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Sistakaranam Unity Meeting

On Sunday, August 23, 2026, a meeting was held at the Behara Palace venue near the lower steps of Simhachalam, Visakhapatnam, at the initiative of community elders Sri Behara Bhaskara Rao and Dr. Bhimarao bringing together key leaders of the AP Sistakaranam associations. Demonstrating a spirit of unity, prominent leaders in roles of President at state and national level, Sri SNK Mohanty, Sri Polumohanti Uma Maheswara Rao, Sri Akkumohanti Raja, Sri Banerjee, and Sri Belagam Jayababu joined forces and resolved to form a State Core Committee under the leadership of Sri Behara Bhaskara Rao to organize a grand assembly of the Sistakaranam com-

munity in Visakhapatnam in the near future to address long-standing community issues and advocate for OBC status; this resolution, made in the presence of community members, marked a highly auspicious occasion. The elders and community members present expressed their approval with cheers, ensuring the event's success. District presidents and executive committee members from Srikakulam, Parvathipuram, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Kakinada, East and West Godavari, Krishna, and NTR districts, along with community members holding various roles, participated and made the event a resounding success.



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Community News

Sistakaranams in Independence Day celebrations

1) Sri Kondumahanthi Rama chandra murthy patnaik, Commandant 8 th Battalion, Chittoor, received the Indian Police Medal from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu Garu, on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day celebrations at Amaravati, Guntur.



2) Sri Polumahanti Venkata Sai Rajesh, a prominent Sistakaranam and the District Fire Officer of Vizianagaram—received a certificate of appreciation as an 'Outstanding Officer' from the Honorable Minister for IT, Sri Kondapalli Srinivas, in the presence of District Collector Sri S. Ramasundara Reddy, during the grand 80th Independence Day celebrations held at the Vizianagaram district headquarters on August 15, 2026.



3) Smt. Dbbiru Shashikala



4) Sri Behara Venkata Suryanarayana Patrudu, a VRO belonging to the Sistakaranam community, received a certificate of appreciation as an 'Outstanding Employee' from the Honorable Minister for Tribal Welfare, Smt.

Gummadi Sandhya Rani, in the presence of District Collector Mr. Prabhakar Reddy, during the grand 80th Independence Day celebrations held at the Parvathipuram Manyam district headquarters on August 15, 2026.

5) In the 80th Independence Day celebrations held on 15-8-2026 in Bhimavaram town, West Godavari district, our Sistakaranam officer Sri Patnaikuni Prasada Rao, Municipal R.O. of Tadepalligudem, received a certificate of appreciation as the best officer from the hands of the Honorable Irrigation Minister Sri Nimmala Ramanaidu in the presence of the District Collector.



6) Sri Duggivalasa Ram Prasad, Sistakaranam employee and lecturer at Narsanapeta Govt. College, received a certificate of appreciation as an 'Outstanding Employee' from Hon. Minister for Agriculture, Sri Atchannaidu, in the presence of District Collector Sri Swapnil Dinakar Pundkar, at the 80th Independence Day celebrations held in Srikakulam district on August 15, 2026.



6A) Narasannapeta MLA Sri Baggu Ramana Murthy specially felicitated Duggivalasa Ramprasad, an employee working within his constituency, at his residence with a bouquet and a ceremonial shawl, in recognition of the award he received.



7) Sri Singumahanti Srinivasa Rao, Sistakaranam employee, and Senior Assistant, MRO Office, Parvathipuram, receiving the 'Outstanding Employee' Appreciation Certificate from Hon. Minister for Tribal Welfare, Smt. Gummadi Sandhya Rani, in the presence of District Collector Sri Prabhakar Reddy, at the 80th Independence Day celebrations held at Parvathipuram Manyam district on August 15, 2026.



8) Independence day in MCH school, Balaga. Dr. A. Kanakaraju attended 80 th Independence day event in MCH School, Balaga as the chief guest. B.Subramanyam, Headmaster of the school hoisted the national flag. Dr. A. Kanakaraju, staff and students attended. The Headmaster addressed the students. Last year, the school achieved 85% in 10th class results.



9) Independence Day celebrations at the Rajam Prantiya Sistakaranam Welfare Association building.



