes precise English. Before he got fully engaged in EAMCET coaching, he used to be a famous Inter-collegiate Science Quiz Master. He would always remind us to frame the questions in such a way that there is no possibility for a different answer! I think this precision in thought & speech made him the super teacher that he is. No wonder, he was chosen to be the Co-author of the Academy Textbook 'Collegiate Chemistry for Intermediate students' in English, published in two volumes.

**Mr. Muzeer's** physical appearance changed considerably recently. He is sporting a salt & pepper beard and wearing his pants way above his ankles, having returned from **Haj**. All along he is pious and devout individual. Whenever we ask any questions about **Quran**, his eyes would light up, and he would gently and pleasantly explain everything he knows!

Thank you so very much **Sri. Anilkumar garu** for presenting a picture perfect panoramic view of **Mr. Muzeer** and all others!

I like the **NTR, ANR** symbolism between **Messers TSN & AMR**. I venture to add one more symbolism for the Duo. Whereas one gives us a telescopic view encompassing vast areas, the other presents a microscopic magnified view of a specific item!

Interestingly the third letter in both their initials is not an abbreviation of a word in their names, but the ending letter of their first name itself!

Thank you **Mr. Koteswara Rao Mandali & Mr. Ravindrakumar Chilakapati** for your reminiscences!

God bless **Mr. Abdul Muzeer!**

God bless you all!!

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

Dear Nirikshana Rao Sir,

Your supplementations to Anil Kumar Sir's write-ups are simply superb. You both make a perfect complementary pair in bringing out the widely unknown dimensions of the past faculty members of our College to the fore. Not only that Sir, your interpretation and lucid style add a fresh flavour to your supplements. You please continue to write and enthrall our group members.

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**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao:** □□□

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

I am on top of the world by going through the echo-supplements so faithfully and lovingly written by **Sri. David Nirikshan Rao**. By virtue of the content and also style of



presentation they are very interesting. Aptly Sri. Ravindrakumar Chilakapati responds equally, gifted with expression in both the languages. It may sound audacious if I say that more than Shakespeare's writings, editions by Deighton, Verity, and Warwick are more popular and bring out the heart of the author himself. That way I am overwhelmed by these supplementations so nicely and sweetly written by **Sri. Nirikshan Rao, Sri. Ravindra Chilakapati, Sri. Ganapathy, Sri. GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao, Dr. Anitha, Sri. Mandali Koteswar Rao, Sri. RRSSD, Sri. Ezra, Sri. Rajendra Kumar and Sri. Nirmal Kumar**. May God shower His choicest blessings on everyone.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:** □□□

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-64

### YOU ARE A RAINBOW

The entire world is a stage. Men and women are mere actors as Shakespeare puts it wisely. The truth is known as years pass by and age advances. However the divine director **God** will be happy and bless if we play our role well to **His** expectations.

Life is a **dream - realise** it. Life is **love - share** it.

Life is a comprehensive totality. It offers myriad ways of manifestation and expression. It expects full blossoming in every way for all the gifts we are blessed with. Total integrated personality is the sign of a successful career.

How am I to reconcile with the fact that my childhood classmate turns into my colleague for a quarter century?

How am I to digest the truth that we in shorts and shirts have grown over a period of time wearing suits? Can I imagine that a student of my father late **Sri. Kamaraju Bapayya garu**, M.A., M.Sc. (Hons.), B. Ed., DLSC, who joined the faculty of **AL. College Of Education** after retirement becomes my colleague?

As I bring back to memory all these, I understand the truth that **LIFE IS A DREAM**. How years passed and the way we are blessed is amazing and at times incomprehensible. He was a boy, cute, chubby of ripe mango complexion (and his father, a doctor, a great philanthropist), has now shaped himself into an unbelievable stature with all attainments and achievements. Purely by his honesty, credibility, sense of responsibility, accountability, reliability, sincerity, ability, sportsmanship and spirit of teamwork made him occupy all exalted positions everywhere- academic service, religious and social organizations-local and global.

Guess who he is? You don't need much time because he is the only one that fits into the narration above. He is our dear dear **Sri. Goparaju Lakshmi Narasimha Sanjeeva Rao,- Sri. GVLNS**. Rtd. Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of our great **Andhra Christian College**.

**GVLNS** and I studied in **Sri. Majety Guravayya High School**, 6th Line, Brodiepet, Guntur. He carried a bag if my memory is correct with books to school. He also had for a long time earrings that boys wear (తెవిపోగులు in Telugu). He also had vermilion or kumkum on his

forehead and most often wore slack or half shirts and chappals. But I also saw him in suits on special occasions. **Goodwill** to all and ill will to none is the life pattern of **GVLNS**.

We accost each other "**YERA- యీర**" since we are friends from high school days. He served as a Demonstrator in Physics Department in response to the invitation from no less than **CVP**, Head of the **Department of Physics**. He also did B. Ed. in **AL. College of Education** during which time he was my father's student. He joined our College as a full fledged lecturer in the year 1966 and worked till 2003.

Every academic year begins with his green signal as he is associated with **Time-Tables** and had to oblige many faculty members. No anniversary celebration without his key role in the **Prize Distribution Committee** headed by **Sri. RCR** and **Sri. KHR** as a member.

He was the First President of **Affiliated College Teachers Association-Andhra Christian College Unit**. He served at a time when it was challenging and an uphill task. **Dr. PPD** was the Secretary, if I am not wrong.

He organized a general strike assisted by **Sri. CJR** and **Sri. MVNS**. **Sri. GVLNS** was the Executive Secretary of our **Alumni Association** and was instrumental in awarding silver medals to best students in academics. He organized several quiz competitions assisted by **Sri. CVLNM**.

**Mr. GVLNS** is a man of service. He worked closely with **Sri. LRK** in repair works undertaken in a big way when the College campus was hit by cyclone and solicited funds from **Sri. JV** now settled in **USA**, with **Mr. KRCP** and **Sri. Stanley Isaiah** as team members.

**Sri. GVLNS** rose to the level of the President **Rotary Club** of Guntur. Very interesting to note that he was the Secretary of **Red Cross International Guntur Branch**. We are glad to know that **Sri. GVLNS** was the Secretary of **Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Guntur**. He was the President of **Theosophical Society** and organized several service camps under its auspices. Very lucky he is, to have played Tennis with **Dr. MGT** and **Dr. Hiram**! **GVLNS** was associated with chess competitions and interested in crossword puzzles.

**SANJEEVI!** You have accomplished everything in life. You are a trusted friend. Good that you are enjoying your time relaxed after retirement playing with your grandchild.

We are happy as your colleague and a friend and the institution will certainly feel proud of you.

We wish you a long healthy peaceful spiritual life.

We joyfully and gratefully recollect our long association and our sweet memories for years to come.

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:** □□□□□

## MEMORIES & MEMOIRS-65

### LOVE ALL SERVE ALL

Service and love are inseparable, interrelated, interdependent and intertwined. Love without service is a slogan, political and meaningless. Service without love is mechanical, repetitive, conditioned, programmed, monotonous, boring and robot like.

Hence love and service should go together and simultaneous. Service is an opportunity and a great blessing. "**I have come to serve and not to be served**" is a famous, oft repeated, well known quote. "**Hands That Serve Are Holier Than The Lips That Pray**". It is for this reason that missionaries started education and health centres; and served by establishing schools, Colleges, orphanages, homes for the destitute, homes for the aged and hospitals.

We have one calm, silent, service minded gentleman filled with love, jumping at every opportunity of service nay even suffocate you with his love. At the same time he is very efficient in teaching both at home and College campus. He blends his teaching with values so that there is an extra element in his style of functioning as a teacher. He is a good friend, philosopher and guide in spirit and letter. He may be short in physique but tall in stature, ever willing never failing, trusted friend with a great sense of responsibility and commitment. He is none other than **Sri. S. Muddu Krishna** of the **Department of Chemistry**, who served loyally our College for nearly four decades. All principals and staff availed his services in every way. He is a trusted friend. **Sri. Muddu Krishna** is one of the most loving persons. Joined as a Demonstrator in Chemistry, he later served as a lecturer.

**Sri. S. Muddu Krishna** is innovative and creative. Good to recall that he started and ran the **Tea and Newspaper Club** in the Department. **Sri. S. Muddu Krishna** is a man of trust and responsibility which made him serve as the Treasurer of **Andhra Christian College Teachers' Association** for several years. He sat along with others under the tent when strike was organized.

He desired to encourage students in Debating and Elocution by awarding cash prizes, sponsored by **Sri. Guttikonda Narahari Chowdary**. So with the help of other colleagues he could organize annually Debating Competitions and present cash awards to our students.

The **Department of Physical Education** was also benefitted by his services. Sponsored by **Sri. G.Anjaneyulu**, a scholarship was instituted in which **Sri. SMK** took active part in announcing the names of the awardees each year. For the best outgoing Brahmin student from our College **Sri. Subba Rao garu** sponsored scholarship and the interest accrued on the corpus fund was presented in which **Sri. GVLNS** and **Sri. SMK** worked hand in hand. This project has a corpus fund of about Rs.50,000/-.

**Sri. SMK** won the heart of **Dr. MGT**, the then Principal who suspended classes on the day of the wedding of **SMK** and personally attended his marriage accompanied by **Dr. PPD**.

**SMK** along with **TSN** spoke felicitating **Sri. Sudhakar** who was chosen by the USA Govt. for his best presentation on **Dilute Solutions** in Chemistry. He assisted **Sri. BCP** in Scholarship Programme and the steps taken in this project fetched huge amounts that enabled the College to increase annual scholarships.

**Sri. SMK** is very friendly with everyone. He served as the Co-convenor for the "**50th Anniversary of our Independence Day**" with **Dr. TAR** as the Convener.

**One thing interesting** is that **Sri. SMK** was in charge of our College Dinners Vegetarian Section.

**Sri. SMK** was presented and honoured by the Hon'ble **GOVERNOR, Govt.of A.P.** for his valuable services to the **RED CROSS SOCIETY**.

This is all his biodata. But as I know he was almost a shadow of **Sri. GVLNS**. A wonderful, inseparable combination and together worked and accomplished many things.

You would also interestingly notice that **Sri. SMK** looked after the treasury finances and accounting in all fields of his activity. This speaks of volumes of trust he enjoyed among all wherever he worked.

But every one hesitates to meet him because on one account or other he reminds of your dues. So he is **Chithra Gupta** of our College.

**Mrs. SMK** untiringly and continuously serves him, taking care of him like an eyelid. The **SMK Couple** is blessed with two sons the like of whom are very very rare. The two boys are full of love, concern and service to him. They address all the friends of **SMK** as "**mamayya**" that **Sri. SMK** is now at Bangalore with his son, daughter in law and grand child. His wife is ever vigilant to serve him as he has some health issues.

**Muddu Krishna**, we love you and we pray for you and your family so that you will have a long healthy spiritual life.

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao** writes:

I am very happy to see the great ness of **SMK**. **SMK** is a very courageous person and he used to deal with many arrogant and rowdy elements who are one foot or more in height than him when occasion arises.

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao** writes:

**SMK** never left a class before the bell is rung.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati** writes:

డియర్ సర్,

అనితర సాధ్యమైన ప్రయోగాన్ని ఆరంభించి, మన కళాశాలలో తమవైన విశిష్ట సేవలనందించిన అలనాటి మేటి వ్యక్తుల గురించి ఈ విధంగా ఆ తరంవారికి ఆ మధురక్షణాలను గుర్తుకు తెస్తూ, ఈ తరంవారికి స్ఫూర్తిమంతమైన అనేక విషయాలకు అక్షర రూపమిస్తూ, మీరు కళాశాలను వీడి దాదాపు మూడు దశాబ్దాలు కావస్తున్నప్పటికీ నిన్న మొన్ననాటి సంఘటనలుగా మీ జ్ఞాపకాలను ఈ రచనా పరంపర ద్వారా మాకందిస్తూ చేస్తున్న ఈ సేవ, తరచూ తమ స్పందనల ద్వారా వారివారి అనుబంధాలను స్మరించుకొంటూ మరికొందరు పెద్దలు, ఇంకొందరు మిత్రులు అందిస్తున్న సమాచారం మనందరికీ మన మాతృసంస్థపట్లగల అవ్యాజ్యమైన ప్రేమానుబంధాలకు ఋజువుగా నేను భావిస్తున్నాను. ఇందరిలో ఒక సంచలనాన్ని రేకెత్తించిన మీ ధారావాహికకు ఇవే నా జేజేలు.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula** writes:

నోటినిండా ఆప్యాయత, మనసునిండా సామాజిక సేవా చింతన, గుండెనిండా భక్తి భావన, గంట నిండా పాఠ్య బోధన.. ఇవీ మా ముద్దు కృష్ణ మాష్టారంటే!

వారి పూర్తి పేరు సంగడిగుంట ముద్దు కృష్ణ (SMK). తమిళులకు తండ్రి పేరే ఇంటి పేరంటారు. మరి ఈ 'సంగడిగుంట' ఎక్కడి నుండొచ్చింది? చిన్నప్పుడు స్కూల్లో టీచర్ ఇంటిపేరేంటని అడిగితే తామున్న పేట పేరు చెప్పారట, అదే ఇంటిపేరుగా రాశారట!

**ముద్దు కృష్ణ గారు** నా కెమిస్ట్రీ టీచర్, తర్వాత సీనియర్ కొలీజ్. థియరీ క్లాసైనా, ప్రాక్టికల్ క్లాసైనా, ముగించాలంటే గంట కొట్టాలసిందే! ముద్దుగా అందరం 'గంట మాష్టారు' అనే పిలిచేవాళ్ళం!

పాఠం చెప్పడమంటే ఆయనకు అంత ప్రీతి. డాక్టర్ PPD గారికి అనుంగు శిష్యుడు. సొంత కుమారుణ్ణి పిలిచినట్లు, ఆయన ముద్దు కృష్ణ గారిని పిలుస్తూ ఉండేవారు. ఎన్నెన్నో బాధ్యతలు అప్పగించేవారు.

చాలా సంవత్సరాలు రైల్ పేటలో, శ్రీ జమ్మలమడక భవభూతి శర్మ (JBS) గారితో కలసి ప్రకృప్రకృ పోర్టన్స్ ఉండేవారు. JBS గారి తండ్రి, శ్రీ జమ్మలమడక మాధవరామ శర్మ (JMS) గారిని 'మావయ్య గారూ' అంటూ ఆప్యాయంగా పిలుస్తూ, వారివద్ద ఎన్నో విషయాలు నేర్చుకున్నానని చెబుతారు.

మంచి క్రమ శిక్షణ గల జీవితం. తెల్లవారక ముందే, నాలుగు గంటలకే లేచి, నగర సంకీర్తన బృందంతో కలసి భజనల్లో పాల్గొనేవారు. సాయంత్రం సాయి శాంతిసుధ కార్యక్రమాలు, ట్యూషన్లు, సమాజ సేవా పథకాలు. వారికి రోజుకు 36 గంటలుంటాయమో అనిపించేది! అనుకూలవతియైన భార్య దొరకడం వారి అదృష్టం.

'నిరీక్షణ' అని నన్ను ఆప్యాయంగా, నోరారా పిలుస్తారు. బెంగళూరు నుండి గుంటూరు వచ్చారంటే ఇంటినిండా మిత్రులే, అభిమానులే. అది వారి పాపులారిటీ !

అన్నట్టు, ముద్దు కృష్ణ గారికి ఇప్పటికీ 18 పుట్టిన రోజులే ! (ఎందుకంటే వారు ఫిబ్రవరి 29 న పుట్టారు)

దేవుడు ముద్దు కృష్ణ గారిని, వారి సతీమణిని, ఇద్దరు కుమారులను, వారి కుటుంబాలను దీవించుగాక!

దేవుడు శ్రీ అనిల్ కుమార్ గారిని దీవించుగాక!

దేవుడు మీ అందరిని దీవించుగాక!

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□□□□□□

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□

**Anilkumar Kamaraju writes:**

Sai my blessings too to Sivaram on his birthday.

**K V Raju writes:**

I am in Miami. I greet him (Sivaram) if u can give me his phone number my mail id is [vraju.karumuri@gmail.com](mailto:vraju.karumuri@gmail.com)

Sri. Anil Kumar,

I have been waiting for your write up on **Muddu Krishna** since you started this memoirs journey into **AC. College**.

Our age has a spl privilege of GIFT of forgetting. LOSS OF MEMORY - EVERY SENIOR CITIZEN COMPLAINS OF. U R the rarest exception..

We are fortunate share the benefit gift of your computer memory. But surprisingly you remember the minutest details of most distant people even, leave alone dearest & nearest like **SMK**.

AMAZING. IT IS ONLY THAT THE ALMIGHTY GOD WE REVERE MOST gave that polish by grinding it ever shining.

You did that lot lot of seva & deserved it.

I join a little later as I am summoned for lunch (at Miami time now is -45pm)

Muddukrishna used to be like my younger brother since the time he was a student at **AC. College**.

He used to come to me for his personal problems & involved in mine even without any appeal or request. His readiness to rescue people in need of any sort is highly appreciable. One should emulate this quality. It endears him to one and all. I was with him at **AC. College** during 1961-62 and during 1996-97.

During the period I was in Guntur I used to be an invariable guest to his house and vice versa.

He was chief of purohits at my sons marriage and played a key role during the last rites of my wife and all functions and ceremonies in between. He proves indispensable in all academic, service and spiritual activities. He used to be very loyal to the principal whoever he may be.

A good TEACHER ENDOWED WITH REVERBERATING VOICE and clarity of expression. We only wonder how he found time for official, extracurricular, academic work. Home guidance in Chemistry amazing patience, involvement in all religious activities and also in Red Cross, SS Seva works etc. He has a talent of mustering support from all quarters.

He is an ideal leader in his family imposing discipline in his house.

No compromise in making his sons Sai & Sivaram to wake up at 4 am finish bath and sit in pooja room to perform daily family rituals. Thus he paved a way for their comfortable future.

I know some students who were taught by **SMK**, came up very well still remembering him with reverence.

A good teacher a great social service works endowed with command on spiritual ritual events.

And above all an ideal family head, an ideal son to his ailing parents, kind brother & a loving caring husband.

God blessed him enough.

AND WE PRAY THAT HE COMES OUT OF HIS PRESENT AILMENT SOON AND CONTINUE TO INVOLVE IN ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS CHOICE.

Thanks to **Anilkumar garu** for surfacing all the tenets and virtues of our **SMK**.

Sir,

You are a born writer, orator both in English and Telugu. As Ravindra garu mentioned mee memory "another gift of God" is superb. Even after so many years u r able to describe each and every moment of your stay at College. I knew you continued ur association with most of the staff and visited the College whenever there is an opportunity. Sir, u r enabling us to know the multifaceted personalities of our senior staff. I knew **SMK garu** as a good committed teacher. ఆప్యాయంగా పలకరించేవారు. I think sir used to wear white coloured dress only. I am an admirer of your command over language.

ముద్దుకృష్ణకు నేనంటే చాలా గౌరవం. ఇప్పుడుకూడా బెంగుళూరు నుండి ఫోన్ చేసి నా యోగ క్షేమాలు కనుక్కుంటూ ఉంటాడు. ముద్దుకృష్ణ అంటే Sincere Hard work కు మారుపేరు. మా ఇంటిలో పెళ్ళిళ్ళు జరిగినప్పుడు తనంతాను విందు కార్యక్రమాన్ని చక్కగా పర్యవేక్షించేవాడు. నేను **SMK** ని ఎప్పుడూ "ముద్దుగారే యశోదాతనయ" అని పిలుస్తుంటా.

--MVLNK--

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:** ముద్దు కృష్ణ నాన్నగారు సేతురామన్ అనుకుంటా.. అందుకే **SMK** అయింది.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

But in the records it is 'Sangadigunta'. **Mr. SMK** himself told me this. His dad's name being Sethu Raman must be a pleasant & divine coincidence!

**A. రాజేశ్వరి. D/O రామకృష్ణా రావు ఇలా వ్రాస్తున్నారు:** □□

పూజ్యులైన శ్రీ K. అనిల్ కుమార్ సార్ గార్కి సాయిరాం...□□

మీ "MEMORIES & MEMOIRS"లో మహోన్నత వ్యక్తులలో "శ్రీ ముద్దుకృష్ణ సార్"గారి గురించి పరిస్థూ వున్నప్పుడు నా కెంతో ఆనందం కలిగినది. వారి గురించి మీరెప్పుడు లిఖిస్తారో అని నీరిక్షిస్తూ వుండేదానిని. వారు Last week మాకు phone చేసి మా యోగ క్షేమాలను విచారించినారు. □□□□□□  
"స్వామి స్మరణ"లో A. రాజేశ్వరి. D/O రామకృష్ణా రావు.

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar writes:**

He wears traditional dress of silk robes like a typical Brahmin temple priest. He sits and does pooja meticulously, scrupulously and religiously, whispering even Vedic chants. You find vibhuti on his forehead. We don't feel like disturbing him. He receives special attention and the whole ambience turns into a spiritual mood. That is the other dimension in the person of **Sri. S. Muddukrishna**.

He is one hundred percent ritualistic and traditionally conventional. His two sons are Xerox copies of him. I should admit by confessing that I am not ritualistic and that bound by tradition may be because of my Brahma Samaj background. This sometimes displeased **SMK** with me. But we are best friends.

**Sai writes:**

Thank You for introducing me Mamayyagaru. ~Sai

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:**

This boy is the son of our **SMK**. He is a very nice affectionate boy of service. His service to his dad is very rare and exceptional.

I pray God to bless his **SMK** and his family.

**Sai writes:**

I think the only reason why people hold onto memories so tightly is because memories are the only things that don't change when everyone else do □□

**KHR writes:**

Silver rupee coin in your pocket every day given by father. I cannot forget the affection showed to me by your father and mother. As a continuation of that friendship we could again become colleagues in **A.C. College** where we had nice time. Good wishes to your family. Thank you once again. Be in touch with.

Yours

**KV Raju writes:**

**KHR** is my oldest friend (since 1952). First in 1952 me and **KHR** are classmates in Tanuku.

**KHR writes:**

Dear Anil,

I am very much honored and humbled by the hyperbolic praise lavished on me which I feel don't deserve. This is the best compliment and praise received in life from a friend whom I love and value most. According to the saying "Tell me about your friends, I can tell about you," I am blessed to have loving, noble, service oriented, deeply religious friends.

With heartfelt sincere thanks.

## **MEMORIES & MEMOIRS-66**

### **The 3 in 1**

Three 'D's' decide a successful life. They are the indicators of an accomplished life. The three are essential for personality development. They are Duty, Discipline and Devotion. These three Ds in perfect combination, unison and harmony make a person ideal, worth emulation by others. They make you popular, reputed and famous. Absence of one of these three is not a total success or wholistic. We have among us one perfect, ideal role model person who embodies, personifies all the three like an amalgam. He is simple and humble, soft yet strong, silent yet capable of conveying his firm views. He believes more in action than words. He is to be



followed and not merely spoken to. Long association will help us to know his heart as very few words come out of his lips. He is **Sri. Kondepudi Hanumantha Rao** of the **Department of Physics** of our great institution, **Andhra Christian College**.

#### **DUTY:**

**Sri. K. Hanumantha Rao** is highly devoted to duty. This encompasses both regular teaching at home and College premises and in the laboratory and also examination work, extra curricular activities or any such other tasks assigned to him. When once a duty is given to him, we can relax as it will be done to perfection. No publicity, no pomp & show and exhibition. He is a silent worker to the core. In a classroom he is very serious and outside the classroom, if he prefers you may receive a smile from him at the most. If he chooses to talk then one is lucky. His sparkling eyes speak and he walks the talk. It looks as though he weighs every word that he utters. Students love his teaching very much. There will be full attendance listening to his lectures in rapt attention. He is highly knowledgeable with skills of excellence in the art of teaching. I watched him in close quarters as a teacher and I have come to this conclusion by intense, long and focused attention and observation.

As a student from ZP High School from Tanuku, West Godavari, he stood first and won the gold medal. Naturally he must have been a pet student to all the teachers there and considered by his parents as an ideal student. **Sri. Hanumantha Rao** did his graduation at **Govt. Arts College, Rajahmundry**, later did his M. Sc. (Tech.) in **Andhra University**. No surprise that he secured First Class in both UG and PG. His classmate at the High School happened to be **Sri. MVLN Koteswara Rao** and **Sri. KV Raju** was his classmate at Rajahmundry Arts College. Both of his classmates are highly accomplished and popular.

As a lecturer in our College he served as a member or chairman in almost all committees like College Anniversary Committee, Prize Distribution Committee, Vegetarian Dinner Committee. He is very much sought after because of his sincerity and commitment. **Sri. G. Krishna Das** one time served as a Chairman of the Dinner Committee with **Sri. Hanumantha Rao** as a member. Menu was decided by **Sri. RS. Pardhasaradhi** of the same Department. Menu included గోంగూర చట్నీ (gongura chutney), వెన్న ముద్దలు (butter balls), ములక్కాడలతో మజ్జిగ పులుసు (majjiga pulusu with drumsticks). All the days are full of fun and frolic. The non-vegetarian food is expensive when compared to vegetarian. So after dining, non-vegetarians return empty handed while vegetarians carry with them a packet of sweets. This made some non-vegetarians to jump into vegetarian section.

