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# KARNATAKA News

## PROF. C N R RAO DECRIES NEGLECT OF SCIENCE STUDY IN THE COUNTRY



*Prof. C.N.R. Rao, Eminent Scientist receives BVB Memento from Dr. H.R. Bhardwaj, Governor of Karnataka. Seated next to him is Smt. Indumati Rao (wife of Prof. C.N.R. Rao.) While other dignitaries look on.*

Scientific Research is not receiving its due importance in the country, according to Prof. C N R Rao, eminent scientist who was conferred with the country's highest civilian honor **Bharat Ratna** recently.

While he agreed that economic development was essential in the progress of a country, in the absence of

scientific advancement, it alone cannot deliver the deserved results, he said.

Prof. Rao was delivering a lecture on "**Doing Science in India**" for the Dr. K M Munshi Memorial lecture on March 28 at the Bhavan.

Earlier, the Bhavan felicitated Prof. Rao who for a period had served on the Kendra Committee. Governor



Dr. H R Bhardwaj was the chief guest at Dr. Munshi memorial lecture

Prof. Rao was of the opinion that compared with other countries, there was a shortfall in scientific temper in our country. While China and America are in the forefront in the field of scientific research, India was not extending to science the same importance that was given to technical and medical education, adding **‘Whatever may be the other factors, the eternity of science cannot be overlooked!’**

In this context, he pointed out that for 20 years in his labs in the Indian Institute of Science and the Bangalore's Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific

## INDIAN SYSTEM OF EDUCATION NOT FREE FROM FAULTS : CNR RAO

Research, he did not have a single student from Bangalore. They were all from elsewhere, he bemoaned.

Referring to the state of education in the country, Prof. Rao averred that the system of education in the country is not free from defects. **“Our IIT’s don’t enjoy the same standard they once enjoyed. If they improve at least by 10-20 per cent, they might regain their earlier glory”**, he opined.



*Smt. Indumati Rao being felicitated by Smt. Seetha Ramachandra, Associate Secretary, BVB. Seated next to her is Prof. C.N.R. Rao. While other dignitaries on the dais look on.*



*A postal stamp in honour of Prof. C.N.R. Rao brought out by Indian Posts was released by H.E. Dr. H.R. Bhardwaj, at the function.*

Likewise, Prof. Rao remarked that a mere two per cent of the nation's GDP was earmarked for education. **“It should be enhanced to a minimum of six per cent, two per cent of which should be spent on higher education”**, he declared. At the same time, he wondered whether scientific research was not receiving its importance due to shortage of teachers in collegiate education. Hence he suggested that as it is done to name decades

after different subjects, it would be appropriate to declare the present decade as “Teachers’ Decade”. Side by side efforts must be made to raise the standard of both the teachers and students, he said, and hoped that the new government would take steps in this direction.

In the same vein, Prof Rao regretted that the number of women opting for scientific research is on the decline. The Government will do well to take steps to create opportunities for research by women. May be domestic problems are in the way of our women taking up research. But it is necessary to see that there is no gender discrimination in science research, he warned.

## PLEA TO RAISE STANDARD OF TEACHERS AND TAUGHT

Governor Dr. H R Bhardwaj said that Bangalore has certainly progressed better in scientific research than Mumbai, Kolkata and such other centres. It is equally true that women were also involving themselves in greater number here. But this has not come to light, he said. At the convocation of Kuvempu University in Shimoga, where he was present, of the 120 doctorates, as many as 100 PhDs were women, he pointed out and declared that these figures showed that there was no dearth of women pursuing scientific studies, he said.

In honour of Prof. C.N.R. Rao, Bhavan's Bangalore Kendra brought out a Special Postal Cover in association with 'India Post' on the occasion. (please see specimen on below) Smt. Indumati Rao was honoured

# WOMEN OPTING FOR SCIENCE : GOVERNOR SEES NO DEARTH

with traditioned 'Bagina' by the ladies wing of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

Bhavan's Hon. Secretary Sri K G Raghavan welcomed the gathering and compered the programme.

Among the prominent personalities who attended the function are Sri. N. Ramanuja, Chairman, Bhavan, Bangalore, Post Master General Sri Ramanujam, Rotary District Governor, Rtn. S. Nagendra, Trustee, Subhash Charitable Trust Sri. Sanjay Dugar.



Spirituality plays an important role in the conduct of human life on earth, declared Justice M N Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in a book launch function at Bhavan on March 29.

Speaking after releasing **‘India – A fellowship of Faiths’**, revised edition of a book by Governor H R Bhardwaj, he said the *Upanishads* are the basis of Indian culture.