10) Sri Baliwada Venkat Rao, IOFS Executive Director/Min of Defence, Ambernath, Maharashtra, unfurled the national flag.

11) Rega Anil, a Junior Assistant at the Vizianagaram DEO office, received the 'Best Employee' award from Vizianagaram District Minister Sri Kondapalli Srinivasa Rao and District Collector Ram Sundar Reddy.



12) Sri K. Varaprasad, prominent Sistakaranam and the Tahsildar, Badangi, received the 'Best Employee' appreciation certificate from Hon. IT Minister Sri Kondapalli Srinivas, in the presence of District Collector Sri S. Ram Sundar Reddy, at the 80th Independence Day celebrations held at the Vizianagaram district headquarters on August 15, 2026.



13) Smt. Madhavi Patnaik, Nursing officer/ KGH, w/o Jakuva Vijay Patnaik bagged an appreciation award on 80th Independence day.

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14) At a program held in the state capital, Amaravati, the Government Tribal Welfare (GTW) Ashram School in Malli (Sithampeta Mandal, Srikakulam District) was selected as the 'Best GTW Ashram School' in the state. The award was presented by the Honorable Chief Minister, Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, to the school's FAC Principal, Sri Allena Srinivasa Rao, prominent Sistakaranam hailing from Palakonda.



Nara Chandrababu Naidu, on behalf of Karavanja Model School in Jalumuru Mandal, Srikakulam District.



15) On August 15, 2026, memorial awards named after the late Sri Manipatruni Narasimhamurthy, prominent Sistakaranam and the founding Headmaster of Borubhadra High School in Srikakulam district, were presented to students. Sri Manipatruni Srinivas participated in the award ceremony, alongside teachers and local dignitaries, to honor students who had demonstrated outstanding academic performance in the 10th-grade examinations.



20) Sri Sekharmantri Prabhakar at Yarada village near Visakhapatnam on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day.



16) Merakamudidam mandal Tahsildhar office MPDO Sri Sudhaker Patnaik unfurled the flag.

17) Sri Balivada Dayanidhi, prominent Sistakaranam and Special Grade Deputy Collector,



VMRDA, Visakhapatnam, received the Outstanding Officer appreciation certificate, from Hon. Minister for Revenue, Sri Anagani Satya Prasad, in the presence of District Collector Sri M. Abhijith Kishore, at the 80th Independence Day celebrations held at Visakhapatnam district on August 15, 2026.

21) Sri Locharla Srinivasa Rao, an MPDO and Sistakaranam, the 'Outstanding Employee' appreciation certificate from Hon. Minister for Tribal Welfare, Smt. Gummadi Sandhya Rani, in the presence of the District Collector at the 80th Independence Day celebrations held at the Parvathipuram Manyam district on August 15, 2026.



22) Sri Tonangi Venkata Giri, prominent Sistakaranam and the Principal (DCP) of the Government ITI, Vizianagaram, received the Outstanding Officer appreciation certificate, from Hon. IT Minister, Sri Kondapalli Srinivas, in the presence of the District Collector at the 80th Independence Day celebrations held at the Vizianagaram district on August 15, 2026.



18) Sri Prataparao Ramakrishna, prominent Sistakaranam and the Deputy Tahsildar of Vepada, received 'Outstanding Employee' appreciation certificate from Hon. Minister for IT, Sri Kondapalli Srinivas, in the presence of the District Collector, at the 80th Independence Day celebrations held at the Vizianagaram district on August 15, 2026.



23) Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at 'Prema Samajam' in Daba Gardens, Visakhapatnam. On this occasion, Sri Shivaji hoisted the flag and paid tribute by garlanding the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi. Speaking at the event, he noted that the country attained independence through the sacrifices of many great leaders; he urged everyone to strive towards realizing the ideals of freedom fighters and emphasized that patriotism is essential for every individual. The event was attended by Prema Samajam Committee Chairman Mattapalli Hanumantha Rao, Education Committee Chairman Narasimha Murthy, Appalaraju, Diwakar, and other members. Dr. Kuppli Suresh Babu, the physician serving Prema Samajam, spoke about how independence was achieved through the sacrifices of numerous freedom fighters and pledged to fully dedicate his free medical services to Prema Samajam to the best of his ability.