**Mr. K. Hanumantha Rao** continued to stay in the practical laboratory even after the bell is given but some students reminded him that it is time to go to the next class. Then **Hanumantha Rao** ran and is late to the class. This was noticed by then Principal **Dr. N. Isaac** who stood near the steps of the main building. Looking at Hanumantha Rao principal said “ఆగండి, యాడికి పరిగెట్టుతున్నారు” meaning “stop sir, where are you going, why you are running?” Then **Hanumantha Rao** replied “సర్, నా క్లాస్ రూం నంబర్ 4లో ఉంది సర్, నేను లాబ్ లో ఉన్నా, అక్కడ లేట్ అయ్యింది సర్” meaning I have class in Room No. 4 Sir, I forgot the time as I was engaged in the lab, that led to the delay” Principal **Isaac** said “నాకు తెలుసండీ, మీరు చివరిలో ఏదో పనిమీద ఉండి

ఉంటారని. అందుకే స్టూడెంట్స్ ని లైబ్రరీకి పంపించేశా, మీరు డిపార్ట్ మెంట్ కి వెళ్లండి" meaning I know, that you are held up with some work in the lab so I directed students to go to the library. Does not matter, you may go to the department. **Sri. Hanumantha Rao** took it as a compliment.

It was the time the College had **Sri. Rehmaan** as a Special Officer and **Sri. B. Chandra Paul** as the Principal. Serious and sincere attempts are made to introduce new courses but the university insisted that the College has to deposit 6 lakh rupees for sanctioning the courses. **Sri. B. Chandra Paul**, the principal was not willing to approach management in this regard. However, by effective persuasion by **Sri. Hanumantha Rao** the Principal agreed to convince the management. Principal remarked "I shall swallow my pride and meet the management because of you." The attempt was successful by the grace of God and eventually they got new courses sanctioned. This, no doubt is the achievement of **Sri. Hanumantha Rao**.

Once **Sri. Hanumantha Rao**, accompanied by **Sri. Stanley**, met **TJPS. College** Principal and after listening to the purpose, that Principal of **TJPS. College**, happily said "If there are ten people like you all Colleges grow and develop." This is a big compliment to **Sri. Hanumantha Rao's** commitment.

One day the Special Officer wanted to know how many Heads of the Department were present in campus at 5 pm. The peon went round and reported that only two Heads of the the Department were present in the campus. One was **Sri. T. Srinivasn** and the other was **Sri. K. Hanumantha Rao**. The Special Officer visited the Department and remarked "I know, only you two will be present in the campus at this time" and laughed. What better compliment can anyone expect? These facts are stated not for publicity or belittle anybody. Truly it is the spirit of **Hanumantha Rao** who never wanted to be pointed at, for any reason, by anybody in respect of duty. This, **Sri. Hanumantha Rao**, feels that gave him deep satisfaction.

(To be continued)

**KV Raju writes:**

Anilkumar garu,

I wonder how you could trace **KHR** and we're classmates! I am proud of being a classmate of such a worthy great teacher, religiously oriented and a disciplinarian. He is the only classmate of mine in Guntur. And I too could work with him. As a special officer my priorities were slightly different from teaching. That responsibility being totally different to what I was doing for the past three and a half decades, I had to spend more time on that JOB.

I bore a special place for **KHR** in my heart and but he never exchanged any thing beyond a smile of familiarity. I knew that he commanded high respect even at Sarada Nikethan High School and College. He generously donated for various activities at that institution too.

He has been a silent, result oriented worker. He was the HOD and approaching me for sanctions that too along with several colleagues. I was cursing myself that I was missing chances of exchanging my feelings as a classmate and reminding him of a few occasions of our combined study. **Sri. Ranganatham & Sri. Brahmajeerao** are also close to me.

If my memory is not that bad, we all went to a movie 'Zimbo' in Syamala Talkies, Rajahmundry. He never gave me a chance to memorize those days. Even later when we meet

near Sankar Vilas nothing more than a familiarity look which made me to construe that he did not appreciate my approach on the problems of **AC. College**.

Dear Hanumanthrao, my loving memories of your association in the Colleges and during my visits to your Hostel at Rajahmundry are fresh in my memory. God bless you long life & joy of your grand daughters.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

The first word that comes to my mind when I think of **Sri. K. Hanumantha Rao (KHR)** garu is 'C O O L'. Always clean & neat, wearing a 'Mona Lisa' smile! As for me, I have never ever seen him sweating. He taught me Physics practicals in my PUC (1965-66, 8th Section Bi.P. No. 702).

**Mr. KHR** moves about with a cool confidence, unlike some who are overconfident or arrogantly confident. I believe, his cool confidence is borne out of his sincere and selfless efforts coupled with the firm trust that God will add his blessing to all such endeavors!

His reading aloud loudly, clearly, relentlessly and unfalteringly, the names and the details of around 1000 academic prize winners on College Anniversary days, still rings fresh in my ears. Just think of the childhood 'Tongue Twisters' - when we start repeating the same words over and over again, we soon falter, remember 'ఎర్ర లారి, పచ్చ లారి' will in no time end up as 'ఎల్ల లాలి, పచ్చ లాలి'!

The starting of the Self-financing courses in our College, like the Computers, BBM, Micro-Biology, Biochemistry...is indeed a colorful feather **in Mr. KHR's** cap! I very well remember the inauguration of the air-conditioned computer Lab, converting the front portion of the old **Watts Building** (housing the **Physics and Maths Departments**)!

As **Prof. Anilkumar garu** aptly described, **Mr. KHR** is truly, 'simple & humble! Soft yet Strong'!

God bless **Sri. K. Hanumantha Rao garu**, his son & family!

God bless **Prof. Anil Kumar garu!!**

God bless you all!!!

~ **David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula**

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:**

**KHR** is interested in **Jiddu Krishna Murthy-JK** lectures also. Once we arranged a lecture by some other person on **JK**. After that when invited to give observations **KHR** spoke extempore for 15 minutes giving many points left out by the speaker. That is the greatness of Dear **Hanumantharao!**

## MEMORIES & MEMOIRS-67

### DISCIPLINE:

**Sri. K. Hanumantha Rao** is uncompromising. Very soft, tender, smiling **KHR** becomes so serious, ferocious and harsh in examination hall while doing invigilation duty. I know many instances when he was threatened and man-handled but he was very firm and strict. So, when

**KHR** is there in the examination hall one can sure of no copying, whisper or consultation. He never moved out of the examination hall and constantly vigilant at work. He was never seen seated on the chair. **Sri. HanumanthaRao** is diligent, highly intelligent and totally committed to work.

#### **DEVOTION:**

**Sri. HanumanthaRao** is a follower of **Sri. Ramana Maharshi** of Arunachalam. He believes in monistic philosophy or Adhwaitha. **Sri. Hanumantharao** is a voracious reader of Spiritual scriptures and Texts. He is very familiar with Upanishadic Literature. In response to my suggestion to attend lectures by **Sri. Munnangi Punnayya Panthulu garu** at MGH School, Brodiepet, Guntur at a time when the College declared holidays because of agitation for sanction of steel plant to Andhra Pradesh, we both attended talks everyday. Then we could come to know what are ‘ephemeral’, ‘temporal’, ‘eternal’, ‘momentary’, ‘mundane’, ‘sentient’, ‘immortal’, and ‘ever effulgent’, ‘vibrant’ and ‘radiant’ SELF. This brought a turning point in both of our lives on our journey along spiritual path. The quintessence of spiritual pursuit is to know “**THYSELF**” or put a question to one’s own self “**Who am I?**” as per **Bhagawan Ramana Maharshi**. In other words it is a sort of spiritual enquiry of finding out and experiencing “**The Kingdom of heaven within you.**” And then you will be free. In other words “*Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you Free.*”

In conclusion I wish and pray for long healthy, spiritual life of enquiry, experience and realisation to **Sri. K Hanumantha Rao** in the years to come. He happily settled at Bangalore with his son **Mr. Kameswara Rao**, enjoying the company of his two cute grand children.

#### **MEMORIES & MEMOIRS-68**

##### **Reminiscences of my Alma Mater**

**By Dr. (Mrs.) V.P.Celiamma**

Former Reader, Department of Philosophy

At the outset I thank God Almighty for the gift of life granted to me to take part in the memoirs initiated by **Mr. Anil Kumar** about my alma mater.

Boarded train at Eluru station with my father, **Rev. Viswanadhapalli David** who was bringing me to Guntur for admission into **Andhra Christian College**. As the train approached its destination, I saw the College tower miles away from Guntur Station. I was told it was **AC. College** tower. On entering the College campus, I found the buildings were majestic and the high tower which was seen far away stood as a citadel symbolizing the high aspirations of youth entering its portals. I took admission into PUC (Pre-University Course) with Biology, Chemistry Physics and Logic as my subjects. Pre-university courses were newly introduced that year. Incidentally, the same year, a new coinage ‘**Naya Paisa**’ was introduced in the Indian monetary system. For this reason, the senior students as well as the staff humorously nicknamed us ‘Naya Paisa’ and used the term to call us whenever we appeared.

We have very good and efficient lecturers in PUC. Though some of us came from Telugu medium schools, we could easily understand the content of the lessons. For English, we had **Sri. V. Bhaskar Rao garu**, Son of **V. Subba Rao garu**, Principal, Hindu College. He took time to explain everything in the lessons clearly. We used to enjoy his class. He taught Prose and Poetry in PUC and a section of Paradise Lost Book IX in I B.A (Bachelor of Arts). For Telugu, we had

**Sri. M. Nageswar Rao garu (MNR)**. He was a dominating personality with a towering voice which attracted rapt attention from the students. He used grammatical Telugu even to reprimand someone. Zoology was taught by **Major CN. Frederick garu (CNF)**. He used to explain everything so clearly in the same tone without raising his voice. He was a good teacher. Botany was taught by **D. Krishna Murthy garu (DKM)** (subject to correction). With a loud and strong voice he attracted students. Chemistry was taught by **J.Venkateswarlu garu (JV)**, very calm to look at but very efficient in teaching the subject. Physics was taught by **Herman garu**. He was stylish in his speech and deportment with immense clarity in his teaching. He was also the warden of **Wolf Hall** at that time. **Dr. GS. Herbert** is our logic lecturer. He is very good at teaching and making the subject attractive to us. I enjoyed this subject so much that later on shifted from sciences to arts in order to study Philosophy. I B.A, I switched to the Group PEP (Philosophy, Economics and Politics).

For Bachelor's degree, we had **MNR garu, J. Madhavarama Sarma garu** and **VVL. Narasimha Murthy garu (VVLN)** for Telugu. **Madhavarama Sarma garu** is a well-known Telugu Pundit. He was very well versed with Telugu literature. He used to make the class very interesting. **VVLN garu** is a very jovial person and used to make the class quite interesting. It was unfortunate that he taught us only for a short time. For English prose, we had **RJ. Purna Chandra Rao (RJP)**. He used to be very friendly with students, very jovial and a good teacher. Part of Milton's Paradise Lost Book IX was taught by **Dr. S. Anantham garu (SA)** who specializes in Phonetics. He mastered the subject and took pains to correct the wrong pronunciation of English words. **L. Radha Krishna Murthy garu** taught modern poetry. His teaching was very interesting. The tempo of his voice is unparalleled while he recited the poems like 'Christabel' etc.. English dramas 'Twelfth Night' & 'Antony & Cleopatra' were taught by **Dr. MG. Thomas garu (MGT)**. This was so interesting that we never knew when the time expired and the bell rang. A vivid description of him and his teaching was alluded to by **Mr. Anil Kumar** (who was also a 'Naya Paisa') to say anything more is superfluous now.

For Philosophy, we had **Prof. GL. Benny (GLB)**, Head of the **Department of Philosophy**. He was serious and dignified. He was a great scholar with excellent command on the subject. He was my role model and my mentor. I am ever grateful to him. He taught us Ethics and Logic. Indian Philosophy was taught by **Rajagopala Rao garu (MRG)**. He was a very good teacher and he authored many books. He taught in such a way that the subject is ingrained in memory. He is a very kind person and has much care and concern for his students. **Dr. B. Jyothi Raju garu (BJR)** taught Ethics. He used to be very friendly with students. He was a good teacher and he later became the Principal of **AC. College**.

Politics was taught by **Sri. G. George Warren garu**. He always made the class lively and interesting. He had good command over the subject. All three papers in Politics were taught by him. His teaching was coupled with jokes. Even now (so many years later), we remember the subject along with all the jokes. He used to give nicknames to the students. When he called the students 'అరేయ్', they enjoyed it as a privilege. If he finds someone restless in class, he used to say-'అరేయ్ నిన్ను తన్నానంటే పిజిక్స్ లాభ్ లో పడతావు'. Our Politics class is right opposite to Physics class. Some students used to say, there is **GKD garu** to kick him back because **Warren garu and GKD garu** are of the same size. At one time a student, who was otherwise intelligent, got low marks. **Warren garu** while handing over the answer book recited a song from a Telugu

movie which goes as – ‘ఏమి చదివి పక్షులు పైకెగరగలిగెను, ఏ చదువు వలన చేప పిల్ల ఈద కలిగెను, చదువులతో పని ఏమి హృదయమున్న చాలు’. While the entire class laughed, the student himself took it light and enjoyed. The students were no less responsive. They wrote poems on him on the class board. On entering the class, he sensed something happened. But as usual, he continued the class without paying attention to what was written on the board and left the class not taking notice of it. They wrote ‘నల్లని వాడు ఫద్మ కిశోర నయనముల వాడు, ముక్కు మీద అడ్డంబైన గీత గల వాడు, ---రాజు రారాజు అమావస్య నాటి వెన్నెల రాజు’. They mailed it to his home address. The next day he came to the class smiling –‘arre I read the poem and enjoyed, I also gave it to my sthree rathnam (wife). She also enjoyed it’. He elicited obedience and respect from the students.

For Economics, we had **Dr. K. Raja Ratnam garu (KR)**. He was a great scholar and an efficient teacher. He was the warden of **Heyer Hall**. Rural and Industrial Economics was taught by **Sam Roy Jesson garu (RSRJ)** who was very thorough. His memory was admirable; he used to draw statistics without consulting any notes. We had General Education taught by **V. Madhusudana Rao garu**, Head of the **Department of Chemistry** and **Krishnadas garu** of Physics. Both are great teachers and presented the subjects with clarity and efficiency. We had composition and translation classes taught by **MNR garu (Sri. M. Nageswar Rao)**. Sometimes his remarks were difficult to understand. One of our classmates did not follow his instructions and translated on her own. He commented on that saying – ‘స్వచ్ఛానువాదము వలన వెర్రి తలలు వేయు సూచనలు గోచరించు చున్నవి’.

My tenure as a student at **AC. College** was so memorable. Each lecturer that taught us has some specialty, some special characteristic to remember. The students were not identical lot either. Each class was a challenge to the teacher as the students were active and dynamic as well. As the lecturers are well equipped with the subject, they were able to maintain perfect order in the class.

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:**

Greetings to **VP. Celia garu** who happens to be schoolmate of **Sri. MVLNK**. What a memory, just like that of **KAK** and **KDNR**!

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

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What an entry!!

What a memory Celia Madam (VPC) garu!!!

Hearty welcome to our group!!!

All these days I was worried that the reflections thus far presented were somewhat lopsided tilting more towards the Science faculty of yesteryears- English & Telugu excepted - given the fact that **Sri. Anil kumar garu** & other responders like me are from Science subjects.

With just one stroke you set the scales even!

All the Arts Stalwarts were presented lifelike at one single place as if in '**Madam Tussaud's**'!

Your narration is like a cup of fresh Bru coffee in the morning, energizing the entire day! Keep writing Madam!

God bless you!

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**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□□□□

**Rekha writes:**

Awesome presentation. Hats off to all gurus for the memory they have□□□□□□

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:**

**Celia madam** was my classmate. We were the first batch PUC students. So also **Rani Sarala** of **Physics Department, CVLNM** of Botany and **Riyaz Hussain** of **Chemistry Department**. **Celia** shifted to Arts while we joined B. Sc.

Later **Celia** joined faculty in the **Department of Philosophy**. Their classes were held either in the main building or annex building. There were few instances of conversation between us though we met every day, greeting each other with hearty broad smiles. I often met her in the company of **BSP madam** and **Rani Sarala madam** and exchanged few jokes.

However **Sri. Christopher** of **Philosophy Department** is close to me as we worked for the Dramatic Association for many years. **Dr. Jyothi Raju** and I had many long conversations on topics of mutual interest. **Dr. Jyothi Raju's** mother in law **Naomi teacher** of Stall School and my mother were classmates in the same school. **Mr. Rajabhushanam** of Philosophy is quite close to me and we met every morning at Non Resident Student Centre or Canteen. **Rajabhushanam** is the first cousin of **Dr. TAR**.

Nice to go through the write-up by **Celia** herself with all the minute details which speaks of her excellent memory as she mentioned the names of **Sri. Herman** and **Sri. Herbert**. God bless you **Celia** and your family and join us in sharing our memories.

**Dr. K Sarada Devi writes:** □□□

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□□□□□□

**Sri. KHR on Sri. KAK**

**My reminiscences about Anil:** to friends.

In the galaxy of alumni and staff of **Andhra Christian College**, **Anil** occupies a unique place by his multifaceted traits besides teaching, oratory, ability to conduct debating contests, organising cultural activities, functions etc., of the College and above all his love towards the College and reverence to Gurus.

His presence among our friends- myself, **CVLNM, TSN, SMK** etc., is electrifying and hilarious in the evenings that we used to spend. **Anil** has a charming, loveable personality with bright complexion- 'దబ్బు పండు', and with mid parted short curly hair. When he wears a suit and tie, he is envy to even male fashion models.

By his oratory skills, he is the most sought after speaker on various platforms, right from political, social, cultural to religious. He was selected by **Rotary International** to tour **US** and deliver lectures. His speeches were widely acclaimed and were covered extensively by US tabloids.

In the process of facing the public on platforms and to make himself excel, he studied various subjects extensively including philosophical scriptures-like upanishads etc, which stood by him in his later activities. What his God-given amazing quality lies in his photographic memory by which he can reproduce verbatim, whatever he reads or listens. Anybody can master a subject but cannot deliver it as he does. The way he puts the subject is unique. His oration is flowery, decked with rising and falling resounding, metallic voice with pauses here and there and flowing like an unstoppable river, which makes listeners spellbound making them forget surrounds and time.

It is not an exaggeration if I mention an event to substantiate the power of his lecture. When **Anil**'s class was going in Ravi College, for EAMCET batches, students from other classes used to lift their benches from their classes to sit in his class to listen to him, even though Botany is not their subject class. Such is the Charisma of his lecture.

As God willed him to play greater role nationally and internationally, not confining him to College alone in Guntur, he is plunged into the vertex of **Bhagavan Sri. Satya Sai Baba**'s grace and became a votary of his philosophy. He is originally a Bramho who has no belief in idolatry. But as the destiny would have it, he found god in human form of Sri. Satya sai. Under his loving care and grace he could convey his speeches, philosophy, messages and miracles by way of translation to devotees even without slightest deviation. He is blessed to be near a living master for a long period and to continue his activity even after.

May Bhagavan Sri. Satya Sai Baba bless him and his family with health, peace and longevity to carry on his work assigned to him and fulfil the goal of his life.

Loving Friend

**Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

Dear KHR sir,

So happy while going through your writeup on my beloved teacher Sri. KAK. When I was doing BSc 1970-73, I was fortunate to be his student. His class was in the afternoon 1st hour. Our classmates ran fast to his class 10 minutes before & enjoyed the entire hour- subject, language & jokes coming spontaneously from him. For all of us the one hour moved very fast. Announcements in Anniversaries, events conducted by Sri. KAK are marvellous & memorable.

Thank you **Sri. KHR** on your wonderful writing on my dear teacher.

KHR sir, message your mobile number.

**Chilakapati Ravindrakumar writes:**

డియర్ సర్,

శ్రీ కేహచ్చార్ గారు మీపై వ్రాసిన ఈ 'జ్ఞాపకాల గుచ్ఛం' గురించి నేనేమి వ్యాఖ్యానించగలను సర్!



మీరిరువురూ ఆంతరంగికంగా కూడా ఒకరినొకరు సంపూర్ణంగా ఎరిగినవారు.

తెరచిన పుస్తకంలాంటి మీ గురించి ఎవరు సమీక్షించినా నేను చదవని పేజీలేవైనా ఉన్నాయేమోనని ఆశగా వెతుకుతుంటాను.

నమస్కృతులతో,

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

**శ్రీమతి సీలియా మేడం** (ఫిలాసఫీ రీడర్ & స్ట్రాక్ హాల్ వార్డెన్) గారి అద్భుతమైన జ్ఞాపకాల పరంపరలో, కీర్తిశేషులు ప్రొఫెసర్ గున్నాబత్తుల జార్జ్ వారెన్ (GGW) గారి విషయ పరిజ్ఞానం, వారి జోక్స్, ముఖ్యంగా వారు 'అరే' అని పిలిస్తే విద్యార్థులు మెచ్చుకోలుగా భావించే వారేగాని, నొచ్చుకునే వారుకాదని చదవగానే నాకొక సంగతి గుర్తొచ్చింది. వారు నాకు డైరెక్ట్ టీచర్ కాదు. అయితే '69-'70 స్టాఫ్ టూర్లో, ఒకచోట మేమంతా భోజనాల కోసం ఆగినప్పుడు (మాతో వంటవాళ్లు, సామగ్రి కూడా బస్ లో వచ్చారు), వారెన్ గారు నన్ను పిలిచి, 'అరే' బస్ లో నా సీట్ పైన బాగ్స్ పెట్టే చోట, నా 'మందసపు పెట్టె' ఉంటుంది. కొంచెం తెచ్చి పెట్టు! ఓ ... అన్నట్టు, నీకు తెలియదు కదా, 'మందసపు పెట్టె' అంటే - తమలపాకులు, వక్కలు, సున్నం - ఉండే చిన్న స్టీల్ బాక్స్!' అని వివరించారు. సంతోషంగా వెళ్లి తెచ్చిపెట్టాను!

నాకు తెలిసి మన కాలేజీ లో కేవలం ముగ్గురే ముగ్గురు లెక్చరర్స్, కాంపస్ లోని ఏ స్టూడెంట్ నైనా 'అరే' అని పిలిచేవారు. వారిలో మొదటివారు వారెన్ గారైతే, మిగిలిన యిద్దరు డాక్టర్. బిళ్ళా జుబిలీ బెంజమిన్ కృపాదానం గారు (BJBK), శ్రీ కొండూరి కిషోర్ బాబు (KKB) గార్లు. విశేషమేమంటే ఆ ముగ్గురూ పొలిటికల్ సైన్స్ లెక్చరర్లే! ఆ ముగ్గురిలోని ప్రత్యేకత ఏమంటే, సబ్జెక్ట్ పై వారికున్న పట్టు, ఆకట్టుకునే బోధనా శైలి, పాపులారిటీ మరియు విద్యార్థులకు అన్నివేళలా - అటిస్టిషన్ అయినా, ఆఫీస్ పనులైనా - అందుబాటులో ఉండడమే!

వారెన్ గారి సతీమణి - 'వారెన్ ఆంటీ' (ప్రాఫులర్ భర్తలున్న భార్యల అసలు పేర్లు అలా మరుగున పడతాయేమో - బైబిల్ లోని పేతురు భార్య వలె) - మంచి భక్తి గల స్త్రీ. భర్త అకాల మరణం తర్వాత ఆమె పిల్లలందరిని పెంచి పెద్దచేసి, మంచిగా సెటిల్ చేసిన విధానం అసమానం! వారెన్ ఆంటీకి దేవునియందున్న భక్తి, విశ్వాసాలే అందుకు మూలకారణం. తన జీవితాంతం వరకు పోస్టల్ కాలనీలోని తమ స్వగృహంలో ప్రతి ఆదివారపు మధ్యాహ్నం 'స్త్రీల సమాజం' ఏర్పాటు చేస్తూ వారిలో దైవ చింతననూ, సామాజిక స్పృహను పెంపొందించారు.

God bless the memory of **Prof. & Mrs. GG. Warren!**

God bless **Prof. Anilkumar** for giving us the platform!!

God bless you all !!!

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□□□□

**KV. Raju writes:**

Very appropriate, befitting narration of our world famous orator and author in both the languages (English and Telugu), with equal proficiency and encyclopaedic information from his computer memory.

Awesome. **VIVEKANANDA REBORN!**

His popularity in the outside world other than **AC. COLLEGE** is much praiseworthy. Wherever he goes his Feet become target of many irrespective of age, efficiency, social/official status or other considerations.