All religious texts, he pointed out, lay stress on the path of knowledge. Likewise, the essence of all religions is extant in the *Upanishads*, he said, adding that Dr. Bhardwaj through his book gives an insight into the realm of Indian spirituality and culture.

## GOVERNOR, EX-CJ EXTOL ROLE OF SPIRITUAL VALUES IN LIFE

Governor Bhardwaj, in his remarks said that there was spiritual flavor in the soil of India. The *Upanishads* have answers for all the issues relating to life on earth.

Elaborating on the lofty culture of India, the Governor asserted that India was the land of non-violence (*Ahimsa*). The people here are broad-minded. Karnataka itself is a state known for communal harmony. It is the region where the *Sharanas* have



*‘India- A fellowship of faiths’ revised edition of a book by Governor Dr. H.R. Bhardwaj being launched by Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India. Other dignitaries include Smt. Prafullata Bhardwaj.*



*Dr. H.R. Bhardwaj, Governor of Karnataka being honoured by Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India. Standing next to Governor is Smt. Prafullata Bhardwaj.*

given the sacred *Vachanas* to humanity. It is a pity that extremist elements are destroying this image, he said.

In these circumstances, he reminded that, the time has come when our culture needs to be rejuvenated. In this task, the parents must come forward to

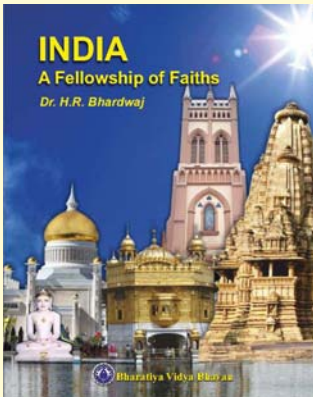
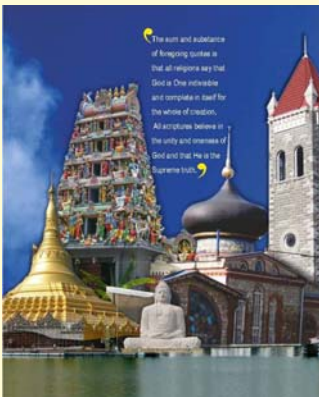
inculcate spiritual values in their wards, he pleaded.

Smt. Prafullata Bhardwaj (W/o Dr. H.R. Bhardwaj) Sri. N. Ramanuja, Chairman, BVB, Sri. K.G Raghavan, Hon. Secretary and H.N. Suresh, Director BVB were among the distinguished gathering . ●



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At a time when human values are on the decline, society utterly needs poets who can come out with lyrics capable of disseminating such values, observed H H Sri Shivarathreshwara Deshikendra Swami at Bhavan on April 2.

The pontiff of the Suttur Math was delivering his benedictory address in a function where two volumes titled 'KCS Samagrakavya' by the well-known lyricist K C Shivappa were released. The Swamiji described Shivappa as such a poet as evidenced in his outpourings, covering all facets of life, and complimented the poet on his literary merits.

At the same time, the Swamiji paid tribute to the Bhavan founded by a visionary like Dr. K M Munshi which was engaged in a similar task. He had

## SUTTUR SEER, GV HAIL SOCIETAL INSIGHT IN SHIVAPPA'S POEMS

a word of praise for late Dr. Mathoor Krishnamurti for his work for Bhavan in London, as well as his successor, H N Suresh who is continuing it. He particularly complimented Suresh on his painting series '*Nakshatra Mandala*' series which had recently attracted numerous viewers in an exhibition in the US-Maryland, JSS Spiritual Mission.

Well-known litterateur Prof. G Venkatasubbiah who released the massive two volumes comprising 1085 verses, described them ideally suited for singing. He said as far as he knew no other poet had to his



*H.H. Sri. Shivarathreshwara Deshikendra Swami of Suttur Mutt launching a book authored by Sri. K.C. Shivappa. Standing from left : Sri. H.N. Suresh, Director, BVB, Sri. Hiremagalur Kannan, Sri. N. Ramanuja, Chairman, BVB, Prof. G. Venkatasubbaiah, well known lexicographer, Sri. K.C. Shivappa, Sri. D.N. Lokappa, Publisher, Samvahana, Sri. Maleyuru Guruswamy.*



*A couple from Gulbarga being honoured by Sri. K.C. Shivappa while H.H. Sri. Shivarathreshwara Deshikendra Swami of Suttur Mutt, Sri. N. Ramanuja, Chairman, BVB, Sri. Hiremagalur Kannan, joins*

credit such a vast number of poems, worthy of entering the Guinness Book. He hoped Shivappa would soon produce an epic.