19) At a ceremony held in the state capital, Amaravati, Sri Raghupatruni Siva Kumar, School principal and prominent Sistakaranam, received the 'Best Model School in the State' award from Hon. Chief Minister, Sri

Community News

Sistakaranams in Political Arena

1) State BJP President Sri P.V.N. Madhav announced, via an order dated August 14, 2026, the appointment of Smt. Godaba Prema Kumari Patnaik, prominent Sistakaranam and politician from Visakhapatnam, as a leader of the BJP State Executive Committee representing the Visakhapatnam district.



2) On the occasion of the visit of the Honorable Rajya Sabha Member and 16th National President of the BJP, Sri Nitin Nabin, to Visakhapatnam on August 18, 2026, Smt. Koorada Pavani, senior local BJP woman leader, prominent



nent Sistakaranam political figure, and former Censor Board member, met him and is actively participating in party activities.

3) Minister Sri Kollu Ravindra stated that the Machilipatnam Port would be completed by March 2027. An inspection of the rapidly progressing works at the Bandar Port was conducted; Sri Akka Mahanti Raja participated in this event.



4) The door-to-door outreach program among the permanent residents of Wards 2 and 3 in the town received an overwhelming and voluntary response from the public. The program commenced after a visit to the Chinna Paidamma Temple, maintained by Sistakaranams on Shivalayam Street in Ward 2, where special prayers were offered and the leaders were

felicitated by the temple committee; the proceedings began following the acceptance of teertha-prasadam.

Pedana MLA Kagita Krishna Prasad participated as the chief guest in the 'Intintiki Nammakam' (Trust at Every Doorstep) program, alongside special invitees Gopu Satyanarayana (Krishna District General Secretary) and Akku-



mahanti Nageswara Rao (Raja), President of the Andhra Pradesh State Sistakaranam Welfare Association and Convener of the State TDP Sistakarana Sadhikara Committee, and various ward in-charges.

This news pertains to the Sistakaranam Caste

1) In Andhra Pradesh, in 2009, the Sistakaranam caste was included as *BC Group-D, Sl.No.44 through G.O.Ms.No.13.

- After the bifurcation in Telangana, the KCR government removed 26 castes including ours from the BC list, due to which the Central OBC quota was also lost. Then again, due to the efforts of our AISKAs and SWAs, our caste was included in 112 castes through G.O.No.3.

Later, the governments of both the Telugu states, under the pressure of our association AISKAs, recommended to the central government on November 28, 2023, the NCBC to the central government - to include the Eastern Kapu, Kalinga Vaishya, Sistakaranam, Sondi, and Arava castes in the Central OBC list. It is still in the process of final notification. Currently, this news is related to our Sistakaranam caste in central government jobs and educational institutions.

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rently, 27% reservation is being provided to OBCs, 15% to SCs, and 7.5% to STs (total 49.5%) in central government jobs and educational institutions. (According to the Supreme Court Indira Sawhney judgment, there is a limit that reservations should not exceed 50% - the Mandal Commission recommended 27%).

Although the OBC population in the country is estimated to be over 52% according to the Mandal Commission, only 27% reservation is being provided. Currently, about 120 castes like us across the country are ready to be included in the OBC list. If they are included, the OBC population will be recorded as about 65%.

That is why a struggle is currently underway under the leadership of national OBC leaders Sri R. Krishnaiah garu with the demand that caste census should be conducted + 50% reservation limit should be increased. I would like to inform you that our Sistakaranam Samaj AISKAs are also directly participating in this under the leadership of R. Krishnaiah garu.

2) What does this creamy layer verdict mean? Until now, in OBC reservation, if the annual income of the parents exceeds Rs. 8 lakhs, the creamy layer was not considered and reservation was not given.

The new verdict given by the Supreme Court on March 11:

"Income is not the only criterion. The employment status of the parents (eg: Class-I / Group-A officer, big businessman) + income/asset test should be considered together"

3) How will it affect us? There are many small farmers, small employees, private employees in

our society. If income alone is looked at, they would have become creamy layer as soon as they crossed Rs. 8 lakhs in a year. Now, if job status is also looked at, the chances of reservation for children of Group-B, C employees will increase.