Any body would be flat on hearing his speech. BE AN ACADEMICAL, SOCIAL, MORAL OR ANY SECT OF SPIRITUAL topic, he marvels audience as though a speaker never born earlier. Multifaceted in all aspects of devotional side, maintaining perfect all time relationship with whoever approaches him and able to call him by name even decades after he in his place or on the other end of the globe.

A RARE GEM CHOSEN BY SWAMY JUST AS PUTTING SQUARE PEG IN THE SQUARE HOLE.

ANIL KUMAR GARU IS UNCROWNED INTERNATIONAL Ambassador OF BHAGAVAN Sri. SATHYA SAI BABA'S ADHYATMIK SAMRAJYAM.

**Sai, S/o Sri. SMK writes:**

That is absolutely True. There is no exaggeration in the above statement Mamayyagaru □□□. You are Gem of Gems □

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:**

రాజు గారు సాయిరాం సర్. ఎంత బాగా రాశారు. నాపైన ఉన్న ప్రేమని మీరు మీ వ్యాసంలో కుమ్మరించారు, ఒకకబోస్తూ రాసారు. కృతజ్ఞుడను. ఎవ్వరు నా గురించి ఇంత విస్తారంగా, విపులంగా, వివరంగా రాసినట్లు నాకు జ్ఞాపకం లేదు. మీకు ఎలా కృతజ్ఞతలు తెలపాలో తెలియటంలేదు. ఇది స్వామి అనుబంధమని నమ్ముతున్నాను. ఎంతో బ్రహ్మాండంగా రాసారు. దీనిని చిరకాలం పదిలంగా ఉంచుకుంటాను జ్ఞాపకముంచుకుంటాను. మీరు, మీ పిల్లలు, మనుమలు ఆయురారోగ్యాలతో సుఖ సంపదలతో ఉండాలని ప్రార్థిస్తున్నాను.

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-69

I first met him in the staff room. That well built personality, soft spoken, duty minded, non-controversial, plain and straightforward person is **Sri. RAJA RAYMOND SINGH SUNDAR DAS-RRSSD** of the **Department of Botany**. He is a sports man and a jovial man. Even at times of anger he regulates and controls it without much shouting. He is just mindful of his work. But at the same time never shirks any assignment or duty given to him.

His love for students is immense and gratefully remembered till this day. He comes to the class thoroughly prepared with a lecture notes. He is always positive in his attitude and so less he passes negative comments against anybody. His positivity made him friend of all. Within a few days we have come so close and started calling "ఏరా అనిల్" and "ఏరా దాసు" and never deferred on any issue in all the quarter century of my service in our institution (to be exact I served for 26 years).

**RRSSD** is a man of principles and deep convictions. He never played politics any time for anything. **RRSSD**'s services are most essential to control students at the time of elections of our College Science Association and he **RRSSD** is more needed while counting of votes. He is fully committed to his duty and no deviation or diversion or digression. Though strict and serious at work, yet he smiles and enjoys jokes.

His relationships with everyone are cordial and friendly. He and **JA (Sri. Jaladi Abraham)** did their PG at AJMIR. **JA** and **RRSSD** combination is of the pattern of life and nature. We have day and night, summer and winter, though seem to be paradoxical there is an inner string of harmony and synthesis. **JA** is fully emotional; **RRSSD** is calm, cool and quiet. **JA** is expressive while **RRSSD** is impressive in communication. **JA** is very strict and many of his students even today fear him and openly, lovingly acknowledge that they have learnt subject from him. **RRSSD** makes you do what he expects without losing his temper. **JA** and **RRSSD** can't be dealt without reference to each other, as they are inseparable.

**RRSSD** acts like a buffer when there is discrepancy showing up. Particularly when the two parliamentarians of our Department **JA** and **Sri. M. Prasada Rao-MPR** confront and challenge each other every day morning, **RRSSD** serves as the speaker and silences closing the issue open for debate and discussion. In a lighter vein let me share two incidents and I want you to take it easy.

A lady joined newly in our Department who happened to be our student. That lady innocently and politely said looking at me "I was your student Sir". Somehow, I could not immediately recollect. Our **RRSSD**, a man of good humour, remarked "నీకు వీళ్ళెందుకు జ్ఞాపకముంటారా?" and mentioned the name of a fair girl of the same batch and said to me "వాళ్ళెవరే గుర్తుంటారా" meaning you do not remember these but you remember those mentioning the name of that fair girl. It may not be fully true if not totally incorrect.

Our **BSP** madam used to joke saying "అనిల్ కుమార్ గారికి పిగ్మెంట్ (రంగు) ఉండాలి. పళ్లు లేకపోయినా, కళ్లు లేకపోయినా ఫర్వాలేదు" meaning for our Anilkumar complexion is important, does not matter if teeth and eyes are missing. All had a hearty laugh.

At another time while we were climbing the steps leading to our **Botany Department** some girl student asked me to certify her record. I just said "Please come later". **RRSSD**, who was just walking behind, humorously remarked "అనిల్ కుమార్ సర్టిఫై చెయ్యాలంటే కొన్ని అర్హతలు ఉండాలమ్మా." You need to have some qualifications to get your record certified by Anilkumar." I amuse myself thinking of those jokes.

When we went on a hunger strike **RRSSD** arranged **LADDUS** for us on successful conclusion of hunger strike. **RRSSD**'s hair style is special, as his frontal hair is so dressed and raised like a dome-"buff". I just asked him recently about his hair style. He loudly laughed and said "those days are gone."

**Mrs. Sadguna kumari**, his wife, was our student and served in our Department as a lecturer for a year and later joined Govt. service. She retired. Both of them are spending peaceful and spiritual life. He has three sons and all of them are happily settled.

It was his youngest son who was not even 3 or 4 yrs then when I visited **RRSSD** residence. Looking at this boy I said "Do you need to dress? You can as well be free." You know what he said in reply, "మీరు కాలేజీకి అలాగే వెళ్లేవారా?" meaning "do you go to College in the same way?" All sons are happily married and well settled and if I am not wrong all of them settled abroad.

**RRSSD** is deeply religious. He clarified many of my doubts on the Holy Scripture. Whenever I went on a lecture assignment to Christian institutions I received some coaching from him that enabled me to deliver very successful lectures on scriptural teachings.

Dear Das, I wish and pray for long, healthy and spiritual life and may God bless all of you, your children, their families and grandchildren with peace, prosperity, sacrifice, love and devotion. I earnestly wish that you all grow in unstinted faith and earnest selfless unconditional divine love for GOD.

GOD BLESS YOU

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:**

**RRSSD** is the only person from our Department who became the Principal of our College after serving as the Head of the Department.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

సర్,

నాకు ఎంతో ఇష్టమైన మా సుందరదాస్ మాస్టారు గురించి చక్కగా వ్రాసి మళ్ళీ మన కాలేజీలో మన బోటనీ డిపార్ట్ మెంట్ లో కూర్చున్న అనుభూతి కలిగించారు.

శ్రీ సుందరదాస్ గారు మాకు (బోటనీ మెయిన్ వాళ్లకు) పైనలియర్ (1974-75)లో 'ఆల్ట్' చెప్పారు. క్లాస్ చాలా గంభీరంగా సాగినా, మాకు తగినంత స్వేచ్ఛ ఇచ్చేవారు. పాఠం అర్థమయ్యేలా చెప్పటమే కాకుండా మాసీనియర్స్ తో పాటు మమ్మల్ని శ్రీ ఎంపీవీఎస్సెస్ గారి ఆధ్వర్యంలో (డిసెంబర్ 1973) బోటనీ టూర్ (చెన్నై, మైసూరు, బెంగుళూరు, ఊటీ) కు తీసికెళ్లిన సందర్భంలోను, ఆ తర్వాత ఇంటర్మీడియట్ విద్యార్థులను ఒక రోజు పీల్డ్ ట్రిప్ కు సంగం జాగర్లమూడి తీసికెళ్లినపుడు మా బోటనీ మెయిన్ బ్యాచ్ మగపిల్లలం స్వచ్ఛందంగా అక్కడ ముందస్తు ఏర్పాట్లు చేసిన సందర్భాలలోను (అన్నట్లు మా బ్యాచ్ లో వినాయక్ అనే మిత్రుడు ఆ గ్రామానికే చెందిన వాడైనందున) మాతో ఎంతో చనువుగా ఉండటం నాకు గుర్తు. మాస్టారు ఎప్పుడూ సీరియస్

గా ఉంటారేకానీ ఎన్నడూ ఎవరినీ కోప్పడిందిలేదు. అదే **అబ్రహాం గారంటే మాత్రం**, మీరన్నట్లు ఇప్పటికీ 'దడే'. ఇంతకూ **అబ్రహాం గారు** రైలుపేటలో జలగం రామారావు మెమోరియల్ మున్సిపల్ స్కూల్ ఎదురు (ఇప్పుడు భాస్కర్ డీలక్స్ థియేటర్ ఉన్న స్థలంకు ప్రక్కన) ఇంట్లో కొన్నాళ్లు ఉండేవారు. ఆ ఇంటికి వెనుక మేడపైన (బాగా ఖాళీ జాగాతో ఉన్న ఇంటిలో) మా కుటుంబం అద్దెకు ఉండేది. **అబ్రహాం గారు** ఉదయాన్నే దంతధావనం చేసుకొనే సమయంలో అప్పుడప్పుడూ కనిపిస్తూండేవారు. ఎక్కడ వారి కంట పడతానోనని భయపడిపోయే వాడిని.

ఇక 1975లో చదువు ముగించుకొన్న 35 ఏళ్ల తర్వాత నా సహాధ్యాయి, మిత్రుడు, చార్టర్డ్ అకౌంటెంట్ గణపతి కుమార్తె వివాహానికి నేను, నాతోపాటు, నా మరో మిత్రుడు **రావుల సుధాకరరావు** హాజరైనప్పుడు (మేమిరువురం కలుసుకున్నది కూడా దాదాపు 33 ఏళ్ల తర్వాత) అదే వివాహానికి హాజరై తిరిగి వెళ్లబోతున్న **శ్రీ సుందర దాస్ గారిని** చూచి మేమిరువురం 'మనలను గుర్తుపడతారా?'యని సంశయిస్తూ వడివడిగా పరుగిడి 'నమస్కారం మాస్టారూ! మేం మీ శిష్యులం' అంటే, కల్యాణ మంటపం వెలుపల, ఆ రాత్రివేళ, మసక వెలుతుర్లో 'అరే, నువ్వు సుధాకర్ వు కదూ, నువ్వు రవి వి కదూ' అన్నప్పుడు మా ఇద్దరి ముఖాల్లో ఎంత ఆనందం తాండవించి ఉంటుందో ఊహించండి! ఎక్కడైనా కనీ, వినీ ఉంటారా 35 ఏళ్ల సుదీర్ఘ విరామం తర్వాత, మధ్యలో ఒక్కసారికూడా కలిసే అవకాశంరాని సందర్భంలో కూడా పూర్వవిద్యార్థులను పేర్లతో సహా గుర్తుపెట్టుకోవటమంటే అది కేవలం మా గురుదేవులకు మాత్రమే సాధ్యం!

మీరెలా గుర్తు పెట్టుకున్నారు సర్?! అంటే "మీ బ్యాచ్ ని ఎలా మర్చిపోతామయ్యా? మీది యూనిక్ బ్యాచ్. డిపార్ట్ మెంట్ లో ఆరోజుల్లో మీ బ్యాచ్ ఎంత యాక్టివ్ గా COSIP ప్రోగ్రాంస్ లో పాల్గొనిపేట్ చేసేది! డిపార్ట్ మెంట్ లైబ్రరీ ఆర్గనైజ్ చేశారు. **సత్యనారాయణరావు గారికి** ఎంతగా కోఆపరేట్ చేశారు!" అన్నారు.

పైగా, వారి కార్ డ్రైవర్ తో "మా దగ్గర చదువుకున్న పిల్లలయ్యా" అంటూ మమ్మల్ని పరిచయం చేయటం మరచిపోలేని అనుభవం.

మా మంచి **సుందరదాస్ మాస్టారిని** మరోసారి ఇలా గుర్తు చేసుకొనే అవకాశాన్ని కల్పించినందుకు ధన్యవాదాలు సర్! మా గురుదేవులందరికీ నమస్సులు.□□□□□□□□□□

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

"మంచి విద్యార్థి, మంచి టీచర్ ఔతాడు. మంచి 'లిస్నర్' మంచి 'స్పీకర్' ఔతాడు!" ఇది చరిత్ర చెప్పే తిరుగులేని సత్యం!

మీ (రవీంద్ర కుమార్ చిలకపాటి గారి) మాటలు చదువుతుంటే మీరు మంచి విద్యార్థి మాత్రమే కాదు, మంచి టీచర్ (బోటనీ లెక్చరర్) అని ఇట్టే పట్టెయ్యొచ్చు!

మీ టీచర్స్ పట్ల, ముఖ్యంగా మాతృ సంస్థ (మన ఏ. సీ. కాలేజ్ ) పట్ల మీ ప్రేమ అపారం. గాడ్ బ్లెస్ యూ సర్!

శ్రీ సుందర్ దాస్ గారితో నాకు ఇంకా కొనసాగుతున్న మంచి సాన్నిహిత్యం! కొంచెం టైం తీసికొని వ్రాస్తాను.

ఇక కీ. శే. శ్రీ జాలాది అబ్రహం (JA) మాస్టారి విషయానికొస్తే, మాటల్లో కరుకుదనమే కానీ మనసు కల్మషం లేనిది. స్టాఫ్ రిప్రజెంటేటివ్ గా వారెన్నో పోరాటాలు చేశారు. అందరి మన్ననలను పొందారు. ధైర్య సాహసాలు వారి సహజ స్వభావాలు. అవసరమైతే ఎంతటి వారినైనా ఎదిరించగలరు. వారెక్కడున్నా సందడే సందడి!

'బ్రష్' లాంటి - దువ్వెన తో అవసరం లేని - వారి జుట్టు, ముందు రెండు పళ్ళ మధ్య సన్నని సందుతో, మెరిసే తెల్లని పళ్ళు, నా కళ్ళముందే ఉన్నాయి!

దేవుడు వారి కుటుంబ సభ్యులను దీవించుగాక!

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

సర్!

మీ నుండి మా గురుదేవులు అబ్రహం గారి గురించి వినాలని (చదవాలని) చాలా కుతూహలంగా ఎదురు చూస్తున్నాను సర్ (శ్రీ డేవిడ్ నిరీక్షణ రావు సర్)!□□

**RRS Sundara Das:**

Dear **Anil**, Thank you very much for bringing back all those sweetest of memories. God bless you. Dear beloved **Ravindra, Ganapathi, Sudhakar, Vinayak, Narasimharao et al** I can never ever forget my wonderful students of your batch.

Work is worship for the teachers of Botany Department and students are their own children and so you still fondly remember us. Thank you and God bless you.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

డియర్ సుందర దాస్ సర్!

మా బ్యాచ్ అందరి పేర్లూ ఒక వేళ మేం పొరబడినా మా గురుదేవులు మరచిపోలేదు. ఇలాంటి టీచర్-స్టూడెంట్ రిలేషన్స్ మన కాలేజీకే సొంతమేమోననిపిస్తోందండీ.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

డియర్ శ్రీ నిరీక్షణ రావు గారూ!

అలాగే సుందర దాస్ గారి గురించి కూడా మీరు వ్రాసే సమయం త్వరగా రావాలని ఎదురు చూస్తున్నాను..సర్!□□□

**David Nirikshana Rao writes:**

This is an add-on supplement to **Sri. K. Anil Kumar's** 'Memories & Memoirs – 69'

"నీ స్థితి మొదట కొద్దిగా నుండినను, తుదకు నీవు మహాభివృద్ధి పొందుదువు." ~ యోబు 8:7

Whenever and wherever I get an occasion to introduce **Sri. Raja Raymond Singh Sundar Das (RRSSD)**, I would invariably introduce him as '**The Millennium Principal**' of the Andhra Christian College, Guntur!

Remember, there was then a debate as to when the new millennium (1000 years) would start. Most people said it was the Year 2000 as digit 2 appears at the beginning first time in that year. But there were some who said, the new millennium starts with the year 2001 (Citing the analogy of currency bundles, the new bundle starts with serial number 2001 and not with the note bearing 2000! Those were the Y2K days!

But there was no such problem in the computation of sir's tenure as the Millennium Principal! He assumed charge on Dec 13, 1999 and retired on Jan 31, 2001. Just enough days on either side, giving no scope for any such predicament! A thousand years before him, our College itself was not there and a thousand years from now on, I strongly believe, this world as we see it now will not be there either! That leaves him the holder of that exclusive epithet!

In fact, **Mr. RRSSD** was not in the line of prospective Principals to start with. Yet, divine providence willed that there should be no competitors, when the crucial time came! He is never tired of mentioning his humble beginnings as he came to Guntur from Bhadrachalam, and how by the sheer grace of God attained the pinnacle!

For me, to study in our College is a privilege, to serve there is a blessing and to become the Principal is indeed an extra special favor from the God Almighty! Any one, two or all of these positions, in my opinion, are divine appointments, **NOT MERE** happenings! Of course, how one makes use of these blessed privileges - for God's Glory & well being of the mankind - is altogether a different story!

**Mr. RRSSD** is my Botany teacher. In fact, sir's wife **Mrs. Y. Sadguna Kumari madam**, (they were not yet married at that time), was also my direct teacher. She is a 'GOLD MEDALIST' in Botany, fresh from Andhra University! Sir used to sport Hindi film star 'Dev Anand' style hair! Sir excels and enjoys teaching Genes, RNA, DNA, ADP, ATP...even till today. You have to see the joy on his face, the glitter in his eyes, when he speaks on matters even remotely related to genes!

He started his term as the Principal, by appointing private auditors to set the College financial record straight, paying them from his own pocket. He did not move into the Principal's Bungalow, for just 14 months and thereby saving huge money on the much needed extensive repairs. He maintained a pure heart and clean hands!

After retirement, he fully involved himself in God's service. Bible Study & Preaching the Gospel are his prime occupations. As far as I can remember, he preached 350 plus messages at different places! He wrote 4 books and distributed them free of cost! Every year he honors a minimum of 50 financially poor pastors.

I clearly recall the day when he had a massive heart attack on a tiresome pre-Good Friday at Rayapudi village and his heart stopped altogether by nightfall - his ECG drew a straight line - and revived again at Lalitha Nursing Home, Guntur, about a decade ago. Several of us were with him and are witnesses to God's miracle in his life. And within six months, Madam also had a brush with death! Now both them are living witnesses to the grace & mercy of God upon their lives. I leave the details to them, so that interested students & well wishers would listen to those directly from them!

I can not conclude this piece, without mentioning what a godly woman **Smt. Sadguna kumari** madam is! She is devout, humble, soft-spoken & always prayerful! I, for one, strongly believe that madam is the source of inspiration and blessing to the entire family!

God bless **Sri. & Smt. RRSSD!**

God bless their three sons - **David, Praveen, Robert** - and their families!

God bless **Prof. Anilkumar** for giving so many of us the platform!!

God bless you all !!!

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:**

జిందాబాద్ నిరీక్షనావు. సుందర్దాస్ గురించి చాలా బాగా రాసారు శభాష్. చాలబాగుంది. జార్జ్ వారెన్ గారి గురించి రాశావు. చాలా సంతోషంగా ఉంది నాయనా!

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

□ఎన్నెన్నో వందనాలు సర్ !

మీ స్పందన నాకు ప్రత్యేకం !!□□□

**RRS Sundardas writes:**

Dear **Nirikshan**, thank you once again for your truthful expressions for me specially for revealing our God's service we are doing. Thank you for presenting my wife as she was and is. She is as you said, is very fervent prayer warrior. God bless you and your family.

**David Nirikshana Rao:** □□□

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

డియర్ శ్రీ డేవిడ్ నిరీక్షణ రావు సర్!



దశాబ్దాల క్రితమే కాలేజీని వీడిన ఎందరికో తెలియని ఎన్నో ఆసక్తికరమైన విషయాలను మీదైన అద్భుతశైలిలో అందిస్తున్న మీకివే నా కృతజ్ఞతాపూర్వక నమస్సులు.

శ్రీ సుందర దాస్ గారి మూలాలు భద్రాచలంలో ఉన్నాయనీ, వారి పేరు మన కళాశాల చరిత్ర పుటలలో 'మిలీనియం ప్రిన్సిపాల్'గా చిరస్థాయిగా మిగిలి ఉంటుందనీ, మాస్టారి గుండె సంబంధమైన భగవంతుని లీల గురించి మీరన్న విషయాలు చాలా ఆసక్తిని, ఆశ్చర్యాన్ని గొలిపాయి.

ఇక మేడమ్ శ్రీమతి సద్గుణ కుమారి గారు సెయింట్ థెరిసా (ఆస్) కాలేజీ, ఏలూరులో 2000వ సంవత్సరం ఆగస్ట్, సెప్టెంబర్ మాసాలలో జరిగిన రిప్రైజర్ కోర్స్ కు హాజరైన సమయంలో నేనూ ఆ కోర్స్ కు హాజరవ్వటం జరిగింది. వారితో పరిచయం లేదు కానీ, వారి పేరు ఎరిగియున్నందున వారే మా గురుపత్నియని తెలిసింది. ఆ సమయంలోనే గురువుగారు ప్రిన్సిపాల్ గా ఉన్నారన్న విషయం ఇప్పుడు తెలిసింది.

మాస్టారు ప్రిన్సిపాల్ గా చేపట్టిన ఆర్థిక ప్రక్షాళనా కార్యక్రమంలో మీరు ప్రస్తావించిన ఫైవేట్ ఆడిటర్లలో మా సహాధ్యాయి (బోటనీ మెయిన్), నా ప్రియ మిత్రుడు, మన కళాశాల పట్ల అపరిమితమైన, అవ్యాజ్యమైన ప్రేమాభిమానాలున్న ఆడిటర్ గణపతి కూడా తన నిస్వార్థ సేవలందించిన విషయం నేనెరుగుదును. ఆ విధంగా తనకు కళాశాలపట్లగల అభిమానాన్ని వ్యక్తం చేసే అవకాశం కల్పించినందుకు ఎప్పుడూ ఎంతగానో సంతోషిస్తుంటాడు మిత్రుడు గణపతి.

ఇన్నిన్న విశేషాలు ఈ వేదికద్వారా వెలుగు చూడటానికి కారణమైన మన ఆలమ్మై గ్రూప్ కు, నిర్వాహకులకు (అడ్మిన్ శ్రీ ఎజ్రా గారికి, ఇతరులకు), తమ సమయాన్ని వెచ్చించి ఆసక్తిగల మాబోటి వారికి, ఈతరం వారికి ఈ విశేషాలను అందిస్తున్న మీలాంటి పెద్దలందరికీ వేనవేల వందనాలు సర్.□□□□□□□□□□

**RRS Sundardas writes:**

Dear **Anil** thank you once again for making me humble on hearing the admiration of my beloved students. Thank you dear **Nirikshan** for making Emerson's enhancement effect come true on me. Yes dear **Ravindra** my successful tenure as principal was initiated by the audit of our beloved **Ganapathi** that has made a huge difference. Yes I and my wife are on an extended beautiful 13 years of life all because of God's grace. We both are doing God's service and happy. We enjoy immensely with our 6 grandchildren. One more very important hidden truth is since the year Ganapathi became CA he has been filing IT returns for many of our College teachers at free of cost. I noticed that he derives immense pleasure in doing so. Thanks to you all right from the bottom of my heart and God bless you.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□

**MVLN. Koteswara Rao writes:**

**RRSSD** is my good friend. We are colleagues in AC. College. I know his father-in law **Daniel Garu** who ran a garage. I know his wife **Sadgunakumari** who was Botany lecturer in AC. College before working in Government College. His co-son in law **Rajendraprasad** (Principal of AL. College retd., lecturer in AC. College, Department of Education before the Department became AL. College). His brother is my student in College. All his sons had coaching at my house. He is a batsman in our College staff cricket team. He is COLLEGE STAFF TENNIS CHAMPION for several years. He is simple, non controversial, not interfering in unnecessary matters. He does his work sincerely and silently (teaching, religious affairs, any job entrusted to him). Even after he became Principal, he used to come by same scooter parking it with student vehicles. He used to come in same simple attire .ప్రిన్సిపాల్ గా ఎటువంటి భేషజం లేకుండా ఉండేవాడు "సుందర" దాస్.

MAIN QUALITY ADMIRER BY ME IN RRSSD:

ఉన్నంతలో సాధ్యమైనంత వరకు హాయిగా జీవించటం

**RRS Sundardas writes:**

Dear **MVLNK**, thank you very much for your kind appreciations. I will be ever grateful to you for the great help extended to my brother and to my three sons. All the wonderful times we shared and enjoyed always bring immense joy. God bless you with long life and happiness.