Sri Kannan, a popular kannada priest of Hiremagalur who introduced the poems, opined that good poetry is one, which reaches a large audience. He was sure that poet Shivappa's poems, especially those in the series under '**Muddu Rama**'

have done it most emphatically. He cited numerous examples to prove his point, which by itself is like a Nobel Prize for the poet.

Shri Shivappa who asserted how it was befitting that his magnum opus was released under the auspices of the Bhavan as all his earlier collections had enjoyed the same privilege.

Speaking about Kannada as a language, he agreed that it may continue to be the household language in Karnataka. But in the prevailing circumstances, he wondered if it will flourish as a literary medium.

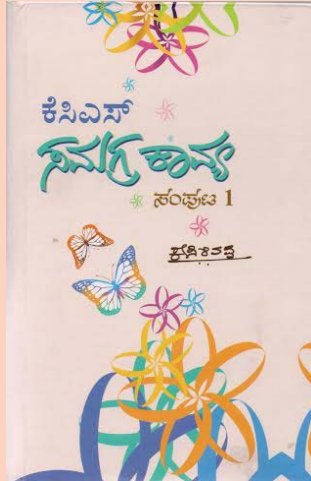
Earlier, after Smt. Prasanna Lakshmi rendered three of the poet's lyrics under the signature

**KCS' SAMAGRA  
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FOR SINGING : GV**



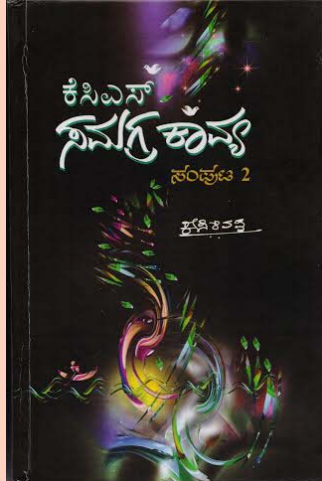
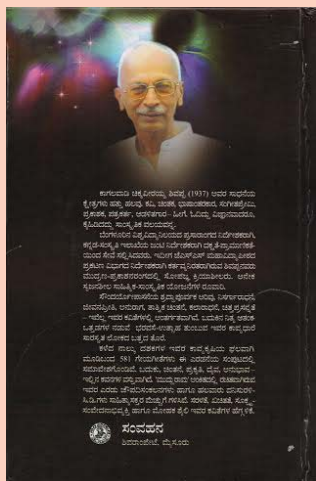
“Muddu Rama” by way of invocation, Sri N Ramanuja Chairman, Bhavan Karnataka, welcomed the audience and recalled his long association with Shivappa. Sri H N Suresh, Director compered the programme.

# POET HAPPY HIS WORKS SAW LIGHT OF DAY THROUGH BHAVAN



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**“Quality Improvement and Capacity Enhancement in Higher Education in Karnataka”** was the topic taken up for discussion by Bhavan’s Dr. K.M. Munshi Institute for Good Governance in association with Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC).

The panel which met on March 22 comprised of educationists from a broad spectrum of educational institutions as well as industry experts like Prof. K. Siddappa, former Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University, Prof. Sandeep Shastri, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jain University, Sri. Manish Sabarwal, co-founder and Chairman, Team Lease Services Pvt. Ltd, Dr.Suma Singh, IQAC coordinator, Mount Carmel College and Dr. K.S. Venkateshappa, Principal, Govt Science college, Bangalore.

## BETTERMENT OF THREE RS GETS FOCUS IN BHAVAN-BPAC MEET

The panel was moderated by Sri. K. Jairaj , Secretary, B.PAC.

The various challenges in providing quality, accessible and equitable higher education in Karnataka, came up for discussion. The challenge of increasing Karnataka’s Gross Enrolment ratio to 35 percent from the present 25.5 percent would entail the joint efforts of various stakeholders. Although the GER in Karnataka is higher than the All India Average (20.4%), it is much lesser than states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.



*Prof. Sandeep Shastri, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jain University, speaking on the subject "Quality Improvement and Capacity Enhancement in Higher Education in Karnataka"*

Hence there is a urgent need to expand capacity, remove regional disparity and improve quality.

In his Key note address, Sri. T.V. Mohandas Pai, Vice President, B.PAC emphasized that the transformation of the state into a global education hub is contingent in addressing the issues of expansion, equity and excellence. He stressed that the overall evaluation framework for higher education institutions must move from measuring inputs to measuring outputs.

## 'REMOVE REGIONAL DISPARITY AND IMPROVE QUALITY'

The audience in the discussion comprised of academicians, educationalists, principals, heads of departments and student representatives of leading colleges who actively participated in the proceedings. ●



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The need to modernize education so as to ensure a broad - minded society was stressed by Governor Dr. H R Bhardwaj at a meeting in the Mysore Kendra of Bhavan on April 5. At the same time, he warned that the country's rich tradition should not be lost sight of.