If this verdict is implemented retrospectively, the certificates of thousands of OBC candidates who have already been selected in UPSC, NEET, JEE, jobs and are waiting for posting will be invalid, the Center says. That is why the Centre has asked the Supreme Court to "not change the judgment but implement it prospectively from the previous date". Especially

Since we are BC-D and not OBC for our children, the Non-Creamy Layer certificate should be renewed every year.

We should not stop fighting until the Final Notification of our caste in the Central OBC list comes.

If the parents are Group-A / Class-1 officers, then there is a high chance that their children will come into the creamy layer from now on...

With gratitude,

- Krishna Rao Dabbiru Sistakaranam,
President, All India Sistakaranam Association
(AISKAs)



Newsmakers

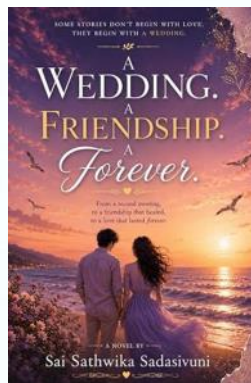
Sistakaranam poets in Telugu textbooks in Maharashtra

Poems by three prominent poets from Parvathipuram, belonging to the Sistakaranam community, Sri Belagam Bhimeswara Rao, Sri Behara Umamaheswara Rao, and Sri Ravupalli Vasudeva Rao, have been included in the curriculum of Telugu-medium students in Maharashtra. Let us extend our congratulations to them.



Chi. Sai Sathwika's book published by Amazon

Let us congratulate our Sistakaranam B.Tech student from Srikakulam Chi. Sai Sathwika Sadasivuni (proud daughter of Sri Sadasivuni Venkata Satya Rao and Smt Sadasivuni (Durgumahanti) Bhavani and proud granddaughter of Sri Durgumahanti HSA Sarma) for writing a book titled "A Wedding A Friendship A Forever" and published by Amazon worldwide. only online edition is available in Amazon Site in India.



Photojournalist Jayashanker wins award in National Photo Contest

On World Photography Day, Sri Kuppili Jayashanker, Sistakaranam and a senior photojournalist with Sakshi (Srikakulam), won a consolation award in the 'General' category at the National Photo Contest 2026, organized by the Andhra Pradesh Photojournalists Association. Congratulations to him.



Sri Venkata Rao felicitated by Builders' Association

On August 11, 2026, Sri Balaga Venkata Rao, an entrepreneur from Bobbili belonging to the Sistakaranam community, and the head of BVR Pipes, was grandly felicitated at a program held at Sri Vaibhav Function Hall in Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam, under the auspices of the Madhurawada Builders Association. Let us congratulate him.



Music Director Ajay in the Telugu film Industry

There are many talented professionals from Sistakaranam community in the Telugu film industry, including producers, directors, music directors, lead actors and actresses, character artists, graphic designers, and short film producers. One such individual is Sri Arasada Ajay from Visakhapatnam, who is making great strides in his career as a film music director. He has worked as a music director for numerous Telugu films and is receiving many opportunities. He is sure to earn a reputation as a great music director in the future. He has the blessings of Deputy CM Sri Pawan Kalyan, who has appreciated his artistry. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him.



Sri Sudhir in Speakin Power List

"Speakin" celebrates the recognition of Sri Sudhir Dasamantharao, CEO at Adani Group GCC, as one of Asia's Most Influential Leaders 2026 in the Speakin Power List.

Hearty congratulations

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/speakinpowerlist-speakin-asialeaders2026-share-7493289413653897217-LpN5?utm_medium=ios_app&rcm=ACoAAACP4SQB3JB6TiOrDWHBB3ow8SrpWBDW1VY&utm_source=social_share_send&utm_campaign=whatsapp



Newsmakers

Sri Girdhar appointed as Director on Axis Bank Board

Let us congratulate eminent economist, and Executive Director, Life Insurance of India, Sri Kuppili Sessa Giridhar(K S Giridhar) on his appointment as Director on Axis Bank Board with effect from 14-8-2026.



LIC's K. S. Giridhar Appointed as Nominee Director on Axis Bank Board

BY: GANESH K - 14 AUG 2026

Axis Bank has appointed K. S. Giridhar, Executive Director of LIC, as Non-Executive Nominee Director with effect from 14 August 2026 in place of Mini Ipe.