**KV Raju writes:**

**RRSSD** is also known to me. I too admire his silent cool attitude. Besides my acquaintance with him in AC. College, very many times we met in the Women's College portico when he was dropping his wife, Mrs. Sadguna kumari, who happened to be my colleague too.

Mr. Rajendra Prasad happened to be a cooperating friend to me since about 1978 or so.

**Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

Today 15 July is the birthday of Late **Sri. Mandali Brahmanaiyah garu**. A very popular Physics Lecturer, a great human being & a person loved, liked & respected by the family of **AC. College**. He is my GURU, advisor & role model. He is remembered EVER by all of us. May his soul rest in peace.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

**Sri. Brahmanaiyah garu** is known to me as an NCC Officer along with **Sri. GBR garu** of Mathematics, who taught us General Mathematics during 1970-72. Nice to remember him on his birth day. Thank you, **Koteswara Rao garu**.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

కీ. శే. Capt. బ్రాహ్మణయ్య (MB) గారు నాకు ఫిజిక్స్ బోధించలేదు కానీ NCC అఫీసర్. నిండైన రూపం, పై శృతిలోని స్వరం, అంతలోనే అరుస్తూ, అంతలోనే నవ్విస్తూ, తండ్రి వలె విద్యార్థులను ప్రేమిస్తూ, తానూ చురుగ్గా వుంటూ, అందరినీ చురుగ్గా ఉంచేవారు.

**Capt. G. బసవేశ్వర్రావ్ (GBR) గారు, Maj. C. N. ఫ్రెడ్రిక్ (CNF) గారు** యమ సీరియస్ గా ఉండేవారు. అయితే, **Capt. బ్రాహ్మణయ్య గారు** మాత్రం తగినంత వెసులుబాటు ఇచ్చేవారు. NCC పెరేడ్ ముగిసే సమయానికి కాడెట్స్ అందరికీ - జిల్లా కోర్ట్ల ఎదురుగా వున్న 'గణపతి విలాస్' నుండి గంపలో తెప్పించే వేడి, వేడి మైసూర్ బజ్జీలు ఇప్పటికీ గుర్తొస్తున్నాయ్!

God bless the memory of late **Sri. Mandali Brahmanaiah garu!**

### MEMORIES & MEMOIRS-70

#### RAPID ROUND

Here under are a few questions for which I solicit answers from you and you are given a few days time. All members of alumni group are welcome to participate in this rapid round.

1. Name the lecturer who is both a lyricist and music director?
2. Mention the name of our faculty member from the Department of Telugu, who writes and delivers the talk with in=depth study and insight?
3. Guess our friend who won several medals, trophies and citations in dramatics both at the district and state level?
4. With respect and modesty, you may tell the name of a person who struggles to express in English though he belongs to Telugu Department?
5. Share with us the name of a gentleman from the Telugu Department who became the Head of the Department of Telugu at JKC College, Guntur?
6. Short yet endowed with profound knowledge and scholarship, and mingles with juniors and seniors alike, hailing from the Department of Telugu. Who is he?
7. There are two, bearing the same name and one left belonging to Telugu Department Who are they?
- 8 A friend from the English Department later became the principal of MGH Jr. College, Brodiepet, Guntur. Name him?
9. A grand, highly accomplished, popular teacher from Loyola College, Vijayawada joined our College as a lecturer in the Department of English, with a metallic voice, full of resonance. Recall his name?
10. A lecturer from the Department of English later served as the director of Indian Postal Service. Do you remember his name?

Your answers speak of your memory besides your love for them.

#### **Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

Q 4. **Sri. MNR**, Head, **Department of Telugu** used to teach us in I Year B. Sc. (1972-'73) (English Medium only) Telugu Text in English. As a student my knowledge about the faculty members other than my direct teachers is very limited and meager. I may be wrong.

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:** Ravi, MNR for Q 4 is right answer.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□

**94416 55888 writes:** Q 8 **M Devaraj**, Q 7 **Showri** in Telugu and **Showri** in Economics. Correct? Q 5 **Rama mohan Rao or Roy**, Q 1 **T Kotaiah**?

**David Nirikshana Rao writes:**

Q 2. **Sri. JMS**, Q 3. **Sri. TRKM**, Q 6. **Dr. NKB**, Q 9. **Sri. NDRP**, Q 10. **Sri. VLI**

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:**

### **Answers to Rapid Round (Memories and Memoirs-70)**

1. Name the lecturer who is both a lyricist and music director?

**Sri. T. Kotayya**

2. Mention the name of our faculty member who writes and delivers the talk with in-depth study and insight, from the Department of Telugu?

**Sri. Nelaturi Kishore Babu**

3. Guess our friend who won several medals, trophies and citations in dramatics both at the district and state level?

**Sri. Thurlapati Radhakrishna Murthy**

4. With respect and modesty you may tell the name of a person who struggles to express in English though he belongs to Telugu Dept?

**Sri. MaNa Rao-MNR**

5. Share with us the name of a gentleman from the Telugu Dept who became the head of the Dept of Telugu at JKC College, Guntur?

**Sri. Kadiyala Rammohan Rao**

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**Sri. T. Bhaskar Rao-TBR**

7. There are two, bearing the same name and one left belonging to Telugu Department Who are they?

**Sri. G. Rammohan Rao & Sri. K. Rammohan Rao** (Changed into **Roy** Later)

8. A friend from the English Department later became the principal of MGH Jr. College, Brodiepet, Guntur belonging to the Department of English. Name him?

**Sri. Maddela Devaraj**

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**Sri. V. Luther Isaac**

10. A lecturer from the Department of English later served as the director of Indian Postal Service. Do you remember his name?

**Sri. Saidulu** (Served in post 60s)

94416 55888 writes: □□□□□□

David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes: □□□□□□

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS -71

### PEARLS AND GEMS

The following distinguished, eminent and prominent principals of our College after retirement served as principals elsewhere. Some alumni rose to the position of principals and exalted positions by virtue of their seniority and merit. Please mention relevant answers to the questions below.

11. A very efficient, most popular principal of our College after retirement served as a principal of a Govt College at Macharla. You should remember his name.
12. One of our principals after retirement served as a principal at Nedurumalli Bala Krishna Reddy College at Vakadu, Nellore Dist. You cannot forget his name.
13. A principal of our College served after retirement in 2 Colleges as a Principal. Who can that be?
14. Principal of Govt. College for Women at Guntur is our Alumnus. Do you know?
15. Our faculty member served as a principal of Sri. Gorla Hanimi Reddy College at Guntur. I know that you know.
16. Principal of the Hindu College, Guntur was our faculty member long ago. He is very popular and a great scholar. Let me see how you recall.
17. Two Principals of JKC College, Guntur happened to be our former faculty members. Do you remember their names?
18. Our Alumnus is the Director of Global Hospitals, Hyderabad. He is internationally famous. Some of you might have met him or seen him. Who is he?
19. One alumnus served as Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs known for his good English and delivery. You certainly know him.
20. Two CMs of Andhra Pradesh happened to be our former students. I am sure that you know one but think who the other one is.
21. One rose to the highest position in Indian Railways, another occupied a top position in Income Tax Department and one happened to be an IAS officer. Mention their names as they are our pride and honour.
22. The only Chairman of Guntur Municipality from our College, very well known personality details need not be said as you know who he is.
23. The mayor of Guntur Municipal Corporation was our alumnus. You are familiar with his name as he repeatedly visited our College.
24. Who is Dr. Chaturvedula Narasimha Sastry? He is a great scholar, writer, speaker both in English and Telugu. I am sure that you know that he is our Alumnus. What is his pen name?
25. Who is Abdul Sattar and what he is known for? And mention the name of his successor?

Trust I am not taxing your brains and taking your time. But yet, it is so sweet to think of our gems and pearls who are illustrious and highly accomplished in their lives.

Please wait for answers soon.

**94416 55888 writes:**

Q 24. **CNS Amarendra**, his daughter is alumnus, **Q 25 Urdu lecturer, successor SAB- Sayed Ali Basha**, Q 14 **Sasibala**

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

Q 14. **Dr. Sasibala, D/o Sri. LRK**, Q 15. **Sri. Narala Channa Reddi**, Chairman, Department of Botany, Q 17. **Sri. Y. Rosaiah & Dr. S. Anantham**, Q 18. **Dr. KS Ratnakar**, Q 19. **Sri. Kotha Raghuramaiah**, Q 20. **Sri. NT Rama Rao & Sri. K. Rosaiah?** Q 21. **Sri. Stanley Babu, Sri. Nuthalapati Rajasekhara Rayalu & Sri. JD Seelam, Sri.. JR Sundara Sekhar**, Q 23. **Sri. Chukka Yesu Ratnam**, Q 24. **Amarendra**

**David Nirikshana Rao writes:**

Q 11. **Dr. T. S. Paulus –TSP**, Q 12. **Dr. John Bob Williams –JBW**, Q 13. **Dr. MGT / Mr. JP**

Q 18. **Dr. K. Ravindranath**, thanks to Google. Q 20. In fact there were 3 CMs of AP who were our alumni. 1. **Sri. Kasu Brahmananda Reddy**, 2. **Sri. Bhavanam Venkatrami Reddy** and 3. **Dr. Nandamuri Taraka Ramarao**. 21. **Sri. T. Stanley Babu & Sri. N. Raja Sekhara Rayalu**-interestingly both were our Zoology lectures, both hail from Chirala, both were residents of Wolf- Hall when they received their honors. In fact, I quite well remember how **Sri. Rayalu** jumped with joy on the hostel open air stage, on receiving the news! 22. **Dr. Pinapati Prabhu Das**,

Q 20. Additional information on CM-**Sri. Bhavanam Venkatram Reddy**: He was working as a lecturer in the then Department Of Law (AC. Evening College) when the surprising announcement came. He was not a member of either house of legislature. Later he became an MLC.

He is close to Mr. Ganji Satyanarayana Reddy (GSR) of the Department Of Chemistry!

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-71

### PEARLS AND GEMS - Answers

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**Dr. TS. Paulus garu**

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**Dr. JB. Williams garu**

13. A Principal of our College served after retirement in 2 Colleges as a Principal. Who can that be?

**Dr. MG. Thomas garu**, one at Guntur Reddi College, and another at Chilakaluripet.

14. Principal of Govt College for women at Guntur is our Alumnus. Do you know?

Dr. Mrs. S. Sasibala, daughter of our Sri. LRK garu

15. Our faculty members served as a principal of Sri. Gorla Hanimi Reddy College at Guntur. I know that you know.

**Sri. N. Channa Reddi garu and Dr. MGT garu**

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**Sri. Vallabhajosyula Subbarao garu**

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**Sri. Y. Rosayya garu and Dr. S. Anantham garu**

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**Dr. Prof. KS. Ratnakar**

19. One alumnus served as Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs is known for his good English and delivery. You certainly know him.

**Sri. Kotha Raghu Ramayya garu**

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**Sri. NT. RamaRao and Sri. Bhavanam Venkata Ram Reddy**

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All the three are from Zoology Department **Sri. Stanley Babu garu**, **Sri. N. Rajasekhar Rayalu garu** and **Sri. Williams garu** our TAR childhood friend from Chintalapudi of West Godavari Dt.

22. The only Chairman of Guntur Municipality from our College, very well known personality details need not be said as you know who he is.

**Dr. P. Prabhudas garu**

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**Sri. C. Yesuratnam garu**

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**Amarendra**

25. Who is **Abdul Sattar** and what he is known for? And mention the name of his successor?

He taught Urdu and known for GHAZALS and his successor is **Sri. Bhasha garu**.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□

**MVLN. Koteswara Rao writes:**

**Sri. J Paulus Garu**, after retiring as Principal of AC. College, became Principal of College at Pedanandipadu.

**Sri. J D Seelam**, a former student of AC. College, was an IAS officer first. Later he joined Congress Party and became Union Minister. He is a student of mine.

**Mr. Jayaprakash Reddy**, former student of AC. College, is a very popular cinema actor now. He is a student of mine.

**Mr. Sobhanbabu**, one of top heroes in movies is a student of AC. College. He is also a tuition student of **Sri. CVP Garu**.

The great **Viswanadha Satyanarayana Garu** is in the faculty of AC. College.

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:**

Dear **MVLNK**, thanks for the information. It is forwarded to all in AC. College Alumni group.

My greetings to you.

**MVLN Koteswara Rao writes:**

**Kongara Jaggiah** one of the great actors is a former student of AC. College.

**Sri. BJ. Premsagar**, lecturer in AC. College became Principal of Tadikonda College and Chilakaluripet College.

**Sri. D. Subrahmanyam garu**, lecturer in AC. College is first Principal of Sir CR Reddy College, Eluru.

**Mrs. Vasanthi**, cinema actress, studied in AC. College.

Besides these, there are several politicians who are students of AC. College, some of them have become MLAs and State ministers.

ఆంధ్ర క్రైస్తవ వ కళా శాల గుంటూరు నుండి "ఎందరో మహానుభావులు, అందరికీ వందనములు"

**Kamaraju Anilkumar writes:**

We are enriched with your participation. Go on sharing your thoughts, experiences with faculty and students of our College.

God bless you.

**MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-74**

**నవ్వండి మరి నవ్వుకోండి**



మన కాలేజీ లో పెద్దలు మనకు చాలా హాస్యాన్ని పండించారు. తలుచుకుని మరీ మరీ నవ్వుకోవచ్చు నవ్వింపవచ్చు ఎప్పుడైనా ఎవరినైనా ఎక్కడైనా!!!! అది మజా!!!! ఎంతో గౌరవంగా, వినయంగా నవ్వుకోటానికే కానీ విమర్శ కాదు కలలోకూడా...!!! ఇది గమనించి చదవండి ప్లీజ్!!!!

ఆ సమయంలో పెద్దలు శ్రీ J. PAULUS garu మన ప్రిన్సిపల్ గా ఉండేవారు..కొంత మంది ఆడపిల్లలు ఆయనని ఆఫీసు లో కలుసుకున్నారు.

"What is the matter" అని అడిగారు. వాళ్ళు మాగజీన్ చూపించి అన్నారు."సర్! మా పేర్లతో ఒక స్టూడెంట్ కథ రాశాడు. అది మాగజీన్ లో పడింది. మాకే చాలా సిగ్గుగా ఉంది. కంప్లైంట్ చెయ్యడానికి వచ్చామ్ సర్."

అయితే మీ పేర్లు చెప్పండి అన్నారు ప్రిన్సిపల్ గారు. వాళ్ళు Mercy, Emili అన్నారు. దానికి మన జేపి గారు అన్నారు "What are your initials?" అమ్మాయిలు అన్నారు "K. Mercy, G. Emili."

వెంటనే జేపి స్పందించారు "Here, only it is said Mercy and not K. Mercy, and Emili and not G. Emili. How do you say they are you names? You may go now." ఎంత సమయస్ఫూర్తి జేపి గారిది ఆలోచించండి.

ఒక లెక్చర్ గారు జేపి గార్ని కలిసి తన renewal orders చూపించాడు. డా. విలియమ్స్ గారు రిటైర్ అవ్వకముందే ఇచ్చిన ఆర్డర్. దానికి జేపి గారు ఇలా అన్నారు "Who gave you orders?" లెక్చర్ అన్నారు "డా.జేబి .విలియమ్స్." జేపి సమాధానం హాస్యస్ఫూర్తిగా వుంది "Then you may go to him." ఆ లెక్చర్ అవాక్యయ్యాడు..తరువాత కాలంలో ఆయన హెడ్ కూడా అయ్యారనుకోండి, అది వేరే విషయం .

డా.ఎన్. Isaac గారు మన ప్రిన్సిపల్ గా ఉండేవారు. నేను మన పెద్దలు శ్రీ ఆర్.సి.ఆర్. ఫిజిక్స్ డిపార్ట్మెంట్, పరీక్షల్లో రూమ్ 11 లో ఇన్వేజిలేషన్ లో వున్నాం. అనిల్ నిన్ను పెర్మనెంట్ చేయాలని డాక్టర్ ఐజాక్ గారిని అడిగితే ఏమంటారో చెప్పు సరదాగా అన్నారు. ఇక నేను మొదలు పెట్టాను "చేస్తామండి. మీరు ఆగాలండి. We will have to know your work in theory classes, your work in Practical classes, your attitude in the department, your relationships with staff in general, your relationship with students, your local stand in the town" నాకు దిక్కు తోచక "సరే సర్! " అని తిరిగి వచ్చేస్తాను చేసేది ఏమిలేక. ఐజాక్ గారు ఏది తేల్చి చెప్పారు. చూద్దామండి, ఆగండి, అంటుంటారు. అది వారి స్టయిల్ అనుకోవాలి.

RCR మరో ప్రశ్న వేశారు. ఆయన ఒకామె maternity leave application తో వెళితే ఐజాక్ గారు ఏమంటారో చెప్పండి అన్నారు. "ఆగండి. చూద్దామండి. వెయిట్ అండి" ఇలా చెప్తూ కాలం వెళ్ళబుచ్చుతారు.

ఆమె మళ్ళీ మళ్ళీ అడుగుతారు. “చూద్దామండి” సమాధానం వస్తూనే వుంటుంది..ఈ లోగా ఆమె బిడ్డను కనడంకూడా అయిపోతుంది. ఇది మన ఐజాక్ గారి స్టయిల్.

మన ప్రీన్సిపల్స్ కు mannerisms వున్నాయి. గమనిస్తే తెలిసిపోతుంది.

డా. సి.డి గారు "in a way or other" 'After all' పదాలని వాడుతుంటారు.

డా. ఐజాక్ వాడే మాట థాంక్స్ కి చాలా అర్థాలుంటాయి. మిమ్మల్ని బైటికి పంపించాలనుకోండి ఆయన "థాంక్స్ అండి" అంటారు. ఆయనకి కోపం వస్తే "I am sorry. మీకు సారి చెప్పాల్సివస్తుందండి. థాంక్స్ అండి". ఇది ఆయన ధోరణి. సందర్భం బట్టి ఏ 'థాంక్స్' చెప్తున్నారో మనం గ్రహించుకోవాలి.

బైటికి పొమ్మంటున్నారా ఆయనకి కోపం వచ్చిందా తెలుసుకోవాలి.

ఎన్. చన్నా రెడ్డి గారు కాలర్ సర్దుకుంటూ తల పైకి యెగరేస్తూ నాలికని ముందుకు కింది పెదవి పై అటు ఇటు జరుపుతారు. ఆయనకి స్ట పలకదు. అందుకనే ప్లుడెంట్స్ అంటారే కాని స్టూడెంట్స్ అనరు, స్టయిల్ బదులు shtyle అంటారాయన.

మీకు నచ్చితే మరి కొన్ని తరువాత.

**Dr. KS. Ratnakar writes:**

Memoirs cannot be written without great memory power; more important is the art of communication. **Prof. Anil Kumar** is endowed with both.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

□ Please keep writing sir!

We, specially such of us that know the said sirs really enjoy recalling the funny instances.

I have a small request sir. Whenever you mention **Dr. N. Isaac's** words, you better include an audio clip. You are an expert in imitating his voice.

I have yet another request sir,

**Mr. SMK** is an expert in imitating **Dr. Ch. I. Varadanam's** voice. Why don't you both make an audio clip of an imaginary conversation between those eminent & unforgettable men of bygone years!

I am sure, it will bring to life the fond remembrances and funny side of them to life & preserve them for future generations!

God bless you sir!

**Dr. KM. RatnaSri writes:**

Sir, after going through your write up 74, immediately my memory went back to our Department where you used to imitate the voices and gestures of our great teachers supported (prakka

vayidhyam) by Prameela madam. We all used to have a very good time. Thank u sir for bringing back our Department's memories.

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar writes:**

ఏదో రక రకాలుగా పాతరోజులు తలచుకుంటూ ఆనందంగా ఉండడానికి ఈ ప్రయత్నం. ఈ తరానికి ఉహకు కూడ అందని, అందరాని విశేషాలు, చమత్కారాలు, ఆనాటి వైభవాలు, అప్పటి సామర్థ్యాలు, స్నేహాలు, ప్రేమ, ఆస్వాదనలు మనం పంచుకోవడం అవసరం.. అందుకే నా ప్రయత్నం.

**కారుమూరి వెంకట రాజు (అనిల్ కుమార్ గారికి సన్నిహితుడు) ఇలా వ్రాస్తున్నారు:**

**అనిల్ కుమార్ గారి AC.** కాలేజీ జీవితం కన్న వెలుపలి జీవితం అత్యంత విలువైనది. దేశ విదేశాల్లో అనేక రాష్ట్రాలలో, పండిత పామరులను సమానంగా ఆకర్షించే వ్యక్తి **అనిల్ కుమార్ గారు.** ప్రపంచంలో అనేక దేశాల అధిపతులు, ప్రముఖులు వీరి వద్ద ఆశీర్వాదాలు తీసుకున్నారు. ఈయన వజ్రమైతే, భగవాన్ దానిని అనేక విధాలుగా సానబెట్టి అత్యంత తేజోమయంగా చేశారు.

AC. కాలేజీ వదిలిన తరువాత వీరు ప్రసంగించిన అనేక సభల్లో నేను పాల్గొనడం జరిగింది. చిన్నారి బాల వికాస్ పిల్లలని ముచ్చటతో ఎలా మురిపిస్తారో, పండిత ప్రకాండలను కూడా అదే విధంగా మైమరపిస్తారు. ఒక గంట కాలేజీ విద్యార్థులకు బోధించి వెనువెంటనే గాయత్రి వైశిష్ట్యాన్ని ఉన్నత స్థాయిలో బోధించి అబ్బుర పరిచారు. ఒక గంట MBA పిల్లలకు నీతులు, సూక్తులు చెప్పి మరొక గంటలో విద్వత్ మహాసభలో అద్వైత సిద్ధాంతాని విడమర్చి విపులీకరించారు. ఈ మధ్యనే ఢిల్లీలో పలు సమావేశాల్లో ప్రముఖులను ఉద్దేశించి ప్రసంగించి, దక్షిణ ఆఫ్రికాలో 15 వేల మంది దేశాధినేతలతో రెండు రోజులు సమావేశాలు నిర్వహించారు.

అమెరికాలో వీరి ప్రసంగం జరగని రాష్ట్రం లేదు. అనేక ఐరోపా దేశాల్లోనూ, Australia లోనూ సాయి భక్తులను పరవశింప చేస్తూ ప్రసంగించారు.

ఈ విధంగా అత్యన్నత వ్యక్తిగా అనిల్ కుమార్ గారు రాణించారు. ఇలాంటి వ్యక్తి మన మధ్య ఉండటం మన అదృష్టం అని చెప్పవచ్చు.

భగవాన్ అనిల్ కుమార్ గారికి ఇంకా ఎన్నో ఏళ్లు ఆరోగ్యం, ఆయుష్ ప్రసాదించాలని ప్రార్థిస్తున్నాను.

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS -- 75

### REMINISCENCES OF MY ALMA MATER

By Dr. (Mrs.) VP. Celiamma

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As I understand, the College aimed at the development of total personality of the student i.e. to develop the moral, intellectual and physical capabilities. Adequate encouragement was provided for the attainment of these goals.

There were moral and Bible classes on Tuesday 1st hour and Thursday 1st hour. Students had to be present for either of the two. There were literary and debating associations- all students are divided into several associations. Each association was named after one distinguished and great personality like 'Jawaharlal Association'. All girls were in one association named 'Sarojini Naidu Association'. All were to attend in Room No. 6. Those who were interested used to participate but all were to be present. My classmate and friend **Mrs. K. Vasantha Kumari** was one of the regular participants in debating. This was meant to train the student in the skills of oratory.

There was dramatic association-students used to enact dramas on the Assembly Hall stage-**Dr. JB. Williams garu** used to say, it is our stage that discovered **NT. Rama Rao** and **Jaggiah** as actors" At a later period **Shobhan Babu**, the actor was also a student of AC. College.

NCC was also encouraged. There were so many battalions under some staff members as NCC Officers. **Maj CN. Frederick garu, Rajagopala Rao garu (MRG), N. Channa Reddy garu (NCR)** etc. were officers. Both boys and girls used to attend NCC camps at various places. For us, girls battalion **M. Brahmaniah garu** (Physics Department) was the NCC Officer. Special interest was taken to encourage sports and games-our students used to participate in intercollegiate sports and games, often used to get prizes.

Every year the College used to celebrate Christmas Worship program and function on a grand scale with rich and beautiful decoration. Both girls and boys used to participate in the Christmas Pageant and there was candlelight service. Each hostel- **Strock Hall, Wolf Hall, Heyer Hall, Gunn Hall** used to celebrate Christmas on a specific day before leaving for Christmas vacation. It was a festive period.

The day of College anniversary was very memorable day. The beautiful decoration of the Hall and the illumination around is quite attractive. Crowning all this was the subject wise prize distribution recognizing the merit of the student. There were academic prizes, prizes for debating & elocution, dramatics, sports & games etc. certificate of merit was awarded which bears the symbol and motto of our College (they were treasured things to cherish). **R.Chalapathi Rao garu (RCR)**, Department Of Physics used to take care of arrangements for the prize distribution. All of this was followed by very entertaining cultural programs.