Dr. Bhardwaj was speaking after unveiling a bust of Dr. K M Munshi, the visionary founder of the Bhavan, which was celebrating its 75th anniversary which coincided with the 125th birthday of Kulapati Munshi himself.

Paying rich tributes to Dr. Munshi whom he described as an eminent lawyer who evinced keen interest in spreading education and cultural values in the country, he said Munshiji was in the forefront of the country's

## GOVERNOR LAYS STRESS ON MODERNISING EDUCATION

freedom struggle, working shoulder to shoulder with his compatriots like Sardar Vallabhai Patel and Mahatma Gandhi. But his greatest contribution was the Bhavan, he added.

Earlier Sri N Ramanuja, Chairman, Bangalore Kendra welcomed the Governor. Along with him on the dais were Prof . A V Narasimha Murthy, Chairman, Mysore Kendra, Sri K B Ganapathy, Vice-Chairman among others.

The Governor and Mrs. Prafullata Bhardwaj were felicitated on the occasion. ●



*Governor H.E. Dr. H.R. Bhardwaj, Governor of Karnataka, Smt. Prafullata Bhardwaj, pose for a photograph after unveiling the bust of Kulapati Dr. K.M. Munshi founder, BVB, at BVB Mysore, while others from left Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, Chairman, BVB, Mysore, Smt. Pushpa Ramanuja, Smt. Kamalamba Narasimha Murthy, Sri. Ramanuja, Chairman, BVB, Bangalore joins.*

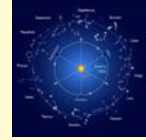


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**8. Sri. G.V. Bhava and**  
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**Music Concert : "Yeh-Kal Kavya Path"**  
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**Sat 6.00 p.m. - Khincha Hall**  
**10. Hidustani Classical Vocal by**  
**Ms. Mowna Ramachandra**  
 under Horizon Series,  
 (In association with Indian Council for  
 Cultural Relation)

**Sun 9.00 a.m. - Khincha Hall**  
**11. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and**  
**Arts for Life Foundation jointly organised**  
**by Ideas Conclave 2014**

- 9.30 a.m. **Music and meditation -**  
**Veena recital by**  
**Bhagyalakshmi Chandrasekaran,**  
**Mridanga by C Cheluvvaraju**
- 10.45 - 11.30 a.m.  
**Panel discussion on**  
**Carnatic Music - "A Priority Sector"**
- 11.35 a.m. - 12.35 p.m.- **Carnatic**  
**Music at Schools - "Maximising**  
**Opportunities"**
- 12.40 - 1.25 p.m. - **Enhanced**  
**Philantrophy for Carnatic Music**  
**"Expectations" -**
- 1.25 - 2.00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 2.00 - 2.40 p.m.- **Music by special**  
**children / rural children**
- 2.45 - 3.30 p.m. **Media and Carnatic**  
**music promotion - "BeyondReporting"**
- 3.35 - 4.20 p.m.  
**Propogation of Carnatic Music -**  
**"Those Untested Dimensions"**
- 4.45 - 5.45 p.m. **Sabhas & Temples**  
**Beyond concert frontier -**  
**"The Art of the Possible"**

## PROGRAMME : MAY - 2014

**Fri 6.00 p.m. - Sugama Sangeeta**  
**16. by Aishwarya Mahesh**  
 (in association with Infosys  
 Foundation) Venue : Indian Institute of  
 World Culture, Basanagudi, Bangalore.

**Sat -Sun 6.00 p.m. - Khincha Hall**  
**24 - 25 Kuchipudi Parampara**  
**Foundation presents**  
**Natya Parampara Utsav - 2014**  
 ● **Day - I :** Kuchipudi Solo  
**Sreelakshmy Govardhan**  
 premiering "Agnijyotsna.  
 The Epic Queen - **Deepa Sachindran**  
 Kuchipudi Solo -  
**Ananda Shankar Jayanth**  
 ● **Day - II**  
**Vijayapal Pathloth and Srimayi Vempati**  
 Kuchipudi Duet : **Jaikishore and**  
**Padmavani Mosaliakanti**

**Sat 5.00 p.m. - Khincha Hall**  
**31. Rajguru Smruthi presents**  
**"Sangeet Samaroh"**  
**Hindustani classical Music**

**Sat 6.00 p.m. - E.S.V. Hall**  
**31. Astrology : Lecture on**  
 Uranus in Predictive Astrology  
 Speaker - **Mr. P.R. Natarajan**  
 BJS Trustee and Faculty member

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