PSHMA president Dhananjay Rao felicitated

On 5-8-2026, PSHMA (Primary School Head Masters Association) State president Sri Baliwada Dhananjay Rao was felicitated by Mandal education officer and ICDS project officer and Anganwadi instructor .



Chi. Janvi secures 1st position in 5th Class

Chi. K. Janvi has secured 1st position in Class 5th at Swami Atmanand English Medium School, Gudiyaari, Raipur Chhattisgarh.

This wonderful achievement is the result of her hard work, dedication, and the valuable guidance and support of her parents (K Kavita & K Suresh Kumar) and teachers.



We congratulate Chi. Janvi on this great success and wish her many more achievements in the future.

Chi. Vagisha, Chidanvi, Jasmitha in National Inter school tournaments

1) In A.P State Open chess tournament in under 12 category Chi. Kallepalli Vagisha Patnaik 11 years old, 7th class in Sri Satya Sai Vidya Vihar, school M.V.P Visakhapatnam has secured 1 st place in the under-12 category and got 54th place in open category out of 300 members.



2) In Artistic Open National ranking championship Chi. Kallepalli Chidanvi Patnaik, 7 years old, 3rd class has secured gold medal in pair skating and silver medal in freestyle,

Both children are daughters of Sri Kallepalli Anil Kumar and Smt. Hima Sai Jyothi



3) Kumari Budumuru Jasmitha Sai, a 9th-grade student at Shivashivani Public School (daughter of Sri Budumuru Kiran Kumar and Smt. Kallepalli Anitha Raj) has brought pride to our community by winning gold medals in both throwball and volleyball at the inter-school zonal level competitions (Under-14 category), and it is commendable that she has also been selected for the state-level zonal competition.



Newsmakers

From 100 kg weight to Mr Andhra... Machilipatnam man's journey

Beeram Siva Naga Prasanth from Machilipatnam has transformed himself into a symbol of determination, discipline, and passion

In 2024, Beeram Siva Naga Prasanth showcased his talent on the grand stage, securing a silver medal in the Mr Andhra Pradesh competition, marking the beginning of his success story.

Once weighing nearly 100 kilograms, Beeram Siva Naga Prasanth from Machilipatnam has transformed himself into a symbol of determination, discipline, and passion. What began as a simple desire to stay fit turned into an extraordinary journey that earned him the Mr Andhra title in bodybuilding. He achieved the gold medal in the 65 kg category in the '2nd Mr Andhra Open Bodybuilding Championship 2025' held in Guntur on November 2, where 80 competitors participated.

Notably, he secured fourth place in the 32nd Mr Andhra Bodybuilding Championship 2025 held in Vizianagaram in September in the 75 kg category. However, aiming for a gold medal, he lost 10 kilograms in a single month to qualify for the 65 kg weight lifting championship. He succeeded and won the Mr Andhra title.

In 2024, he showcased his talent on the grand stage, securing second place and a silver medal in the Mr Andhra Pradesh competition, marking the beginning of his success story. His achievement has inspired countless youth to believe that with passion and perseverance, anything is possible. Prasanth's story is not just about physical change; it's about mental strength and relentless dedication. Battling obesity and self-doubt, he turned every challenge into motivation. He achieved all this through intense workouts, strict discipline and a clean diet.

"I became overweight at the age of 25 and reached nearly 100 kilos in no time. I started going to the gym just to lose weight, but soon it became my passion," recalls Prasanth. Once a 40 inch waist, Prasanth now proudly maintains a lean 28 inch waistline.



He trains nearly five hours a day—two hours in the morning and three in the evening. He has completely cut out junk food and biryani, avoids social gatherings to resist temptation, and cooks his own food. "I eat only boiled vegetables and eggs—21 per day, seven each in the morning, afternoon and evening. I stopped eating red meat and ate chicken only occasionally. My food has no oil, no sweets and no chillies," he explains.

Chi. Gayatri secures MBBS seat



It is a matter of great pride that Ms. Donkada Surya Gayatri, daughter of Sistakaranam gem Sri Donkada Parthasarathi, has secured an MBBS seat at Andhra Medical College. Congratulations to the proud parents, Smt. and Sri Parthasarathi. We extend our best wishes and blessings for her to become an excellent doctor and to serve the poor and underprivileged sections of society as a physician.