**Assembly:** Weekly assemblies on Wednesday 1st hour was admirable and unique feature of our College. All the two thousand students sit on identical chairs and girl students in the balcony. Oh it was a glorious sight to look at. There was pin drop silence throughout. The staff sits on the dais. As the staff were entering on the dais to sit, students used to clap. The clapping was rhythmic clapping at a time. Three claps then a pause then three claps. It was a unique way of clapping, a specialty of AC. College. When the principal enters all would stand. He went directly to the podium to address.

Our Principal **Dr. TS. Paulus**, MA LLD was a very unique personality. He was very dignified and pleasing; at the same time a stern disciplinarian endowed with high moral standards and naturally a great administrator. He attracted great attention and admiration from the students. Mostly our assemblies were addressed by the Principal and occasionally some distinguished outsiders also used to address. The Principal's addresses at the Assembly were combined with admiration and admonition for the students. Most often admiration was more- for instance, he said on a certain day, the director of public instruction came to the College and

asked “Dr. Paulus, when did you close the College?” The principal said “Why, the classes are going on and we did not close the College”. When the principal told this all the students were happy. He congratulated the students for their discipline and good behavior. He used to say wherever we go we must carry the stamp of our College. That is others should know that we are from **Andhra Christian College**. He used to say you are not boys and girls, you are gentlemen and ladies. He used to tell us how we must behave when we go out. Once it happened that he entered our classroom as we were waiting for the lecturer (who was on leave). I remember he spoke to us about the difference between moral, amoral and immoral.

I want to mention in this regard that a rare opportunity given to two of my classmates to address the assembly- **Mr. Anil Kumar** (the initiator of this project – Memories and Memoirs) and **Mrs. VS. Ranjini**. The occasion was that the Andhra University sent a proposal that our College students must appear for their examinations in some other College. When this was informed all students were gathered in the assembly hall- I don't remember who gathered us. These leaders spoke powerfully exhibiting their oratory skills against the proposal. They cited the disadvantages, elaborating how difficult it would be for us to go and write exams elsewhere. All of us took a procession –students were already on the road. The Principal's car came and stopped in the portico. He came to the gate walking. He clapped and called back the students. Immediately as if under a spell all the students returned. They gathered in the Assembly and the Principal said that shortly he was attending a senate meeting in the university and he would talk and convince the senate not to take any such measure against the students which would inconvenience them to write their exams in an unaccustomed place. Then students returned to their classes. He was such a great man who elicited such respect, admiration and obedience from the students. I used to have some proud feeling in the corner of my mind that the Principals subject was also Philosophy.

Every year we used to get our College magazine containing good and standard articles from the talented students and staff. We used to go by College calendar which we got every year specifying the dates of commencement, of holidays, special meetings, examinations & other particulars.

I had good friends in my student career. But now I am in touch only with a few of them, **K. Vasantha Kumari** (wife of **Dr. K. Madhusudhan Rao**), **Mrs. PSM. Vijayamma** were my group mates (BiPL) and friends. **PSM. Vijayamma** did her B. Sc. and is now staying in the US. **Vasantha Kumari** shifted to arts group History English and Politics (HEP). **Vasantha Kumari** was very affectionate; she often used to invite me to her home while I was in the hostel. **Rani Sarala** used to join us for logic classes in PUC. Later she became my colleague and a good friend. We were three girls for BA Philosophy classes.

We used to be very friendly – I lost contact with **Bharathi**. I still maintain good contact and friendship with **Mrs. Ana Margaret**, wife of **Dr.T. Rajendra Prasad**, Ex-Principal of B. Ed. College.

**Strock Hall-** Coming directly from home, hostel life was new to me. Warden of the hostel was **Miss. BC. Leelavathy Madam** who also came that year. Always clad in white, she was a stern disciplinarian. Outwardly, she appeared to be harsh but at heart she was loving and caring mother. She worked with commitment and devotion for the betterment of the students. She insisted upon punctuality- we had daily devotions morning and evening. Every morning before we go to College, there was cleanliness check of the rooms by the warden. She had

special interest to develop garden. Every evening after coming from College, we have to spend a few minutes (about 20-30 minutes) in the garden, then tea bell. She used to insist upon the students to have hair bags and laundry bags. There also were various associations in the hostel—morning and evening study hour. For everything timely bell was given. As she was previously a teacher of domestic science, she took care of food served in the hostel. Students (senior) used to run the mess. Very beautiful decoration and orderly arrangements used to be made for the functions- Christmas and anniversary.

On one occasion **Dr. MGT** was so much impressed with decoration and arrangement, flower garden, he commented- 'none can paint Lily whiter'; which means it is superb. An unforgettable farewell was given to us (seniors) by our junior students in Strock Hall. Our farewell party was very memorable; one thing that stood out was the parting song and the farewell address by the very talented **Mrs. BS Indira Devi**. She moved all of us to tears as she gave each one of us a special title. Prior to my appointment as a lecturer in the College, she worked as Telugu lecturer for a short period.

I consider myself very blessed to be a student of the College during that time which was deemed to be the golden period for the College. We were taught not just by great teachers but remarkable human beings who shaped our personalities. (to be continued)

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### నవ్వండి నవ్వించండి .

డా. ఐజాక్ గారు వాడే పదం ఒకటి వుంది. నేను మరెక్కడా వినలేదు. ఏది అది అని అడగండి.

"BE THAT AS IT MAY" - అంటే అది అలాగే వుండనీ, ఏది ఎలా వున్నా అని కూడా మనం అర్థం చేసుకోవచ్చు.

మేజర్ ఫైడరిక్ గారు నడకలో ఒక స్వింగ్ వుంది. మాటలో ఒక ఊపు ఉంటుంది.. పళ్లలో ఒక బిగువుంది .పెదవులు అంతగా కదిలినట్లు అనిపించదు. నవ్వినా, పెద్దగా నవ్వరు. మరీ ఎన్సెసి యూనిఫామ్ లో అయితే మిలిటరీ ఆఫీసర్ బాబు లాగా వుంటారాయన..

ఇక బ్రాహ్మణయ్య గారైతే బోళా శంకరుడే. I will throw you out of the window! మరి మరు క్షణంలో కోపం పోతుంది. ఎంతెంత మందికి సహాయం చేశాడో ఆ మహానుభావుడు! యూనిఫామ్ లో లావుగా కనపడతారాయన.

ఇక RCR , RSP-RS Pardhasaradhi. మనకు కారాకిళ్ళిలు నముల్తు దర్శనమిస్తారు..ఆర్ఎస్పి జోక్కు అంతే వుండదు..

పంచ కట్టి పైన లాల్సీ వేసుకుని ఒక చేత్తో పంచని పట్టుకును మరో చేతిని ఒక ప్రక్కకి వుంచి, తల వంచీ వంచనట్లు కదిలే మెదిలే ఆ ఐజాక్ గారు నిరంతరం గుర్తొస్తూనే ఉంటారు. షేక్ హండ్స్ ఇచ్చేటప్పుడు నాలుగు

వేళ్లనే అందిస్తారు. ఇక ఆఫీసులో చేతి గడియారం కీ ఇవ్వటం చూడాలి.. అందులో పరీక్షలప్పుడు. కుర్చీలో కొంత వరకు జారి పొట్ట పైకి లేవగా గడియారం కీ ఇవ్వటం చూట్టానికి వినోదం గా వుంటుంది. అది గర గర చప్పుడవుతుంది.

ఇక డా. సి. దేవదానం గారైతే చూపుడు వేలుకి కర్చీస్ చుట్టి లేకపోతే అందరివైపు చూపుతూ మాట్లాడతారు. ఆయన నవ్వు కొద్దిగానే వుంటుంది. అది చిరునవ్వు అందామా లేక ముసి ముసి నవ్వులు అనాలో తెలియడంలేదు..

మన మానా రావు గారిని గమనించండి. ఆయనది భారీ శరీరం. చేతిలో కర్చీస్ ని గమనించండి. దాన్ని వుండలాగా, ఒక పకోడి పొట్లంలాగా చుట్టేసి అరచేతిలో పెట్టుకుని. ముఖం తుడుచుకుంటారు. అది వారి విధానం.

మరి శ్రీ రాజగోపాలావు, ఫిలాసఫీ గారిని గుర్తుతెచ్చుకోండి.

చాలా పొడవు ఆయన. నిలబడ్డప్పుడు గుర్తు తెచ్చుకోండి.

కాళ్ళు వూపుతూనే వుంటారు. మాటలలో ధీమా కనపడుతుంది. ఒకప్పుడు మనకు అహంకారంగా అనిపించవచ్చు.

అది శ్రీ.రాజగోపాల్ రావు గారు అమెరికాకు వెళ్తున్న సందర్భం. స్టాఫ్ రూమ్ లో పార్టీ. శ్రీచన్నారెడ్డి గారు వందన సమర్పణ. ఏమన్నారంటే-రాజగోపాల్ రావు గారు భారత్ కు చెందిన బుద్ధుడి గురించి రీసెర్చ్ చెయ్యడానికి అమెరికా వెళ్తున్నారు . అందరూ నవ్వుకున్నారు.

ఇప్పుడు నాకు మరో సన్నివేశం గుర్తుకొస్తోంది. ఆ సమయం లో డా. టిఎస్. పౌలస్ గారు ప్రిన్సిపల్. ఒక రోజున అసెంబ్లీ హాల్ లో ప్రసంగిస్తూ ఒక మాట అన్నారు. "నేను హైయర్ హాల్ నించి కార్ లో వస్తున్నాను. కొన్ని గాడిదలు ప్రక్కనించి వెళ్లిపోయాయి. కొంత దూరం లో కుక్కలు వెళ్ళాయి . ఆ తరువాత మన హయ్యర్ హాల్ స్టూడెంట్స్ ని చూచాను. నాకు తేడా కనపడలేదు. Couldn't you say Good morning? What difference does it make between you and the remaining that passed by?" ఇది నేను చాలా సభల్లో చెప్తుంటాను. మరి ముఖ్యంగా స్టూడెంట్స్ కి చక్కగా మ్యానర్స్ చెప్పినట్లైంది..

నేను ఒక సారి మా ఎంవిఎస్ఎస్ గారి గురించి గొప్పగా అన్నాను.., బాటనీ స్టాఫ్ రూమ్ లో.. ఆయనకి అన్ని పనులు వచ్చు. He is house oriented. వెంటనే మా ప్రమీల మేడమ్ ఏమన్నారంటే మా అనిల్ కుమార్ గారు street oriented. ఇక చూడండి అందరూ ఒకటే నవ్వులు. మా ప్రమీల మేడమ్ వుంటేనే హాస్యం. బాటనీ స్టాఫ్ రూమ్ కే కళ. నా జోక్ కి ప్రక్కవాయిద్యం లాగా వుండేవారు..నిజానికి నాకు ప్రసంగించటం తప్ప ఏపనులు

రావు.. నేను ఎప్పుడు తల్చుకుంటాను...ప్రమీలా ఇరవై యేళ్ళు ఆగు మీ ఆయన ప్రిన్సిపల్ అవుతారు...మిమ్మల్ని స్టేజ్ మీదకి ఆనివెర్సరీ ఫంక్షన్ లో పిలిచేది నేనే.

ఆతరువాత కాలంలో ఆయన ప్రిన్సిపల్ అయ్యేసరికి నేను కొలేజిలో లేను..నాతో ప్రమీల అన్నారు.. “ఆయన ప్రిన్సిపల్ అయ్యారు. మీరు లేరు”. ప్రతి ఆనివెర్సరీ ఫంక్షన్ కు అనిల్ కుమార్ దే స్టేజ్ హడావుడి అంతా. ఎలా కృతజ్ఞతలు తెలిపేది నా కాలేజీకి? అది నాకిచ్చిన అనుభవానికి ఆనందానికి? పదే పదే తల్చుకోటం ఆ భగవంతుడికి కృతజ్ఞతలు చెప్పుకోటం తప్ప.

ఇవాల్లి రోజున ఏ సభలో అయినాసరే ధీమాగా మాట్లాడుతున్నానంటే ఎంత పెద్దవారి ముందైనా ఎన్నివేల మంది ఉన్నా లెక్క లేక ధైర్యంతో ఇన్ని సంవత్సరాలు కొనసాగిస్తున్నానంటే ఒకే ఒక కారణం నా ఎసి కాలేజి అని డంకాపథం గా చెప్పగలను. చెప్తున్నానుకూడా..

తల్లి రుణం తీరదంటారు. నా కాలేజీ ఋణం తీరేది కాదు...

ఆనంద భాష్య నివాళి, నీరాజనం తప్ప. తల్లీ నీకేమిచ్చేది?

నిత్య ప్రణయాంజలి, ప్రేమాంజలి.

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~David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula

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FOUNDING FATHER OF A. E. L. CHURCH

GUNTUR (A.P), INDIA

"నీతి మంతు నిజ్ఞాపకము చేసి కొనుట ఆ శీర్షా దకరమగును." ~ సామెతలు 10:7

సరిగ్గా 175 సంవత్సరాల క్రితం ఇదే రోజున ( జూలై 31, 1842 ) జాన్ క్రిస్టియన్ ఫ్రెడెరిక్ హయర్, తెలుగు ప్రజలకు తొలి క్రైస్తవ మిషనెరిగా, భారత దేశంలోని, ఆంధ్ర ప్రదేశ్ రాష్ట్రపు, గుంటూరు పట్టణంలో అడుగు పెట్టాడు. ఈయన జర్మనీ దేశంలో జన్మించి, అమెరికాలో వేదాంత విద్య నభ్యసించి, అక్కడే పాస్టర్ గా పనిచేస్తూ,



అమెరికన్ లూథరన్ సంఘపు మొట్టమొదటి మిషనెరిగా ఇండియా దేశానికి క్రీస్తు యేసును గూర్చిన రక్షణ సువార్తను తీసుకొచ్చాడు.

హయర్, తన మాతృభాషయైన జర్మన్ భాషయే కాకుండా 7 ఇతర భాషలు - ఫ్రెంచ్, ఇంగ్లీష్, హెబ్రీ, గ్రీకు, లాటిన్, సంస్కృతం మరియు తెలుగు - భాషలు నేర్చుకున్నాడు. ఈ భాషలన్నీ పరిశుద్ధ బైబిల్ గ్రంథాన్ని లోతుగా అధ్యయనం చేయడానికి, బలంగా సువార్తను ప్రకటించడానికి ఎంతో శ్రమకోర్చి, శ్రద్ధతో అభ్యసించాడు!

దేవుని వాక్యం ప్రజల్లో ప్రబలంగా విస్తరించాలంటే వారు విద్యావంతులై ఉండడం ఎంతో ముఖ్యమనే విషయాన్ని గుర్తించి, గుంటూరులోనూ, చుట్టుపట్ల ముఖ్య గ్రామాలలోనూ ప్రాథమిక పాఠశాలలు ప్రారంభించాడు. అలా గుంటూరులో ప్రథమంగా ప్రారంభమైన ఇంగ్లీష్ - తెలుగు పాఠశాల (Anglo-Vernacular School), దినదినాభివృద్ధిచెంది, 1885 నాటికి ప్రసిద్ధిగాంచిన ఆంధ్ర క్రైస్తవ కళాశాలగా (Andhra Christian College) పరిణతి చెంది, నేటికి 132 సంవత్సరాలుగా విద్యారంగంలో విశిష్ట సేవలందిస్తుంది.

హయర్, ఇండియాలో తన మొదటి మిషనెరి యాత్రలో, ప్రజల ఆరోగ్య సమస్యలు, వారు పడే అవస్థలు గమనించి, అమెరికా తిరిగి వెళ్లి, ప్రసిద్ధిగాంచిన 'జాన్స్ హాప్కిన్స్ యూనివర్సిటీ' (Johns Hopkins University) లో, తన 54 వ ఏట వైద్య విద్య నభ్యసించి M. D. డిగ్రీ పొందాడు. ఇండియాకు తిరిగివచ్చి, తన రెండవ, మూడవ మిషనెరి యాత్రలలో సువార్త నందించడంతో పాటుగా, వైద్యపరిచర్యను కూడా కొనసాగించాడు. కొన్నేళ్ళ తర్వాత మెడికల్ మిషనెరిగా ఇండియా దేశానికి వచ్చిన Dr. Anna S. Kugler గారికి 'పుల్ టైం' వైద్య పరిచర్యలను అప్పగించాడు. ఆమెచే 1885లో గుంటూరులో ప్రారంభించబడిన సుప్రసిద్ధ ఆరోగ్య సంస్థ 'కు గ్లర్ హాస్పిటల్' (KUGLER HOSPITAL)!

అంతటి ఘనమైన సువార్త సేవను తెలుగు ప్రజల మధ్య ప్రథమంగా చేసిన రెవరెండ్. డాక్టర్. జాన్ క్రీస్టియన్ ఫ్రెడెరిక్ హయర్ ను అందరూ ఆప్యాయంగా 'ఫా ద ర్ \* హ య ర్' అని పిలిచేవారు. ఆయన గుంటూరులో తొలిసారి అడుగుపెట్టిన రోజైన జూలై 31 వ తేదీని, ప్రతి సంవత్సరం 'ఆంధ్ర సావార్తిక లూథరన్ సంఘం' (Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church) యొక్క 'జ న్మ ది నం' గానూ, 'సు వార్త ది నం' గానూ జరుపుకుంటాం.

గుంటూరు నగరం లోని, పాత బస్టాండ్ ఎదురుగానున్న ప్రస్తుతం 'ఫాదర్ హయర్ మెమోరియల్ లూథరన్ దేవాలయం' లేదా 'పరిశుద్ధ. మత్తయి తూర్పు గురుమండల దేవాలయము' (Father Heyer Memorial Lutheran Church / St. Matthew's East Parish Church, Gunn Hall Compound) నిర్మించబడియున్న స్థలంలో, ఒక చిన్న పెంకుటింట్లో ఫాదర్ హయర్ నివాసం వుండేవాడు. ఆ ఇంటి వరండాలో

కూర్చొని ఆ దారిన వస్తూ, పోతూ వుండేవాళ్ళకు ఆయన యేసుక్రీస్తును గూర్చిన సువార్తను సంభాషిస్తుండేవాడు! ఆ 'సు వార్త \* గృహం' యొక్క జ్ఞాపకార్థంగా అదే ఆవరణలో నిర్మించిన దేవాలయాన్ని ఆనుకొని ఒక జ్ఞాపక చిహ్నం నిర్మించబడి, నేటికీ కనబడుతుంది. (ఇది ఆయన సమాధి కాదు. ఫాదర్ హయర్ సమాధి USAలో, పెన్సిల్వేనియా రాష్ట్రంలోని ప్రిడెన్స్ పట్టణంలో ఉంది). గుంటూరు ఇంట్లో ఉండగా, ఆయన వాడిన 'చెక్క మడత కుర్చీ' (Wooden folding Chair) నేటికీనీ ఈ ఆలయంలోని ఆల్టర్ ప్రక్కన, ఒక గ్లాస్ కేస్ లో కనిపిస్తుంది.

**గమనిక:** ఈ కుర్చీ ఆరాధనా అవశేషం (Not a Relic) కాదు. దీనిని పూజించరు, ఆరాధించరు! ఇది కేవలం 'ఫాదర్ హయర్' సువార్త సేవకు ప్రత్యక్ష నిదర్శనమైన జ్ఞాపిక (Reminder) మాత్రమే !

అలా 175 సంవత్సరాల క్రితం చిన్న మొక్కగా ప్రారంభించబడిన **ఆంధ్ర సౌవార్తిక లూథరన్ సంఘం (Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church - AELC)** ప్రభువు కృపను బట్టి నేడు 6 సినెడ్స్ - 1. East Guntur, 2. Central Guntur, 3. West Guntur, 4. East Godavari, 5. West Godavari & 6. Visakha Synods - 750+ Parishes - 2500+ Congregations - 1000+ Pastors - 20,000,000+ Members తో శాఖోప శాఖలుగా విస్తరించి, ఆసియా ఖండంలోనే అత్యంత పెద్దదైన లూథరన్ సంఘంగా విలసిల్లుతోంది. ప్రస్తుత అధ్యక్షులు - Moderator Bishop : **Rev. Dr. Kollabathula Frederick Paradesi Babu.**

**"నీతి మంతుని జ్ఞాపకము చేసికొనుట ఆశీర్వాదకరమగును." ~ సామెతలు 10:7.**

ఈ వాక్యానికి అర్థం, విశ్వాసం ద్వారా దేవునిచే నీతిమంతునిగా తీర్చబడిన వ్యక్తి పేరును జ్ఞాపకం చేసుకోగానే, ఆశీర్వాదముస్తుందని కానేకాదు. ఆ వ్యక్తి, ఎలా నీతిమంతునిగా తీర్చబడ్డాడో, ఆ తర్వాత, దేవునియందలి విశ్వాసం, పరిశుద్ధాత్ముని సహాయంతో ఏ ఏ నీతిక్రియలు చేశాడో తెలిసికొని, ఆ రీతిగా మనం కూడా చేసినపుడే దేవుని ఆశీర్వాదం పొందుతామని తెలిసికోవాలి!

'సువార్త దినం/గాస్పెల్ డే' సందర్భంగా నీతిమంతుడైన 'ఫాదర్ హయర్' జీవిత విశేషాలలో కొన్నింటిని క్లుప్తంగా తెలిసికున్న మనం, ఆయన జీవితాన్నిబట్టి స్ఫూర్తిని పొందుదాం. మనం చేయగల్గిన మేరకు శక్తివంచన లేకుండా సువార్త సేవ చేద్దాం! స్వయంగా చేయలేకపోతే, నమ్మకంగా సేవచేసే సువార్తికులకు ప్రార్థనాపూర్వక సహకారం అందిద్దాం ! దేవుని మహిమ పర్చుదాం !

**" మీ కు దేవుని వాక్యము బోధించి, మీ పైని నాయకులుగా ఉన్న వారిని జ్ఞాపకము చేసికొని,**

**వారి ప్రవర్తన ఫలమును శ్రద్ధగా తలంచుకొనుచు, వారి విశ్వాసమును అనుసరించుడి." ~**

*Heb 13:7*

"Remember your leaders who have taught you the Word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and try to trust the Lord as they do." ~ Hebrews 13:7

H A P P Y & B L E S S E D \* G O S P E L \* D A Y !

\*మాన్య మహామహోపాధ్యాయ మన శ్రీ కొండేపూడి హనుమంతరావు కమనీయ హృదయరాశి\*

By TSN (T. Srinivasan, Retd. Lecturer in Chemistry) on Sri KHR

A Godavari boy graduated from Rajahmundry (with MVLNK-MVLN. Koteswara Rao) as classmate in High School at Tanuku) and post graduated from Andhra University, Vizag is our dear **KHR-K. Hanumantha Rao**.

**KHR** joined **AC. College** in 1965 as a lecturer. He is my very good friend, philosopher with high frequency of ideals committed to morals and ethics which is not the order of the day. For this reason he is misunderstood by others as he stuck to his principles. I call him 'బాబాయ్'.

We have mainly two categories of people. The first are those that help the undeserving also. The second are those that help and yet defamed mercilessly by the beneficiaries. **KHR**, a perfect gentleman, belongs to both the categories; helps the undeserving and also those that hurt him.

He is a good lecturer, known to be an expert in teaching about the cause of the physical sensation of sight i.e. 'Light' in Physics. He is a man of few words with light humor, sensitive thoughts, relating to the divine too. He never hurts intentionally though others may hurt him. He simply swallows with a pinch of salt. He never asserts himself.

May I say that he is tall like **Sri. Jiddu Krishnamurthy** whom he adores and a deep man being the follower of **Ramana Maharshi**. I cannot express totally about him as he never allowed to be understood. May be another expressive **KHR** is needed to say anything about him.

I am proud to have him as my friend. I think this friendship is exceptional.

**KHR** is inimitable to my understanding. **KHR** is as soft as cheese and as hard as a Diamond at times and hence I've never gone deep into our friendly relationship.

Nobody knows much better than this to my knowledge.

Am I **RIGHT** (or **LEFT**)?

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula** writes:

Hearty Welcome Sir, **Sri. Tigulla Srinivasan (TSN)** garu, my teacher & Sr. colleague. Thank you for presenting yet another dimension of **Sri. KHR garu!**

Keep writing sir!

**Sri. MADBHAGAVATHI KRISHNA THATHVIKUDU**

శ్రీ మద్భగవతీ కృష్ణ తాత్వికుడు

By TSN (T. Srinivasan, Retd. Chemistry Lecturer) on Sri SMK

**Sri. SMK- S. Muddu Krishna** is my good friend, colleague at **AC. College** for more than 30 years. We belong to the same department (of Chemistry). He was a post graduate from BHU; undoubtedly, a good lecturer in Physical Chemistry.

One of his most famous students, **R. Sudhakar**, is now **National Scientific Advisor to the Govt. of India** in the Department of Defence; as I know, he can get into a taking off plane (as permitted by Govt.).

According to his favourite Principal of **AC. College**, he is a short man and dangerous (as he takes everybody known, to his command). He is a very helpful man, admits mistakes unabashedly, forgets and forgives divinely.

This **Sangadigunta Muddu Krishna** (as he is miscalled) is in fact **Seturaman Muddu Krishna**, a pure Tamil Brahmin. He is a very dashing fellow; even a Traffic Police on duty cannot stop him at the 'Red Signal' while he is coming to the College on his 2-wheeler @ 100-110 kmph.

In his name **SMK**, **S** stands for Shrewdness, Sacrifice (devotee of **HH Satya Sai Baba**) **M** for Morality (in returning many acres of land to the owner or **Dr. PPD** after death) and **K** for Kindness (insurmountable).

He won the hearts of many like **Sarva Sri. KAK-K. Anil Kumar, CVLNM-CVL. Narasimha Murthy, KHR-K. Hanumantha Rao, GVLNS-GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao, Dr. TAR-Dr. T. Alexander Rajabhushanam, MVLNK-MVLN. Koteswara Rao** and not to say about students.

He is the main pillar for a great organization at Guntur, **Brahman Seva Samithi**, 1/12, Brodiepet, serving humanity at large.

May God and his Guru bless him long life and health & wealth.

**Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

Dear TSN sir,

Wonderful writing on one of my teachers Sri. SMK. I worked with him in many co-curricular activities of our College & learned how to do the best.

Regards to both of you dear sirs.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Excellent mnemonics on the initials of **Sri. SMK!**

Sir, you rightly mentioned the speed of his two wheelers - not just his light blue Bajaj Priya scooter but his green Raleigh bicycle earlier - they were simply unstoppable!

As regards his student □**R. SUDHAKAR** - the one and only student I know - who was conferred D. Sc directly, while he was still studying his B. Sc, based on his IQ! He was forthwith recruited by the Govt. of India in the Defense Department!

God bless **Sri. SMK, Sri. TSN, Sri. KAK** sirs!

~ **David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula**

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

Dear Nirikshana Rao Sir,

As usual your supplements are rocking. They add additional flavours to the Memoirs, whoevers' Memoirs they be!

Thank you Sir for making this series interesting.

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David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes: □□

GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes: □□□

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-78

కాలేజీ లోకి అడుగుపెట్టాక పోర్టికో దగ్గర్నించే కోలాహలం వినపడుతోంది. ఆఫీసు వైపు నడుచుకు వెళ్లే ఆ హడావుడి ఎందుకో అర్థమైంది. ప్రిన్సిపల్ ఆఫీసు ముందు, స్టాఫ్ రూం ముందు స్టూడెంట్స్ యెగరటం కనిపించింది. అమ్మాయిలు పైనించి వెయిటింగ్ రూమ్ నించి ఈ చోద్యం చూస్తున్నారు.

ఇది గమనించిన అబ్బాయిలు ఇంకా ఎగరటం ఒకరి భుజాలపై మరొకరిని ఎక్కించుకోటం డాన్స్ లు మొదలుపెట్టారు. పెద్దది ఏదో జరగబోతోందని అర్థమైంది.

ఒక గ్రూప్ వెళ్ళగానే మరో గ్రూప్ ఇలాగే హుషారుగా గంతులు వేయడం స్టోగన్స్ ఇవ్వడం పెద్దగా కేకలు వినిపిస్తున్నాయి.

ఏమిటి ఇదంతా అనుకుంటున్నారా? ఏదోకాదు కరపత్రాలు-రంగురంగులవి పంచుతున్నారు. పెద్దగా "వోట్ ఫర్" అంటున్నారు. దానికి కొందరి పేర్లని అందరూ కలిసి బిగ్గరగా అరుస్తున్నారు...ఈవిధంగా బ్యాచ్ తరువాత బ్యాచ్ లు వచ్చి ప్రదర్శిస్తున్నారు..కొందరైతే రంగులు చల్లుకోటం కూడా కనిపిస్తుంది..

ఏమిటి ఇదంతా అనుకుంటున్నారా? మీకు తెలియంది ఏముంది కనక? అవే మన కాలేజీలో సైన్స్ అసోసియేషన్ ఎన్నికలు. సాధారణ ఎన్నికలకు మించి (క్యాంపస్ లోనే) ప్రచారం జరుగుతుంది. ఒకటి రెండు రోజులు క్లాసులకు ఆటంకం తప్పదు మరి. ముందు రోజు అసెంబ్లీ హాల్ లో ప్రత్యర్థులు ప్రసంగించాలి అమెరికా లో లాగా. నేను ఇరుపక్షాల వారికి ఉపన్యాసాలు రాసిపెట్టేవాడిని. ఇద్దరూ మాయింటికి వచ్చి మరి రాయించుకునేవారు..రిహార్సల్స్ కూడా చేయించేవాడిని.

ఎలెక్షన్ రోజున పకడ్బందీగా వుంటుంది. ఓటింగ్ రూమ్స్ లో జరుగుతుంది. ఆ తరువాత కౌంటింగ్ బాటనీ డిపార్ట్మెంట్ బీ.ఎస్.సి లాబ్ లో జరుగుతుంది.. లా అండ్ ఆర్డర్ ప్రాబ్లం రాకుండా మా డెపార్ట్మెంట్స్ లో ఆరితేరిన వారున్నారు. ఎవడినీ కదలనివ్వరు. బాటనీ డిపార్ట్మెంట్ మెట్లు ఎక్కనివ్వరు. పోలీసు వాళ్ళకంటే స్ట్రెక్ట్ గా వుంటారు. అందరూ మెట్ల కింద వుండాల్సిందే. కౌంటింగ్ జరిగేటప్పుడు ఏజెంట్స్ కిందకు రాకూడదు. రిసల్ట్స్ చెప్పేవరకు అందరూ కిందే వుండాలి.

వారే వా! చూడాలిసిందే ఆ ముచ్చట. మెట్ల దగ్గర మిలిటరీ ఆఫీసర్స్ బాబుల్లాగా శ్రీ. ఎం వి ఎస్. సత్యనారాయణ రావ్ గారు, శ్రీ. ఆర్.ఆర్.ఎస్. సుందర దాస్ గారు, శ్రీ. బి.రూజ్వల్ట్ రాజభూషణం గారు, శ్రీ. జె.

అట్రహంగారు, డా. టి. అలగ్నాండర్ రాజభూషణం గారు, శ్రీ. కె. క్రిస్టోఫర్ గారు నిలబడి ఒక్క పురుగుని కూడా మెట్లు ఎక్కనిచ్చేవారు కాదు..ఇంక లోపల లాబ్ లో ఓట్ల లెక్కింపు..హేమాహేమీలు వుండేవారు. చెక్, క్రాస్చెక్ చేసే దిట్టలు వారు.. శ్రీ. జి వి ఎల్ ఎస్. సంజీవ రావు గారు, శ్రీ. ఎం.వి.ఎల్.ఎస్ కోటేశ్వర్ రావు గారు, శ్రీ. సి.వి.ఎల్.ఎస్. నర్సింహమూర్తి గారు, శ్రీ. కే. హనుమంత రావు గారు, శ్రీ. ఎస్. ముద్దుకృష్ణ గారు గణాంక నిపుణులుగా వ్యవహరించేవారు.

మెట్ల పైనించి గొంతు పెద్దదవడంవల్ల మా చేత రిసెల్ట్స్ అనొన్న చేయించేవారు. ఇక గెలిచినవారి గంతులకు, పాటలకు, డప్పులకు, కేకలకు, అరుపులకు అంతే ఉండదు. ఇది మన సైన్స్ అసోసియేషన్ ఎన్నికల కళా సంరంభం.

ఈ శిక్షణానుభవం విద్యార్థులకు పొరులుగా ప్రజాజీవితంలో ప్రజాస్వామ్యంలో పాల్గొండానికి ప్రేరణగా భావించాలి. తప్పక కొందరు నాయకులుగాకూడా తరవాతి కాలంలో రూపొంది ఉంటారు.

ప్రారంభోత్సవం ఎంతో వైభవంగా జరిగేది. పెద్దవారిని ఆహ్వానించి అతిథులుగా గౌరవించి ప్రారంభోపన్యాసము గావించేవారు. ఈ రకంగా డా. లక్ష్మణరావు గారు (ప్రముఖ హ్యాడ్ రోగ చికిత్సకులు, మన పూర్వ విద్యార్థి), డా. ఆనందరావు గారు (పట్టణంలోనే ప్రముఖ సర్జన్, మన పూర్వ విద్యార్థి), డా. చిగురుపాటి నాగేశ్వరరావుగారు (ప్రముఖ శస్త్ర చికిత్సకులు, మన పూర్వ విద్యార్థి) విచ్చేసేవారు.

ప్రముఖులను కలుసుకోవడం, వారినండి స్ఫూర్తి నొందడం, ఫంక్షన్స్ ఏర్పాటు చేయడంలో నైపుణ్యాన్ని పొందడం వంటివి విద్యార్థులకు ప్రయోగాత్మకంగా నేర్పినట్లవుతుంది. ఇదే ఈవెంట్ మేనేజ్మెంట్ అంటే, ఇదే పరిపాలనా నిర్వహణ అంటే.. కొట్లాటలు ఏనాడు జరగలేదు, హింసకు తావులేదు.. వాగ్వివాదములు, విభేదములు సహజమే... ఎలక్షన్లు అయిపోయాక అంతా కలసిపోయేవారు. కులమత వైషమ్యాలు, ద్వేషాలు మచ్చుకైనా కనిపించవు. అది మన ఆంధ్ర క్రైస్తవ కళాశాల సంస్కృతి, సంప్రదాయం, విశిష్టత.

నేను గడిపిన 26 సంవత్సరాలు ఈ అసోసియేషన్స్ తో చాలా సన్నిహితంగా పాల్గొనేవాడిని. విద్యార్థి నాయకులు ఉపన్యాసల కోసం నా చుట్టూ తిరిగేవారు. అందువల్ల నా సుదీర్ఘ అనుభవం అక్షరరూపంలో పెడదామనుకున్నాను. సుమధుర జ్ఞాపకాలను పంచుకోవడం నామటుకు నాకు ఎంతో ఆనందాన్ని ఇస్తున్నది. ఇందులో పాల్గొన్నవారికి కూడా అలాగే ఉంటుందనుకుంటున్నాను.

స్లోగాన్స్

GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes: □□□

Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:

సర్!

మీ ఆనాటి ఎన్నికల ముచ్చట్లు మమ్మల్ని మళ్ళీ ఆ రోజుల్లో విహరింపచేశాయి. ధన్యవాదాలు.

కళాశాల జీవితంలో ప్రతి విద్యార్థికి అనుభవంలోకి రావలసిన ఒక ప్రధాన ఘట్టం ఈ విద్యార్థి రాజకీయాలు. ఐతే ఇతర కళాశాలలో విద్యార్థులందరికీ ఒకే స్టూడెంట్స్ యూనియన్ ఉండగా అప్పట్లో మన కళాశాలలో మాత్రం సైన్స్, హ్యూమానిటీస్ కు వేర్వేరు సంఘాలు, ఎన్నికలు ఉండేవి. ఆ తర్వాత కూడా మరెక్కడా ఇలా వేర్వేరు సంఘాలు, ఎన్నికలు ఉన్నట్లు నేనెరుగను. బహుశః ఆయా విద్యార్థుల అవసరాలు, సమస్యలు వేర్వేరుగా ఉంటాయనో, రెండు సంఘాలు విడివిడిగా ఉంటే ఎక్కువ (రెట్టింపు) మంది విద్యార్థులకు పదవులు లభించి అనుభవం సంపాదించే అవకాశం ఉంటుందనో, మరే కారణంచేతనో మన పెద్దలు అలా వేర్వేరు సంఘాలు ఏర్పాటు చేశారు. ఐతే, కళాశాలకు సంబంధించిన సమస్యలమీద కళాశాలలో విద్యార్థులందరూ కలసి అలజడులు, అల్లరులు, సమ్మెలు గట్టా చేసేందుకు అవకాశం ఉండేదికాదు. ప్రక్కనే ఉన్న మహిళా కళాశాలలోను, ఆ ప్రక్కనే ఉన్న పురుషుల కళాశాలలోను ఏదో ఒక అలజడి/ఆందోళన జరుగుచున్నా మన కళాశాలలో మాత్రం ప్రశాంతంగా తరగతులు నిర్వహింపబడుతుండేవి. 'జైఆంధ్రా ఉద్యమం'లాంటి సందర్భంలో తప్ప మన కళాశాలలో స్థానిక సమస్యల మీద సాధారణ సమ్మె జరిగిన సందర్భం 1970-'75 మధ్యకాలంలో లేదు. అందుకు కారణం ఒకే స్టూడెంట్స్ యూనియన్ కాక విడివిడిగా సైన్స్, హ్యూమానిటీస్ అసోసియేషన్ లు ఉండటమే!

ఏమైనా, క్రమశిక్షణకు మారుపేరుగా మన కళాశాల నిలవటం మనందరికీ గర్వకారణం. ఆ క్రమశిక్షణ నుండే నాటి నుండి నేటి వరకు ఎందరో రాజకీయ, పరిపాలనా రంగాలలో మన పూర్వ విద్యార్థులు సమర్థులుగా ప్రసిద్ధిగాంచారు. మన కళాశాలకు మరోమారు జేజేలు.□□□□□

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar writes:** ఇది సరి యైన స్పందన ప్రతిధ్వని. మనఃపూర్వక ధన్యవాదాలు.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Sir, you've beautifully captured the ecstasy and euphoria of the '**Science Association**' election scenario! The same applies to the '**Humanities Association**' as well for students of Arts subjects!

I can still feel the strong 'cunega' scent of the colored pamphlets with the names of the contestants on one side and the 'Time Table' grid on the other!

Later came the trendier & costlier versions with fragrant 'Butter Paper- Handkerchiefs'!

Students used to contest on 'Panel basis' for the offices of President, Vice-President, secretary, Treasurer & **Lady Representative**!

Botany Department invariably used to be the 'Counting Center', no matter to which Department the Director belonged. It's because of the strategic impregnable location, not

yielding even a glimpse of the counting hall to unauthorized persons from any side, once the 'bent bottleneck' staircase is blocked. The top of the staircase - corner of Room 16 - used to be an ideal podium for the announcement of the all important results!

Notable student leaders that later evolved into people's leaders are **Sri. JR. Pushpa Raju** from the 'Science Association' & **Sri. Nakka Anand Babu** from the 'Humanities Association'!

Thank you once again sir for placing on record how our dear College honed the leadership qualities - oratorical & organizational - skills among the students!

God bless you **Prof. Anil Kumar sir**,

God bless you all!!

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Thank you Sri. Ravindrakumar garu for bringing out the healthy, balancing effect that existed between the Science & Humanities associations!

God bless!!

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

Dear Nirikshana Rao Sir,

Once again you have proved that Anil Kumar Sir and you make a unique pair of narrators. Your supplements add colour and flavour to Anil Sir's narrations. Those who would enjoy every moment of their stay on the campus only could give such vivid narration of past events. Hats off to you both! Please keep writing and enthrall all of us. □□□□

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar writes:**

Nirikshana Rao you are absolutely right. All principals elsewhere made a mark because of the training they received when they were here. Harmony is unique in our institution. God bless you.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□

**Dr. K Sarada Devi writes:** □□□

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-79

Principal office is very busy. A meeting is convened at 11. 00 A.M. The list included all seniors and heads of the departments with one or two exceptions like the humble self. Additional chairs occupied space left in Principal chamber.

A very fair, white clad, smiling, very popular, brainy gentleman appears there wearing black rimmed glasses. All know that he is the chief consultant on all administrative matters and a close, most trusted man to all Principals of our College. He is tall, not totally bald with thin wavy black hair and very fair in complexion.. He has a solution for any problem whatsoever it is. He also trained two of his colleagues to step into his shoes. He presented the agenda of the day. He is none other than **Sri. Ponnappalli Subrahmanya Somayajulu garu- PSS**, Head of the Department of Mathematics. **Sri. PSS** is always seen in the company of his predecessor **Sri.**



**Myneni Lakshminarasimha John--Sri. MLNJ** and later **Sri. LRK** and **Sri. PSS** are the inseparable chums.

**Sri. PSS** happens to be the Chairman of our College Anniversary Committee for several years; stalwarts like **Dr. PPD** as the Chairman Refreshments committee, **Sri. RCR** as the Chairman Academic Prizes Committee, **Maj. Frederick** as the Chairman of Discipline Committee, **Mr. KAK** as the Chairman of Cultural Programs and Announcements, **Sri. Basaveswar Rao** as the Chairman of Badges and Registration Committee and **Sri. N. Channa Reddi** garu as the Chairman of Reception Committee, **Sri. LRK** incharge of the Stage and Seating Committee that are specially constituted for the event. Decoration Committee has also looked into all the details of decoration at important points like entrance, portico, premises in front of the dais, and the dais too. You should see how busy are these chairmen and their teams meeting every day planning and discussing every minute detail of the tasks assigned to them. They are free to co opt members, if necessary. As the day approaches, well in advance, three days ahead, chairs are put. poles on either side, festoons and buntings, flags present a spectacular view befitting the occasion. All move, galop, run, and are very busy in making arrangements. No one can disturb any one. No time to chat, stand and stare. Assembly Hall is engaged with boys practicing music and drama rehearsals. Physics Department is very tight with work, arranging books, packing them for prize distribution.

**Sri. RCR, Sri. MVLNK, Sri. KHR, Sri. GVLNS** are most familiar faces and have shaped themselves as experts in this field. It is certainly a big job indeed that includes preparation of lists of awardees classwise, arranging them classwise, subject wise, and others such as elocution, dramatics, etc and transferring all these prizes to tables on the left side of the dais. Mrs. Rani Sarala is also actively associated with this committee on academic prizes.

**Sri. LRK** is seen sitting on the chair near the dais getting the stage ready with the help of **Sri. Krupa Rao** and **Sri. Johnny** our College electricians. It is a laborious, time consuming work. **Sri. LRK** does it every time, all alone, spending his money for lunch, snacks to those that assisted him in this job.

Another very difficult, herculean job is that of Refreshments Committee. **Dr. PPD** is the only unsurpassed and unequalled leader who can manage excellently well, in a most orderly, systematic manner. The Department of Chemistry is gifted with highly talented, totally committed team of experts.

**Sri. Abdul Muzeer** and **Sri. T. Srinivasan** are in charge of cool drinks and **Sri. S. Muddukrishna** and his team are in charge of refreshments packets. Room No.4 is the place where all cool drink bottles are kept in crates, arranged class wise (boys and girls separate, prize winners apart, VIPs in front rows) and we see **Sri. AMR** and **Sri. TSN** holding lists and tick one after one as they are sent to respective classes. **Sri. SMK** though short, but tall in stature and is a perfectionist. He in Room No 5 keeps baskets of packets as per the required number, class wise and labelled. He with his team has a list and he checks and cross checks before the baskets are handed over to volunteers. The list will carry tick marks soon after they are delivered.

The Program Committee headed by **the Principal** and **Sri. PSS** are found supervising, advising and guiding each committee.

The stage management and the decoration are grand and gorgeous. Front row for chief guests, principal and his wife-the first lady of the College, and other dignitaries and senior heads

of the Departments. Protocol is strictly followed. The whole premises is very colourful and packed. We find NCC officers moving maintaining order ensuring discipline. We also see disciplinarians like **Maj. CNF** and **Capt. GBR, Capt. MB, Mr. RRSSD, Mr. BRRB, Dr. TAR, Mr. JA** moving actively so that there will be pin drop silence during the proceedings.

Chief Guest arrives at the gate and the announcement is made and the guests of honour accompanied by the Chairman, Anniversary Committee, Principal, Heads of the Department's come in a procession as the College band group plays. They go to the Principal Chamber for light refreshments and there after they occupy their seats on the dais as per the names mentioned. The entire gathering remains standing until they are seated.

The welcome address, scripture reading, prayer, principal's report, chief guest address, prize distribution-athletic and academic take place in exact precision to the dot of time.

Cultural programs include music, dance, monoaction/drama-whichever decided by the committee and the program concludes with the singing of National Anthem as all join in chorus.

Here I should mention the high order of discipline maintained, silence that prevails, solemnity, dignity, decorum to the expected standards, perfection in distributing refreshments and cool drinks to roughly about 4000, gents and ladies separate, reading of the list of prize awardees by **RCR** and **KHR**, athletic prizes by **David garu**, all take place with no gap in between.

This is both a celebration and a training to the future generation of leaders and administrators. Managerial Skills, leadership, display of talents, wide exposure and experience will go a long way in the lives of students that help to grow as responsible citizens, leaders and administrators of this country by and large.

Here with no pride, in all humility and gratitude, I will be failing my duty if I do not mention the support and the encouragement given to me by **Dr. MGT** our Principal. For all meetings and celebrations **Dr. MGT** made me the master of ceremonies/moderator. I can never forget those days of ecstasy, thrill, excitement, and dynamism. All staff, mostly come in suits and add to the festivity, gaiety, luster and glamour to the occasion. **Dr. MGT** made me the Director of both Literary and Dramatic associations at the same time. When the **Vice Principal** said-why two?-**Dr. MGT** reply was-I know **Anil kumar** can manage both. When **Sri JP** was the Principal he sent me to lead our College teams for participation in all intercollegiate competitions. **Andhra Christian College** made me a hero out of a zero.

May we remain highly indebted to our College for all the gifts of grace and benediction!

**Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

Dear sir,

What a narration on the College anniversary. We were students when the iconic figure **Dr. MGT** was principal. He is a great teacher, administrator & a role model to the students. We enjoyed our College anniversaries as students. The programme started at 3 pm with refreshments and cool drinks. After handing over empty bottle only, one will get a refreshment packet filled with food items equal to a meal containing plum cake, 2 sweets, 2 hot packets, 2 seasonal fruits etc which will not allow us to feel us hungry till the end of the function. It is a festival to all the students.

Most interesting items are mimicry, fancy dress & announcements from giants like **Sri KAK**. Anniversary means COLLEGE FESTIVAL.

Very Nostalgic.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

□ woW!

Fantastic verbal picturization of the fabulous event 'College Anniversary!'

No detail, no individual, not even electricians stocky **Krupa Rao** & puny **Johnny** were forgotten!

'Seal of Anil Kumar sir' strikingly visible! Hats off to you **Prof. Anilkumar** sir!

Thinking of 'College Anniversaries', after the **MGT** era, I just want to remember the services of two important staff members who are no more with us.

One was the 'Fireworks' incharge. His thumping gait, the flashing smile showing the 'rice grain' small tooth in the middle of the upper front teeth were unmistakable. It was **Sri Kota Christopher (KC)** of the Zoology Department!

For the Centenary Celebrations, he brought men & materials from Kakinada and gave us a coordinated spectacular show!

The other was short & stocky figure, always laughing & regaling his entourage, the Director of the Dramatic Association in later years **Mr. Mylabathula Devadanam Christopher (MDC)** of the Sociology Department!

He was a multi talented master who quarried diamonds like singer '**Ramana**'!

He also made a mark as an exceptional English teacher for students appearing for competitive examinations!

God bless the memory of Late **Sri KC & Mr. MDC!**

**Ezra writes:**

Sir, he was **Mylabathula Devadanam Christopher (MDC)**. Thank you sir,

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

Thank you dear **Ezra**. I was not sure of what D stands for, that's why I put a question mark there. I don't have anyone here to cross check. Thank you for setting the record straight!

God bless!!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-80

The College **Assembly Hall** is full. That happens to be a Wednesday when we usually have our weekly assembly sessions. We find some, moving actively, waiting to receive guests. It is the time to begin with the ringing of the bell. Guests arrive at the portico and received by a few staff members.

Ushered into the Principal chamber.

Principal **Dr. TS. Paulus** the great and unique personality starts walking majestically in a royal way which is usual and special with him accompanied by guests. They are youngsters about 8 or 10 among whom three are girls. They are seated on the dais in the front row. Next rows are occupied by Heads of Departments and senior staff. After scripture reading and prayer

**Dr. Paulus** presents guests to the assembly. We understand that they are students from California, United States of America. All are the natives of that country, on a visit to our country. They are sponsored by **Lutheran Church in America. LCA**. They are briefly introduced; some are in degree, one or two in medical school and one or two in PG courses. Being young they are smart decent, good looking, active, and informally dressed.

Each one spoke briefly about their courses of study and the purpose of their visit..English,with American accent is not fully followed by everyone but they are heard in attention. Now comes the most interesting part. They sing individually and also in a chorus while some accompanied them on guitar. The presentation and the rendition is very special that I remember till this day. They sing one line twice and make all 4000 gathering sing together. The hall is full of resonance and divine vibrations. What a spectacular view it is and melody in music! Like this it continued until all picked up a few lines and manage to sing. The smiles and dynamism attracted every one. Later they visited class rooms and their friendly nature and the rapport endeared them to everyone. They are the members of SCM-Student Christian Movement and YMCA. Deeply religious at an young age, their sincerity is appreciated by all. Like this a few teams from USA both boys and girls, mostly students, used to visit our College each year. Believe me, that gave us a feel of international community.