Despite his achievements, Prasanth faces financial challenges. "Currently, I have no means of earning. My brother supports me and helps me continue my journey. I'm personally training four people in Machilipatnam," he shares. With his next goal set on Mr South India scheduled for January, Prasanth's ultimate dream is to bring home the Mr India title.

"Health is wealth. We must preserve it and work hard to take care of our health," says Prasanth, reflecting on his remarkable transformation. "If the government sets up a gym in Machilipatnam, I can train many people. It will not only help me earn a livelihood but also inspire the public to stay fit and healthy," he says.

Editorial

Sistakaranam Community's Resolve for Unity

"Lekha" extends heartfelt greetings to all the distinguished members of the Sistakaranam community.

The unity shown by the Sistakaranam community in Visakhapatnam is very inspiring. It is commendable that the state core committee has been formed and a conference has been decided to be held for the achievement of OBC. A clear plan, continuous meetings, public awareness programs and effective representation at the government level are needed to implement this decision. All students, employees, traders, women and youth in our community should move forward with the same goal. If we put aside differences and work keeping the interests of the community first, we can achieve many development opportunities along with the achievement of OBC. Let us all move forward together.

This conference is a great step forward for the unity of the Sistakaranam community. It is commendable that all the caste elders, leaders and relatives have come together on one platform and taken a resolution for the achievement of OBC. This unity should not be limited to just one meeting, but should become a continuous movement involving every family from the village to the state level. We should identify the problems facing our society in areas like education, jobs, political representation and social development and formulate a comprehensive action plan to solve them. Youth, women and students should also be active participants in this movement. If we fight peacefully and democratically for our rights, we can definitely achieve good results.

Unity is our strength... OBC achievement is our goal! This decision taken by all the leaders together for the future of the educated society is historic. Through OBC achievement, our children will have the opportunity to get more justice in education, jobs and employment opportunities. For this, everyone in the society should do their part. We should strengthen the committees at the village, mandal and district levels and create awareness among the people. We should effectively convey our demands to the government with evidence and statistics. Heartfelt congratulations to the elders, leaders, youth, women and everyone who made the program a success. We wish our unity to be further strengthened.

-Jannumahanti Venkata Chandrababu.
Chief Editor, Lekha
Member, Sistakaranam Ikyavedika.

Interview

Quest in education

A postgraduate in mathematics thought of a noble profession that is teaching. With the encouragement of her husband, she did a master's in education and then obtained a doctorate in education from Utkal University. She started her career as an elementary school teacher and scaled to the position of Principal for a government college. She has a publication entitled "Teaching of Mathematics for Beginners" to her credit. Lekha is pleased to introduce Dr. Beena Kumari Patnaik who has some interesting things to know.

Please share with us about your Ph.D. thesis.

I did my Ph.D. in Education with a focus on psychological aspects of twins. I studied the positioning of twins in their intelligence and creativity. I travelled across India to meet personally twins and their parents including tribal families in remote areas. When I shared my observations, some parents hesitated, while others were taken aback. It was very interesting. I got my doctorate quickly.

Tell us about social activities.

Although I did not formally undertake many social activities, I consider teaching itself to be an important form of social responsibility. I always performed my professional duties sincerely and with dedication.

In respect of our community activities, I attended almost all major functions and gatherings of the Sistakaranam community. I have been contributing financially on occasions to support people in need. Along with my family, I participated in charitable activities such as providing food to orphanages and institutions caring for children with special needs.

What is your message to our elders and youngsters?

Always think positively and shower the younger generation with love, affection, guidance, and encouragement. Parents are like Gods on earth. Children must make time for them, value their presence, and never hurt their feelings or sentiments.

Any messages to our community?

We should strive to do whatever we can to help one another. A strong and caring community is one where people stand by each other whenever help is needed.

Your comments please on Lekha.

Lekha is undoubtedly a good magazine and an excellent platform for bringing our community together. It would be even more useful if it were published annually or twice a year. In addition to the list of marriage candidates, the magazine could include well-written, informative, and meaningful articles and useful messages for the community. The articles should be of good quality and provide value to the readers.