Later we watched closely **Dr. Swavely** and his wife coming to our College very regularly. **Dr. Swavely** served as the Bursar of our institution. Christmas season is visible from their activity, elegance, particularly when we have our College christmas program. Neatly dressed in dark suit with a flower pinned to the coat and his wife wearing a gown with a small gold colour bell hanging like a pendant fixed to her shoulder walk into the **Assembly Hall** in the evening around 7.00. **Mrs. Swavely** plays on piano. The solemn occasion with the singing of Christmas songs by the entire College community and listening to the sermon is worth remembering for life time. This is the culture of our College. After this the entire College community gently, slowly, prayerfully move to the open space in front of the Physics Department carrying candles. It is dark around, choir group clad in whites, on the dais and all the rest stand in lines on the ground still remain fresh in my memory. This is the rich legacy of our College.

**Rev. Kleiner** served as the Bursar of our College. A very tall thin gentleman, walks briskly to his office and dressed in a most formal way. He was approachable amenable and the College has international stature.

**Rev. Rebley** moved quite freely with everybody and engaged a few Bible classes.

**Rev. Dexter**, taught English to a few classes. **Rev. Dexter** carrying a small briefcase with him, elegantly dressed, smiling and greeting everyone is a pleasant sight to everyone,

**Ms. Glatz** is liked by one and all. She was in charge of girls, guiding them at every step. She is so popular that made **Sri Kola Isaiah garu** name his daughter after her-**Susan Glatz**.

**Rev.Nabert** served as the Chairman of our College Governing Body. A very smart man and **Sri JP** commented at one time “Is he an actor or a pastor?”

Cali Cloth was the new brand introduced to the market for the first time. **Rev. Nabert** wore that day yellow coloured Cali Cloth-made suit with a red tie; excelled any Hollywood actor. The College style is because of these missionaries.

**Rev. Schmitthenner** served as the President of AELC and in that capacity he paid many visits to our College. He was the President when the College was in financial crisis due to the delayed release of grant. He came to the rescue of the College.

My mother **Smt. K. Sarojini Devi** knows personally **Dr. Kugler, Ms. Hicamp, Ms. Nagle** (of **Stall School**). All of us are born in **Kugler Hospital**.

I should make a special mention of **Rev. JF. Neudoerffer**, Chairman, South Asia, LCA. Many faculty members are benefited by him as he was instrumental in sending them to USA either for studies or a brief visit.

**Rev. JF. Neudoerffer** is a brilliant orator, effective, resourceful speaker and a great missionary. A simple word like “go between” was the theme for his one hour talk. Imagine his creativity, brilliance and genius. A very handsome man, wonderfully dressed to the occasion. He wears light color slack shirt and dark coloured pants. He wears a matching tie. It is a feast to the eye just watching him. I heard many of his talks. His posture, gesture, pause, modulation, emphatic expression, clearcut ideas, nice presentation, scholarship, authority and authenticity are unparalleled. Someone told me that his father also associated with our mission. That special occasion of ground breaking ceremony of **Andhra Luthern College of Education**, I happily and joyfully recall when we had a public meeting on the open air grounds. A wonderfully spacious dais with the Chief Minister of the State, Govt officials, AELC officers on the dais, and all former Principals of our College sat in front of the dais in a row. It reminded me of all ex-PMs sitting in the front row during parliament sessions at Delhi. **Dr. Neudoerffer** stole the entire show. What a speech he made explaining the role of AELC and the space liberally given to Municipal authorities to lay a road adjacent to **AL. College Of Education**. He mentioned the spirit of catholicity, universality and unconditional love of church for the emancipation of poor and needy of this part of the country. His oration captivated everyone in that august assembly.

At the entrance of our College main building close to the Assembly Hall is a plaque fixed which says that the Assembly Hall is a gift by the children of USA out of their savings.

**Andhra Christian College** is founded on the grounds of sacrifice, devotion, dedication, commitment to the true Christian spirit of love. The contribution of missionaries is immeasurable, incalculable, unimaginable, incomprehensible, inestimable, unparalleled and totally divine and deeply religious and selfless.

YOU ARE THE GREAT MISSIONARIES AND VISIONARIES AND THE WAY YOU BUILT THIS EMPIRE IS THE PROOF OF YOUR SACRIFICE AND YOUR FAITH IN JESUS, THE LORD. YOU ARE BLESSED AND YOU ARE THE CHOSEN CHILDREN OF GOD!!!!!!!

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula** writes: □□□□□□□

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar** writes: God bless you **Nirikshan Rao**. You responded within seconds of this Memoir- 80 on our missionaries, the visionaries. Thanks once again.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati** writes:

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మీ అమోఘమైన జ్ఞాపకశక్తి, అద్భుతమైన కథనంతో అర్థ శతాబ్దం, అంతకంటే వెనుకటి సన్నివేశాలను, వ్యక్తులను, సందర్భాలను కళ్లకు కట్టిన తీరు, ఒక (అ)పూర్వ విద్యార్థిగా, (అ)పూర్వ అధ్యాపకునిగా ఈ తరం వారికి మీరు అందిస్తున్న ఒక అమూల్యమైన కానుక. మీ జ్ఞాపకాలతో మీరు మన కళాశాల గత వైభవాన్ని గుర్తుచేయటమే కాక మన కళాశాల ఘన వారసత్వాన్ని పరిరక్షించుకోవలసిన అవసరాన్ని కూడా తెలియచేస్తున్నారు. మన కళాశాల చిరకాలం సమాజ సేవలో పునీతం కావాలని కోరుకొంటూ, ఇంత మంచి కార్యాన్ని తలపెట్టి కొనసాగిస్తున్న మీకు నమస్సులు.□□□□□□□□

**Dr. KS. Ratnakar Director, Global Hospitals, Hyderabad:**

I'm happy **Sri Anilkumar** is appreciated for his memoirs on AC. College. I am not only his brother but also alumnus of AC. College. I do not know how many are aware **Mr. Anilkumar** is completing 75 this October. I wish AC. College in their auditorium organises a meeting with release of his Memoirs and felicitate.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □ Beautiful proposal sir, befitting the Diamond □ Birthday of **Prof. Anilkumar garu!**

I wholeheartedly support this.

I believe, who would not???

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** I think it will be PLATINUM □ BIRTHDAY !

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □ అన్నీ 'అ'లతో కూర్చి అనిల్ కుమార్ గారికి మీరు అందించిన అభినందనలు అపురూపం!

మీకు నా అభినందనలు రవీంద్ర కుమార్ సర్!

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□

**S. Muddu Krishna writes:**

Yeah, it will be a wonderful opportunity to meet all of you fellow members □□. It will be more memorable event to be a feather in our memories and memories. I want convey my regards to **Dr. Ratnakar** for highlighting this Auspicious Day. □□ I feel to have a vegetarian dinner with all of you. I recommend **Mr. Ganapathi** as Chairman for this activity. Thank You □□□

**Dr. KS. Ratnakar writes:** Sai Ram. I pray it fructifies

I propose, KAK GROUP as WhatsApp group for this kind of activity some of his friends/ wellwishers may become administrators.

**IS HE A KING OR/AND CONQUEROR OF DESIRES? TELL ME THE TRUTH**

**చతుర్ముఖుని అకళంక సృష్టికి ఉదాత్త భావనాత్మక రూపకల్పన**

**By TSN (T. Srinivasan) on Sri KAK**

This expression is only a fistful of water from an endless ocean.

Honestly speaking he is my role model, colleague, well acquainted person, friend – no, more than a friend and happened (fortunately to me) to be my student also.

My reminiscence goes back to 1960 or even earlier. Even at that young age he had (according to **Sri. YSR. Chandran**, Principal, Hindu College, Guntur) a metallic tone creating sensation on the stage. YES!!! He is first a ‘**stage king**’ and then a king to his queen (amongst many who wanted him) OH!!! OH!!!

His voice resounded in those days (oh even today) in all Colleges of this great city గర్లపూరి i.e., **Guntur** though he worked at **AC. College**. Is it only Guntur? No. It is in entire undivided Andhra Pradesh! No. In India, Swatantra Bharath!! No. In the entire GLOBE at large. It was, it is and it will be. That is his power, bestowed by his beloved GURU. He is the second son of highly educated parents and grandson of great social reformers.

What can I say more! To say more, I have to be an author of Encyclopedia, Brodiepet, Guntur, AP, India, Asia. Can I? True! in his case, teachers shine because of students. A cheerful man, enjoying even hardships, which is his art of life that is inimitable, unimaginable, inexpressive. He is a director, actor (in and out) and a singer (మాధవపెద్ది సత్యం) and above all these things, a great devotee (in spite of insurmountable loss sustained in this physical, mundane world) that history should record in golden letters.

He is a much sought-after man on the globe. To him, going to Britain is visiting Brodiepet, Guntur.; America is Arundalpet, Guntur; Canada is Cobalt Pet, Guntur and how to say? Words fail. He travelled wide across the globe in response to invitations from all over.

I pray my God and Guru, to bestow on him his deserved position in the future.

May his endless efforts as a roaring lion in VEDANTA forest of Spiritual seekers continuously awaken, arise and cause VIVEKA and ANANDA in the heart of listeners and followers.

Who is HE? He is none other than \*KAK-KAMARAJU ANIL KUMAR\*!

Thus spoke---

My Head Master-Mind

అంతర్యామి పలుకు

హృదయ స్పందన

సాధన చెయ్యి

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□□

**Dr. K Sarada Devi writes:**

Sir, what a sumptuous meal of memories and memoirs. Thank you so much. May God bless you and keep your wonderful brain for hundred and more years □□□□

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar writes:**

Thank you so much. It is always less than what we got in our life from our College

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:**

Dear TSN Sir,

Your write-up is a rich tribute on your student cum colleague and a most sought-after speaker at many school and College anniversary functions then and a Sri Satya Sai Missionary now!

I know a good number of people of my age group who listened to Anil Kumar Sir in their school days at anniversary functions and got inspired and quote from his speeches even today in their 60+ age. Such is the impact he created in the minds of his young audience in those days; a very effective communicator, indeed! Your description of Anil Kumar Sir as the "most sought-after" is most appropriate.

Thanks for sharing.

Regards,

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**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

PEN PORTRAITS!

TRUE TO LIFE!!

GOD BLESS!!!

**GVLN Sanjeeva Rao writes:** □□□గుర్తు కొస్తున్నాయి

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□□□□□

**Swarajyalakshmi writes:**

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□□□□

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□□

### REMINISCENCES OF MY ALMA MATER-PART 3

By **Dr. (Mrs.) VP. Celia**

Former Reader, Department of Philosophy

After my BA at **Andhra Christian College**, I joined **Sri Venkateswara University**, Tirupathi for my post-graduate studies in philosophy. After completion of my post-graduation, I joined as a research scholar for PhD under the direction of **Prof. Mrs. Sarasvati Chennakesavan** in the same university. I passed my written examination after one year. I discontinued my research work when I got a job as a lecturer of Philosophy in **AC. College**. I taught both philosophy and sociology, and later I got my MA degree in Sociology from The Andhra University by private study.

**Principals:** **Sri J. Paulus**, Department of English gave me the opportunity to serve in the College. He was the head of the department of English when I was a student. He was a great scholar, academician and encyclopedic in mind. He was punctual and work-minded. He was so simple; he even used to collect answer books after the exam along with clerical staff.



**Dr. M. George Thomas (MGT)** – In his time he introduced many changes. His attention was first directed towards campus beautification. New gardens came into existence, like triangular garden, garden near ladies waiting room and fencing of College campus with green plants. Staff also planted some plants. He made the campus green and beautiful. He insisted upon dress code of the staff. There was also staff excursion at that time.

In his time the College song was written by **Sri Papayya Sastri (JPS)** on the advice of the principal. ("ఇది తెలుగుల పూల తోట, ఇది వెలుగుల రాచబాట, ఇది చదువులు వెదజల్లెడి పదిలమైన పసిడికోట.."). For this tune was composed by the talented musician Sri Kotayya of Telugu Department. **Dr MGT** also developed staff choir. Previously, there was student choir. As the students keep changing year after year, there was no permanent choir for the College so the need for permanent choir was fulfilled by the staff choir. The English choir was directed by a famous musician and organist **Dr. Virgil John**. We staff presented a Christmas program on the All India Radio. Christmas season was very enjoyable and enthusiastic those days.

**Dr. N. Isaac**, Department of History was a great scholar and a well known archaeologist, a very simple man practicing Gandhian principles. He was interested in social activities, arranging functions and student camps.

**Dr. C. Devadanam** is from Department of History. He is simple, unassuming and highly intelligent. He held two Master's Degrees and a PhD from USA, a great scholar, kind and considerate. He is the one who sent me to do my PhD at the Andhra University Waltair under the faculty improvement program of University Grants Commission (UGC). I am ever grateful to him for that.

**Dr. G. Samuel**, Department of Zoology is a good academician. He obtained his PhD from USA. He is a stern disciplinarian and a very good administrator.

**Dr. P. Prabhudas**, Department of Chemistry got his PhD from USA. He is sociable, dynamic and is very good at maintaining public relations. He was very efficient in organizing College functions and parties in an orderly manner. In his tenure, College centenary function was celebrated for which honorable **president of India Gyani Jail Singh** was the chief guest. The chief minister of Andhra Pradesh **Sri N.T. Rama Rao** an old student of the College was also present and addressed the gathering.

**Dr. B. Jyothi Raju**, Department of Philosophy was an alumni of Andhra University. He got his PhD from USA. He was my teacher, very intelligent, helpful and approachable to all.

**Sri B. Chandra Paul** from English department. He had a very good name as a teacher he was a good administrator. He was magazine board chairman. He was a talented man. His wife Mrs. Susan Pramila was my good friend. After retirement BCP garu and I worked in Bethel Bible College. He taught English and I taught religions and philosophy. I had good opportunity to learn many past events of the College from him.

**Invigilation:** When I joined as a lecturer in the College, I only entered into the company of my teachers. One significant absentee was my teacher **Dr. Benny**. By then he became the principal of B. Ed. College. Whenever I had some problem, without hesitation I used to go to him for his advice and help. Invigilation provided me also with unique opportunity to be acquainted with all the senior staff other than my own direct teachers.

All the girl students were allotted in a single room for examinations. Only senior men staff were assigned as invigilators in that room. The presence of a lady lecturer was inevitable there. As I happened to be the only lady lecturer in the beginning years of my service, I used to have invigilation everyday (later **Mrs. Sadguna kumari** of Botany Department joined the College who was also a very good friend of mine). We used to have very fruitful, intellectual and informative discussions about various subjects during the invigilation work. It was an opportunity to converse, discuss and learn from them. In my discussions with **Dr. MGT**, I had to change the direction of my thinking pertaining to a topic related to my research work. Sometimes invigilation work was also jovial. Once invigilation work was allotted to me with **Dr. Varadanam** for both the morning and evening sessions. As a youngster, I was doing all the work actively without giving any trouble to him. Towards the end, he told me “you did entire work now, afternoon you take rest and I will do all the work”. In the afternoon, the examination was started. He made me to sit on a chair. He took the additional papers holding the top corners of the papers both sides with both hands he started walking in long strides from one end of the room to the other speedily, forgetting to notice the students when they stand for additional paper. I had to get up to give the additional paper. Then he would say “I am sorry”- And again he would ask me to sit. Almost throughout the session it happened like that. Both girls and I enjoyed the session.

During the invigilation, we had the practice of taking coffee in the middle of the session. Men staff often used to order for coffee. When I wanted to send **Souramma** the lady attendant for coffee, **Dr. MGT** called her back and handed over the money to me and said, “It is privilege of men”. My teachers thus used to treat me with consideration and kindness. I used to approach them whenever I wanted some advice.

**Hostel:** After joining the College, completing my research work at the Andhra university, I was appointed as a warden of Strock Hall by the then Principal, **Dr. Prabhu Das**. It was a turbulent period. My experience as an inmate of the hostel, as a student and as a resident staff helped me to fetch some past discipline. In this pursuit, the help and assistance rendered by **Mrs. P.M. Vasathankumari** of Botany department (wife of Sri. Paul Satyakirthi) was invaluable. She was also a former student of Strock Hall. Together, we strained so hard to help the functioning of the hostel in a proper way.

I have good friends among the College staff. **Dr. (Mrs.) Leelavathy** was of immense help in times of need and is a good family friend too. **Dr. (Mrs.) Ratnasri** a friend, very helpful and encouraging. **Mrs. Suvarna Kamala** and **Mrs. Rani Sarala** are known to me since student days. I have very intimate relations with them. **Mrs. Elim Jeevan Jyothi**, **Mrs. R. Rajkumari**, **Mrs. Ruth**, **Mrs.R. Sulochana Devi**, **Mrs. DM. Sujatha** and **Mrs. Ch. Indira Devi** are very good friends. I cherish the memories of good friends and well wishers in the College.

Though the occasion that inspired **Mr. Anil Kumar** to initiate the project “Memories and Memoirs” is a sad one on the sudden and sad demise of **Dr. Alexander Rajabushanam**, I feel it is a fitting tribute of a friend to a friend. Here is an instance of true friendship. I know **Dr. Alexander Rajabushanam** was a talented person very intelligent and innovative. He is an excellent orator. Whenever he was in charge of decoration committee of the College, decoration used to be superb and reveal some specialty. Whatever he took up to do, it reveals his total involvement, commitment and efficiency. He was a member of our church (**St. John's Church**). He beautified the Church campus and insisted upon orderly conduct of every event. For all appearances his house is simple but very comfortable. I once happened to visit and his wife **Mrs. Vijaya Sheela** took me to the roof of his house. I was stunned to see the garden there. He was

growing vegetables, green leaves etc., I just wondered at his master planning. He was not ostentatious type but always there in need. He helped me in fixing a rented house at Waltair when I went there for my research studies at Andhra University. I am grateful to him for that.

**Dr. Alexander Rajabhushanam's** death not only was a loss to **Anil Kumar** and friends but also to the church community as well. I appreciate and congratulate Anil kumar, a distinguished and multi-talented alumnus (though the occasion is sad) for giving the alumni an opportunity to go back, recollect and reflect upon the youthful years in our College.

Thank you **Anil Kumar**.

Grace and Peace,

Priya

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:** □□□□

**MVLN. Koteswara Rao writes:**

It is a pity that **VP. Celia Garu** forgot longest known person, in AC. College, who was her classmate in SSLC at the High School, Chintalapudi in 1955-56, a colleague in AC. College for decades and who coached her daughter at his house.

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:** MVLNK

**Mandali Koteswara Rao writes:**

Dear madam **Dr. Celia**,

I am so happy & very nostalgic while going through what you wrote about your experiences in our College & about the Principals under whom you worked & also excellent writing on your colleagues at that time.

Regards madam

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

□ Going through the third & latest (I don't want to call it the last edition, I wish madam to keep on writing whenever possible) edition of **Dr. Celia madam's** reminiscences, I felt like I was reading an abridged version of 'Profiles of Principals' written by late **Dr. Kola Isaiah garu**, starting right from the very first principal **Dr. LB. Wolf**. That book was a keepsake & memento presented to all the dignitaries who visited our College from time to time. I don't know whether it is updated & still exists in print. I can definitely foresee Prof. K. Anil Kumar's 'Memories & Memoirs' will soon become a companion volume to the 'Profiles of Principals'!

The following are my random thoughts connected with Madam's writings. Yes, I remember how **Dr. MGT** started the Staff Choir. It was during the 'Jai Andhra' movement days, when Curfew was clamped in big cities, Colleges & Hostels were closed. At such a time Staff Choir was started, not to break the rich tradition of having the College Christmas. Practice sessions were conducted right in the the Principal's bungalow itself. **Dr. MGT** ably took up the role of the 'Music Conductor', taking a baton in his hand. **Dr. Chegudi Virgil John**, a Physician & a Maestro on Piano used to play and teach music. His deft fingers dancing on the keys of the Piano was a treat to watch! I was in that choir singing 'Tenor' along with **Mr. BRR. Dr. TAR & Mr. BSK Roy**, and **Mr. Villinder Kumar** used to sing the 'Bass' part. Christmas Carols used to be sung in 4 parts with slightly varying tunes, all at the same time - Soprano, Alto, Tenor and

Bass - producing a rich, resonant & unforgettable melodious music! For several years the Choir used to sing only English Carols with Just one Telugu Number. That invariably was the one written, music-composed and taught by the legendary Pastor late **Rev. AC. Kinsinger** - ' ఆహా మహానందమే - ఇహ పరంబులన్ = మహావతారుండో - మా యేసు జన్మ దినం - హల్లెలూయా!'. The remembrance of that carol and the English carol ' To Jesus from the ends of earth, three wise men came this day' would still give goose pimples all over my body and I feel like I am on the choir dais of our College, even now! Late **Mr. NDRP's** solo carol 'O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining' sung soulfully used to be the highlight of the College choir! It culminated in the soft lullaby 'Silent Night, Holy Night' as the candle light worship service came to an end. I will write about the Christmas Pageant some time later.

Thinking of Dr. **Ch.I.Varadanam garu**, apart from his exceptional scholarship in Chemistry, there abound umpteen jokes about his forgetfulness & unintended innocent remarks that exploded into double meaning jokes at times! I recount here a couple of fair jokes about his forgetfulness here.

One day he was walking very fast holding his bicycle with his hand. A friend enquired him as to what the matter was.

**Dr. Varadanam** replied, 'I am in a hurry, to reach the College before the second bell rings!'

Then the friend told him,' Why don't you ride the bike, instead of walking it ?'

"Oh! I forgot about this!", replied he and rode on.

He reached the Department gasping and enquired the attender **Fakruddin**, who came to receive him,

" ఏంవోయ్ ఫక్రుద్దీన్, ఫస్ట్ బెల్ కొట్టారా?"

"లేదయ్యా"

"మరి సెకండ్ బెల్లో?" అడిగారు వరదానం గారు.

I also vividly remember the retirement felicitations arranged by **Dr. MGT** in the year 1969 to more than a dozen members of the staff who retired earlier including veteran teachers like **JPS, JMS, GKD ... Dr. Varadanam** was one among them. The function was held in the quadrangle in front of the **Recreation Hall**. Because of the large number of retirees, it was getting late, almost close to midnight. **Dr. Varadanam** was the last to respond. Everyone was all ears to listen to what he would say, rather what he would unintentionally say to make an epic joke! To everyone's utter disappointment, he spoke faultlessly.

Wait, it's not all over yet!

All of a sudden, came this closing statement from him," You have presented me a nice golden ring with the College emblem engraved on it,

I WILL \*NEVER REMEMBER\* YOU!" □□□.

Thus the roof came down with wholesome laughter!

Thank you **Dr. Celia madam** for giving me the occasion to recount these memories of mine, God bless you madam!

God bless **Prof. Anilkumar sir !!**

God bless you all!!!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-82

They know everything. They are the custodians. They are known for their loyalty. Nothing can escape their notice. They even question anybody if they doubt and suspect. It looks as though it is difficult to manage without them. Their eyes are like cc cameras of any defence services. They are first to come and last to go

Every spot is clean and neat because of them. They have that spirit of work. We never see them idle or gossip. They expect nothing not even a word of thanks. They are serious at work. They would even demand the presence of any one and ask them to stay for some time more until all are accounted. They have seen all faculty as students and so none can oppose them.

When the Department of Natural Sciences was bifurcated it was **Sri N. Channa Reddi garu**, the first Head of the **Department of Botany** who requested these two to be posted to the Department of Botany. Such levels of confidence and trust they enjoyed among all they worked with. Poor outwardly but very rich in performance and discharge of duties. They are diligent, honest, sincere and experts in their field. They are **Kotaiah** and **Lakshmaiah** of the Department of Botany. I wish to call them **Helpers** and never ATTENDERS. **Kotaiah** wears dhoti and a shirt with sleeves folded up, narrow folds, as if ready to wrestle. **Lakshmaiah** wears a shirt and pants. They do their duty with love and commitment. We are proud of them. Then we have a stage artist who can recite poems from Kurukhetram, Pandavodyogavijayam endlessly. I ask him to recite a few when I find time. He is **Manikyarao**. Then we have another deeply religious man whose voice I hear every morning in the early hours reading a few portions from the holy scripture as both of us are from Arundepet. He is **Benhur**. His brother works in the office. **Benhur** is absorbed into our office later on promotion. **Prabhakar** is another youngster who not only did his routine work but also typing both in the Department and office. **Prabhakar** is well-mannered decent man.

Now he is in the office. **Manikya Rao's** daughter also worked in the Department.

It may be a jumbo jet or Boeing or Mercedes- work as a whole composite unit. Every screw, nut, bolt matter. If any fail, you can not move an inch. My gratitude, sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one of them.

**Fakruddin and Nagaiah** of the **Department of Chemistry** are unique. We take hours to do any experiment preliminary and confirmatory tests in Qualitative Analysis. Nagaiah and Fakruddin do it in a second. All batches of students are inevitably benefitted by them. Hats off to their genius and expertise.

College is enriched by their contribution. God bless them.

Then **Yesu, Subbarao, Narasimha Rao, Gopaiah, Lazarus, Maremma, Avvamma, Zoology Department** helpers **Sangeetha Rao, Isaiah** can not be forgotten. Prior to them

**Prasada Rao** worked in the **Zoology Department**. They are noble, good and efficient. I pray God to bless them and their families.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati** writes:

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మహాకవి శ్రీశ్రీ ని గుర్తు చేసారు మీరు.. మన కోటయ్య, లక్ష్మయ్య, బెన్టర్, రాజారావు గార్లను, ఇతర సహాయకులను ప్రస్తావించి, వారి సేవలను మననం చేసి, ప్రస్తుతించి. బోటనీలో మొదట ప్రస్తావించిన సహాయకులు ముప్పూరిలో చిన్నవారైన బెన్టర్ గారు టూర్ లలోను, మరికొన్ని సందర్భాలలోను 'బెన్టర్ 'టెన్ కమాండ్రెంట్స్' వంటి అలనాటి ప్రముఖ ఆంగ్ల చిత్ర సన్నివేశాలను తన ధ్వన్యనుకరణ ప్రావీణ్యంతో ప్రదర్శించి అలరించేవారు.

మీరన్నది 100% వాస్తవం. ఎవరి వృత్తిధర్మాన్ని వారు ఎంతో గొప్పగా పోషించారనటంలో ఏమాత్రం సందేహంలేదు. వారికీ, వారి సేవలను గుర్తు చేసిన మీకు జేజేలు.□□

**GVLN Sanjeeva Rao** writes: □□□

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar** writes:

జీవితంలో ఏదీ సొమ్మొకడిది సోకోకడిది కాకూడదు. సంస్థల నిర్వహణకు అందరు బాధ్యులే. అవకాశంలో తేడా గాని అందరూ సమానులే. ఏది ఏపదవి చేపట్టామన్నది కాదు. ఎలాచేసామన్నదే ముఖ్యం.

**KV Raju Former Demonstrator in Chemistry (1961-62)** writes:

I too know **Nagaiah**, the tall person since 1961. Honest, alert and sincere. Courteous whenever I visited the College since 1962 onwards.

**Dr. Varadanam** made **Fakruddin** KNOWN with his second belloh! joke. **Fakruddin** used to be traditional, honest, humble, yet dignified.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula** writes:

□ Well said sir, "Every screw, nut and bolt is important for the smooth functioning of even a sophisticated machine!" Thank you, for devoting an entire chapter for commending and recording the services of the '**Helpers**' as you rightly prefer to refer to them - Attenders in the Science Departments & Peons in the Office and other Departments. They deserve it, especially those that set the trend for their followers.

**BOTANY**: Apart from the already mentioned sincere services of **Kotaiah, Lakshmaiah, Manikya Rao, Benhur & Prabhakar**, I would like to mention the services of **Raju**, who took up the additional responsibility of setting up & lighting the candles on the **ALTAR** in the **Assembly Hall** every day, just before the morning devotions started and preserve the candle-holders thereafter. (**Mr. RRSSD** provided the candles. **Raju** continued the job long after sir retired).

**ZOOLOGY**: In addition to those mentioned hithertofore - **AL. Prasada Rao, Isaiah, Sangeetha Rao** - I remember the specimen suppliers - names unknown to us but well known to

Heaven - POOR BLIND Man, led by his half-blind wife, coming to the College very early in the morning with a fresh catch of cockroaches, rats etc.

**CHEMISTRY:** Besides **Fakruddin, Nagaiah**, I would like to recall the valuable services of **G. Ratnam, G. Devasahayam, GSP. Vasantha Rao** and others that followed. Of special mention must be the dress of **Devasahayam** - every bit neat & clean, always immaculately clad in his gold color '**Pondur Khaddar**' shirts & pure white '**Glasco**' dhotis!

**PHYSICS:** Unfortunately I don't remember the names, but the specific individuals are very much in my eyes. The short, stocky man with soda bottle eyeglasses (was he old **Prakasa Rao**?) & the short, lean man with a husky voice, also wearing thick eyeglasses! Thankfully, the present Principal **Mr. MES .Vijaya Raju**, the first ever Principal from the Physics Department can see to it that their names are duly incorporated here.

**OFFICE: Gopaiah, Subba Rao, Lazarus, Narasimha Rao & the Present Prakasa Rao.** Personifications of duty & devotion! Unlike the science attenders they don't have any attachments with students, yet their sincerity is no less commendable. I dare say more praiseworthy. I always remember how **Subbaiah**, the tall & bent man standing near the attendance register, raising his hand to say 'salam' to 250 odd members of the staff, many of them not even noticing him.

God bless all these Past helpers - some must have gone unsung - & the Present helpers as well!

God bless **Prof. Anilkumar** for recording these precious memories about them for posterity!!

God bless you all for your patient reading!!!

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□□□□

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□

**+91 99593 82777 writes:** Nicely written about the helper staff

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □□

## MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-83

### Reminiscences of my Alma Mater

By **Dr. (Mrs.) VP Celia**

Former Reader, Department of Philosophy

### **Sri MVLN Koteswar Rao:**

A thousand apologies to my old times good friend **Mr. MVLNSRK**. I knew him since a very long time. Truly he is the longest known person to me from **AC. College**. Not that I forgot him, it happened unwittingly so. I thank him for his reminder. The fact is that I included two missing letters "S.R" in his name itself is an evidence that I did not forget him. He used to fill the entire page with his full name in large script during school days. He was very sharp, active and intelligent. I know him as a very successful lecturer in the College. I used to treat him as a younger brother. I remember he used to go to camps along with his father, who was a Tahsildar.

His Mathematics classes were said to be very lively and interesting. His teaching style is unique in that he can explain complicated concepts in very simple, jovial and engaging terms; the real mark of an exceptional teacher. This is the testimony I heard from my daughter who was his student.

I know his two sisters, **Vazramani** and **Gayathri** and also his wife (sorry I forgot her name) while they are studying in the College. I paid a visit to his place once and met his mother. His son reminded me of **MVLNK** of school days. Hope he will accept my apology. My best wishes to **MVLNK** and his family.

**Mr. K. Rajabhushanam:**

He is my colleague in the department of philosophy, a talented lecturer whom students liked. He is friendly and always maintained good and cordial relations with all staff members even after retirement. He is very knowledgeable in various matters, religiously oriented, helpful to people in times of need. He always shows concern for me and extends his help in times of need. He often makes friendly visits to inquire about my well being. I am very grateful for that. My best wishes to him and his family.

**Sri K. Kishore Babu:**

He is an eminent lecturer, with a strong and commanding voice in the Department of Politics whose students used to be highly appreciative of his teaching. I first know him as a friend and classmate of my brother Augustine Raj Kumar at Andhra University. Therefore I treat him as my younger brother. He also reciprocates that same relation. His wife Sujatha is a good friend of mine. His elder sister Nancy Kalyani was a classmate of my younger sister Grace Rosalind in AC. College. Ruth his younger sister became our colleague as well. The entire family including his parents became very close to me. They always extend their kindness and goodwill to me.

My greetings and thanks to **Sanjeeva Rao garu (GVLNS)** , **Nirikshana Rao garu**, **Ravindra Kumar garu** (I unfortunately could not meet him yet) and **Mandali Koteswara Rao garu** (son of **Brahmaniah garu**, our NCC officer who was very good and kind to me) for their kind words of appreciation extended to me for my memoirs.

**96862 44996 Sai S/o SMK writes:** If I am not wrong this should be 83 Mamayyagaru

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar writes:** Thanks to Sai Muddu. This is MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-83

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati writes:** □□□□□

**Sai writes:** □□

**GVLN. Sanjeeva Rao writes:**

But **Celia ji** u have not mentioned what **SR** stand for in **MVLNK** name

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:**

□ Thank you **Dr. Viswanadhapalli Peace Celia (VPC) Madam** for your latest edition. Your unwitting forgetfulness has given rise to an unwitting, yet accurate additional title based on his full name, to **Mr. MVLN-SRK!** The world knows that SRK stands for '**Shah Rukh Khan**', the Bollywood Superstar! And now our **MVLNSRK** is the Maths Superstar for his students



scattered all across the globe! **Dr. MGT** used to call him '**Nawab of Pataudi**' of our College Cricket team. I always greeted sir as the '**Evergreen Star**' basing on his physical fitness, intellectual & emotional capabilities. Madam, you now unwittingly gave the best title!

**Mr. Kanapala Raja Bhushanam (KRB)**, Retired Lecturer in Philosophy is a decent, dignified & devout individual. He is a good evangelist too. His healthy and cheerful, nonagenarian mother in law, **Madam Kommoji Kanakavalli** (Retd. Dy. DEO) is a living proof of his exceptional love & care for the aged! Incidentally, **Mr. KRB's** mom & late **Dr. TAR's** mom were siblings!

**Mr. Konduri Kishore Babu (KKB)**, Retired Lecturer in Political Science is head & shoulders above all, not just in physical height but even in intellectual capabilities! As I mentioned somewhere earlier, he is one of the very few Lecturers who can call any student 'ArE', and they don't get offended. He & his siblings in our College, **Mr. Sam Jaya Kumar**, **Mrs. Ruth** are all great teachers. In this connection, I would like to recall to memory his sincere and strict parents late **Sri. Konduri Matthew & Smt. Lalitha**. Late **Sri. K. Matthew** was also a Dy. DEO. One curious thing about him I noted was that he was a pure non vegetarian before retirement and a exclusive Vegetarian (Only Ridge gourd) after retirement. I remember **Mr. KKB** telling that his father used to give the first wedding card of his children to that particular vegetable seller, who visits his home round the year!

God bless **Dr. Celia Madam!**

God bless Messers **MVLN-SRK, KRB, KKB!!**

God bless **Prof. Anilkumar!!!**

God bless you all !!!!

### MEMORIES AND MEMOIRS-84

By **Dr. KM. Ratnasree**, Former Reader, Department of Botany

The Department of Botany was blessed with a beautiful, smiling and pleasant (**BSP**) **Madam B. Susan Prameela**. She is one of the senior most women staff members of our College. She commanded respect from all sections of College community. Botany family including students had a special regard for her.

**Madam Prameela** was God fearing, soft spoken, friendly, modest, simple, well dressed, with pleasing manners, maintained cordial relations with everybody. She was admired, loved and even adored by one and all who have come into contact with her.

**Prameela madam** was my teacher. She took pains to make each and every student learn practical skills. Her handwriting and drawings on the black board made me alert that led to self improvement as a teacher in later days. Affectionate teaching of Prameela madam, serious approach of **Sri J. Abraham**, and frequent field trips on the campus led by **Sri MVN Satyanarayana Rao** motivated me to learn Taxonomy, which I am disinterested in my pre-university class at Eluru.

I was fortunate to be a staff member of **Andhra Christian College** from 1974. With my entry into the Department, number of lady staff members rose to 3. **Prameela madam** used to guide and encourage me as I was a bit tense in the beginning of my career. She was my role model. Any work assigned, was done with utmost care and always sincere to her duty. Madam preferred taking a few Intermediate classes (a tough job) along with degree classes. She always

entered into the class with a blissful smile, a bunch of twigs, flowers, or self made models in hand .She made the lesson interesting by using them as teaching aids. Madam also took pains to draw diagrams on charts beforehand, showed motherly concern to all the students and was fondly named by them as ‘చిరునవ్వుల శ్రీమతి ప్రమీల మేడం’.

**Prameela madam** was gifted with multiple talents. She was an artist, good at chalk piece carving, had expertise in vegetable carving. I heard (as I am on study leave) her vegetable carving skill was a special attraction at science exhibition held in our College during eighties. Her exhibits won prizes from Haritha priya (private organization). As already mentioned by **Sri K. Anil kumar**, Madam can imitate the gestures of different persons with voice modulation. Her spontaneous punches of humour added fervour to the day. Her hobbies also include gardening, craft work and cooking ..

Madam was a sports woman. **Prameela madam** bagged more prizes than her youngsters during annual women sports meet of our College. She can play Throw ball, Badminton etc., and good at Running.

She is generous, kind and compassionate to the needy. A visually handicapped person used to visit madam every month for help. Madam incited others also to lend a helping hand to the poor and needy.

She is courageous, strong willed, can face any hardship with dignity, shared lighter and happy moments with all of us. Each one has to face moments of frustration, despair in life. The common notion "face is the index of mind" is proved wrong with respect to Madam. She never lost her smile, temper, or exhibited any signs of displeasure in times of hardship. I can respectfully salute her for this rare gesture. Finally I can say her talent, dignity, deportment, endeared herself to everyone both in and outside the Department.

**Prameela madam** was a precious gem gifted by God to **Sri B. Chandra Paul** and her daughters who are happily married and well settled.

To me, the vivid description of a noble woman in the **Holy Bible, Book of Proverbs** Chapter 31 is a perfect personification of Madam.

**Ravindrakumar Chilakapati** writes:

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డా. రత్నశ్రీ మేడమ్ శ్రీమతి ప్రమీల మేడం ను ఎంత బాగా కళ్ళకుకట్టేలా ఆవిష్కరించారండీ! విద్యార్థులుగా మేమెరిగే అవకాశంలేని మా టీచర్స్ యొక్క మహోన్నత వ్యక్తిత్వాలను, మూర్తిమత్వాలను, ఇతర కోణాలను ఈ వేదిక ద్వారా తెలుసుకోగలగటం చాలా సంతోషంగా ఉంది. అందుకు దోహదం చేస్తున్న పెద్దలందరికీ మరోమారు ధన్యవాదాలు. □ □

**Dr. Sasibala** writes:

I am sure it's going to be a well stacked compendium of memories and memoirs.

Sai Ram Sir..

Your sketch of memories is making AC. College 1000 times more beautiful than what it really is. No doubt, AC. College was a beautiful piece of Academic Mosaic of towering personalities of excellence.

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □

A Passionate Pen-Portrait of '**GRACE PERSONIFIED**', **Madam B. SUSAN PRAMILA Garu!**

God bless you thalli **Dr. K. Mary Ratna Sri!**

Keep writing!

Whenever I see or hear about you, I always joyfully remember my dear 'friend' (although a generation older) & your loving dad, **Sri KANCHERLA JAMES garu**, Retd. District Panchayat Officer, an Alumnus of our great College!

God bless his memory!!

**Alexander Daniel Sunad writes:** □□□□□□□□□□

**నీరాజనమ్**

నేను ఎంతగా కీర్తించను? మాటలు చాలవు. గుండె నిండా ప్రేమ, కృతజ్ఞత, ఆరాధన, ఆనందం ఉప్పొంగుతున్నది.. జనని జనకులు జన్మ నిచ్చారు. మరి నీవో! బ్రతుకు ఇచ్చావు. ఆట, పాట, మాట నేర్పింది నీవే కదా! నా నేర్పు, కూర్పు, ఓర్పు నీవు నేర్పినదే. సభావేదికలపై చేసిన ప్రసంగాలకు వచ్చిన స్పందన, ప్రతిస్పందన, ప్రశంసలు, కరతాళధ్వనులు, నీ ఆశీస్సులే, రచనలకు నీవే స్ఫూర్తి, ప్రేరణ అని నావిశ్వాసం.

ఏదేశమేగినా ఎందుకాలిడినా నీకీర్తిని చాటే నాభాగ్యమేమని పొగడను? ఇంగ్లీష్ ఎక్కడనేర్చుకున్నావు? ఉచ్చారణ ఎవరు నేర్పారు? అని అడిగితే నా సమాధానం విని "అప్పుడే అనుకున్నాం, ఆంధ్ర క్రైస్తవ కళాశాల అని. " నాకళ్ళు చెమ్మగిల్లటం, అందరూ చూడటం, నేను సిగ్గుపడటం మామూలే. సర్వసాధారణమే. ఎక్కడిది వాగ్దాటి, భాష అంటే మా డా.ఎం. జార్జ్ థామస్ గారి ప్రసాదం అని నా గుండెల చప్పుడుకి తెలిసిందేకదా! ఇంగ్లీష్, తెలుగు భాషలలో అభిరుచి సాహిత్యంలో ప్రవేశం అలవాట్లు కదలికలు మెలకువలు శ్రీ యలవర్తి రోశయ్య గారి భిక్ష.

అనేకానేక సభలకు పెద్దలైన శ్రీ జమ్మలమడక మాధవ రామశర్మ గారు, కరుణశ్రీ జంధ్యాల పాపయ్య శాస్త్రి గార్లతో వేదికను పంచుకోటం మన కళాశాల అనుగ్రహం అనుకుంటాను.

మా ప్రిన్సిపాల్స్ లాంటి వారు ఎక్కడా వుండరని అనుకుంటాను. ఎవరికి వారే విశిష్టులు.

డా.టిఎస్ పౌలస్ గారి రీవి, దర్పం నేను చూడనేలేదు ఈనాటివరకు.

డా. విలియమ్స్ గారి హాస్యం, తెలివితేటలు అనూహ్యం.

డా. జే. పౌలస్ గారి పాండిత్యం, నిరాడంబరత అసమానం.

డా. ఎంజి థామస్ గారి భాష, ఆ స్టయిల్, బోధనా విధానం, ఉపన్యాస విన్యాసం అనితరసాధ్యం.

డా. ఐజాక్ గారి సేవాతత్పరత కష్టసాధ్యం.

డా. సి. దేవదానం గారి జ్ఞానసంపద ఆశ్చర్యకరం..

బహుముఖప్రజ్ఞాశాలి డా. పి. ప్రభుదాస్ గారు అసమాన ప్రతిభావంతులు.

డా.జి. శామ్యూల్ గారు క్రమశిక్షణ కు మారుపేరు..అంకితభావం కల ఆదర్శమూర్తి.

మా లెక్చరర్స్ అద్భుతులు. వారి పాఠాలు ఇంకా జ్ఞాపకమున్నాయి..

కాలేజీ విశాల ప్రాంగణం.. ఎత్తైన ఆ టవర్.. ఆ తోటలు.. ఆభవనాలు.. అసెంబ్లీ హాల్.. లైబ్రరీ బిల్డింగ్..  
విడిగా డిస్కంట్స్ కి భవంతులు వర్ణింపనలవికాదు.

మంచి వయసులో ఉద్యోగంలో చేరాను. కాలేజీలో 4000 మందికి పైగా విద్యార్థులు అందులో 1500 మంది అమ్మాయిలు ఉన్న కాలేజీ. స్టయిల్ కి అవసరమైన పరిసరం, వయస్సు. ఇంతకన్నా ఎక్కువరాయటం ఇప్పుడు బాగుండదేమో!

మా అమ్మ గారు శ్రీమతి సరోజినీ దేవి స్టాల్స్ స్కూల్లో ఆ తరువాత మన కాలేజీ లో చదువుకున్నారు..  
మాఅమ్మని, నాలో చూసి గుర్తుపట్టి డా. పౌలస్ గారు సీట్ ఇస్తే ఆమె చదువుకున్న రోజుల్ని తలుచుకుని డా.  
విలియమ్స్ గారు ఉద్యోగం ఇచ్చారు..

తరువాత మా నాన్న గారు కామరాజు బాపయ్య గారు మన ఏఎల్ కాలేజీ లో 10 సంవత్సరాలు  
లెక్చరర్ గా పనిచేస్తు శ్రీ జిఎల్.బెన్ని గారికి అడ్మినిస్ట్రేషన్ లో సహాయపడేవారు.

జిఎల్ బెన్ని దంపతులు మా ఇంటికి చాలా పర్యాయాలు వచ్చారు. బాపయ్య గారిని ఎంతో  
గౌరవించారు. ఆయన రూంకే వచ్చేవారు బెన్ని గారు.

మేము నలుగురము కుగ్లర్ హాస్పిటల్ లో పుట్టినవారమే..

మా నాన్న గారు ఏఎల్ కాలేజీ లో చేరినప్పుడు చాలా మంది ఆడిగేవారట "అక్క బాగుండా"..ఆయన  
ఆశ్చర్యపోయ్యేవారు... అంతగా మిషనరీ సంస్థలతో మమేకమయి ఉన్నది మా కుటుంబం.

ఈనాడు నాకు లభించిన కీర్తి ప్రతిష్ఠలకు మా కాలేజీ మా లెక్చరర్స్ కారకులు...క్షణ క్షణం కణ కణం కాలేజీ సంస్కృతీ సంస్కారాలు నాలో నిండి ఉన్నాయి.

డా.ఆలెక్సాండర్ నిప్పుమణ తీవ్రమైన దుఃఖానికి గురి చేసింది. ఆవేదన అక్షర రూపం దాల్చింది. దాంతో ప్రారంభమైంది ఈ మెమోరీస్ మెమోయిర్స్ 80 సంక్షిప్తంగా భగవంతుడు రాయించాడు.

మా నిరీక్షణ రావు స్పందనలు నన్నుమైమరపింపచేశాయి..

ఇక చాలా ప్రముఖుడు, నాకు ముఖ్యుడు చిలకపాటి రవీంద్రకుమార్.. కాలేజీ పై ఆయనకున్న ప్రేమ అవ్యాజం అప్రమేయం. గురు భక్తి నిరుపమానం. అన్నింటిని కంప్యూటర్లో పిడిఎఫ్ ఫైల్ లో నిక్షిప్తం చేశాడు..రవికి నా ఆశీస్సులు.

డా. అనిత, మిస్టర్ ఎజ్రా, మిస్టర్ నిర్మల్ కుమార్, శ్రీ జివిఎల్ఎస్. సంజీవ రావు, శ్రీ ఎంవిఎల్ఎస్ కోటేశ్వర్ రావు గారు, డా. సీలీయా గారు, శ్రీ కేవీ రాజు గారు, శ్రీ మండలి కోటేశ్వర్ రావు గారు, డా. రత్నశ్రీ గారు, మన గణపతి-చార్జెడ్ అకౌంటెంట్ గార్ల స్పందనలకు నా హృత్పూర్వక ధన్యవాదములు.

ఈ సీరీస్ కొనసాగించండి. మీ అనుభవాలు పంచుకోండి. ఇది నిరంతర ప్రవాహం కావాలి. అందరు పాల్గొనండి.

కాలేజీకి ఇచ్చే నీరాజనమీదే.

దేవుడు అందరినీ దీవించాలని మనసారా ప్రార్థిస్తు..

శలవు!

ప్రేమతో మీ,

కామరాజు అనిల్ కుమార్

**MVLN. Koteswara Rao writes:**

చాలాసంతోషం

నేను ఎప్పుడో చెప్పాను ::"నీవు కారణ జన్ముడవని ,

నీ సన్నిహిత మిత్రుడవటం నా అదృష్టమని " ::

**David Nirikshana Rao Kurakula writes:** □

Sir, your **attitude of gratitude** for your **Alma mater** is truly **priceless and peerless!**  
So thrilling to go through this on this special day!

I trust your own teachers and your direct students -Secular and Spiritual- will forever remember the powerful rushing wind i.e. Anilkumar sir is and has always been!

Continue to be a channel of blessing to the countless!

God bless you & your family sir! □

**Kamaraju Anil Kumar writes to Ravindrakumar Chilakapati:**

చాలా ఆనందంగా ఉంది. నీకు తృప్తినందించింది. మన మిత్రులకు, శ్రీయోభిలాషులకు, పూర్వ విద్యార్థులకు, విశ్రాంత ప్రస్తుత అధ్యాపకులకు సంతోషాన్ని కలిగించిన ఈ మెమోరీస్ మెమోయిర్స్ దేవుని కృప, మహాప్రసాదం గా భావిస్తున్నాను

నా కాలేజీకి మంగళ కర్పూర హారతి. నా గురువుల పాద పద్మాలకు నమస్కృతి. పూజ్యులైన మిషనరీస్ కు ఆనంద కృతజ్ఞతాపూర్వక అశ్రు సహిత ఆధ్యాత్మిక నీరాజనం. నీ సలహాలకు నిండు హృదయంతో ఆశీస్సులు. మొత్తానికి ప్రస్తుతానికి ఈ సిరీస్ కి మంగళాక్షతలు.

ఉంటాను.

**అనిల్ కుమార్**

నేనెరిగిన 1970ల నాటి నుండి నేటివరకు చెరగని చిరునవ్వుతో, నిత్యనూతనంగా, నవయవ్వనులుగా ఉన్న ఏడున్నర పదుల ఆత్మీయ సద్గురులు శ్రీ. కామరాజు అనిల్ కుమార్ గారికి సవినయ భక్తిపూర్వక హృత్పూర్వక జన్మదిన శుభాకాంక్షలతో..

~ చిలకపాటి రవీంద్రకుమార్

25 అక్టోబర్ 2017

పుట్టపర్తి