Father	: late M. A. Patnaik
Mother	: Seetha Patnaik
Husband	: K. H Rao
Daughters	: Madhumitha, Anupama, Smruthi
Native place	: Gunupur, Odisha
Settled place	: Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Dr. Beena Kumari is unwilling to share her good deeds, like educating poor children by paying their fees, taking up tuition, providing books, and so on. She also provided shelter to some people and supported their education. Such people hold good positions in the government today. She attributes her success to the constant support, encouragement, and affection of her parents, siblings, husband, children, and relatives. A professional with a warm touch deserves all applause. Lekha wishes that God grants her good health and strength to continue her services.

---Interviewed by JV Chandrababu
---Compiled by Mantri Narasimha Rao

Open Forum

August 21: World Senior Citizens' Day – Dr. Kuppli Suresh Babu

Every day holds a special significance. Whether it is a wedding anniversary, a birthday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or Valentine's Day, people celebrate these occasions and cherish the associated memories. Such traditions are upheld for the well-being of humanity as a whole. World Senior Citizens' Day is observed on August 21st. This day is celebrated to raise awareness about the issues affecting the elderly and to foster support, respect, and appreciation for them, while also acknowledging their achievements. It was officially established in the United States of America to dedicate a specific day to the elderly and to address the challenges they face. Just as flowers on a branch must eventually wither and fruits on a tree must inevitably fall, every human being born is bound to experience old age. This is the law of nature. Birth, childhood, youth, marriage, parenthood, old age, and death—this is the cycle of life. Parents raise their children with immense care—protecting them like the apple of their eye, providing education and values, and often even selling assets to ensure their well-being—until the children become successful individuals, while the parents themselves eventually enter old age. Thanks to advancements in technology and medicine, healthcare has improved, leading to an increase in human life expectancy. Many people view old age as a curse and begin worrying about how they will spend their later years while they are still in middle age. In their old age, parents yearn for their sons and daughters to cherish and care for them deeply. However, in today's modern society, many children simply wash their hands of this responsibility by placing their parents in old-age homes. While some parents voluntarily move into these homes due to a lack of caregivers, others are compelled to do so because their children live far away for employment and are unable to look after them. At that stage of life, they desire nothing more than a kind word or a friendly greeting; they wait eagerly for their loved ones. Yet, circumstances often force them to reside in old-age homes. Although the government offers various concessions for the elderly, a lack of awareness prevents them from effectively utilizing these



benefits. Living like orphans despite having families leads to feelings of inferiority and makes them susceptible to various ailments. In old age, family members sometimes turn into adversaries. In reality, the elderly are a national asset, and their experiences serve as invaluable lessons for future generations. India is striving for their welfare and development through legislative measures; these views were expressed by Dr. Kuppli Suresh Babu—Visakhapatnam District Convener of the PM Association of India and a social health activist—regarding the issues and well-being of the elderly.

'Senior Sistakaranams' WhatsApp group

'Senior Sistakaranams' WhatsApp group started on August-21 on World Senior Citizen Day by Sri Chowdhry Prasad, Bangalore. Interestingly with in five hours around 200 members joined. The objective of the group is to join the Sistakaranams Senior citizens.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/C1HLDZUvg9FIs5NYp2wtm?s=sw&p=a&mlu=4>



Lekha

Sistakarana Lekha...

Eduru choostonnadi bandhuvula raaka...

Likhinchuchunnadi suvarna rekha...

Jai ho ani veddaam pedda keka...

Sistakarana hitulanu

Koniyaadaga...

Ashta dikkula sakhulu

Nadayaadaga...

Bhaagyanagara vedhulu

Velugaadaga...

Sistakarana Lekha deepthi velugomnaga...

*Maanava saevalo tarinchina vaarini
vedikindi tarachi tarachi...*

*Bhaarata abhivarddha jeevitamani
smarinchina vaarini pilichi pilichi...*

*Veerandari saevalu lokaaniki teliyaalani
talachi talachi....*

*Rammandi sanmaanaalaku valachi
valachi....*

Sistakarana vaartalannee

Sobagugaa vaestundi...

Kallaku kattinatlu choopistundi...

Chaitanyapu nava vasantaalu testundi...

*Sistakarana praabhaavam mallee
raavaalani praeraepistundi...*

Lekha..

Lekha...

Amtoo oopiri peelchae sabhyulu

Navyatato edit chese chandrulu

Divyatato pedutunna vandana mulu

Bhavishyat taraalaku

Istunna prasaadamulu

*Lekhaki naa manasphoorvaka
abhivaadamulu...*

*Lekha team chaestunna yee yagnam
saphalamai, Sistakarana deeptulu
naludisalaa cheraalani...*

*Lekha patrika marinta unnata sthitiki
chaeraalani korukuntoo...*

Mee...

- Delhi Sankar Patnaik Pakki

Support Arena

Donations by Dr. Kanakaraju Arikathota

1) Dr. Arikatota Kanakaraju, retired professor from NAIRA, and his wife, Uma, donated ₹10,000 to purchase an inverter for the Shankar Narayana Medical and Old Age Care Center located in the AP Housing Board Colony. They handed over the donation to the center's representative, Sri Dabbiru Someswara Rao.



2) Dr. Kanakaraju attended 80th Independence day in MCH school, Balaga as chief guest. B. Subramanyam, HM of the school, who hoisted the national flag, said the students last year got 85% in 10th results.



Dr. Kanakaraju gave Rs 1000 each to 3 merit holders. The school also gave Rs 1500, Rs 1000 and Rs 500 to them. The subject teachers of Telugu, Maths & Social gave Rs 500 to students who secured 100 out of 100 marks. Cash awards were also given to students who got 100% attendance in each class.

Voluntary blood donation Camp

On August 2, 2026, coinciding with National Friendship Day, a voluntary blood donation camp was organized at Mother Teresa Kids School (located at Ayyanapeta Junction, Vizianagaram) under the leadership of Tyada Prasad Patnaik, President of the Mother Teresa Seva Sangham & Blood Donors Club, and in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society, Vizianagaram. The camp received an overwhelming response; notably, friends came forward to donate blood, thereby demonstrating the true meaning of friendship. During the event, Sandeep, the nephew of Tyada Prasad, donated blood for the first time. The donors were felicitated on behalf of Mother Teresa Seva Sangham. Additionally, representatives from the Red Cross Society honored the Thyada Prasad couple for organizing the camp. Participants in the event included the organization's Honorary President Tyada Venugopalram, Red Cross representatives Ramu and Durgaprasad, and members Sravani, Tanish, Shivadeep, Sujatha, Sandeep, and Srinivas, among others.



Urlam Shivateja's services

1) Urlam Sivateja Patnaik is following in his father's footsteps and is serving the public, said Dr. Injarapu Mohan Rao, a doctor for the poor. Dr. Injarapu Mohan Rao from Arasavalli provided medical services at the urban homeless building run by the Srikakulam Municipal Corporation and Mepma. In the building where the elderly, patients and migrant families residing there are sheltered, they also did all kinds of medical tests, including BP and sugar, and provided them with necessary medicines free of cost. Later, he said that the medical camp is being organized every month with the help of social workers and shelter workers Urlam Shivteja Patnaik. Shivteja's parents Navajeevan Rao Master and Dhanalakshmi are following in the footsteps of social services and supporting the needy and helpless. His father Nana Jeevana Rao Master is well-known to everyone as one of the best teachers of the state. He said that he saw joy in the eyes of the helpless in this medical camp and that the focus here will be on health and non-diseases. Shivteja Patnaik said that every doctor is a lifesaver and that he is especially grateful to Dr. Injarapu Mohan Rao who came to the shelter and devoted his precious time to support all of them. He said that every Thursday in Arasavalli, a medical camp with pediatric specialists is being held, and on Friday,



gynecologist services are being provided to the poor. The residents there said that it is a blessing for us to provide medical services in emergency situations at the night shelter, regardless of time.

2) The pen has touched the heart, and we will support that pen, said social worker Urlam Shivateja Patnaik. Journalist Srinivasa Rao, who lives in a rented house at Sai Baba Colony in local China Bondilipuram, has been suffering from liver



disease for the last two years and needs Akshara Sira, which has been leaking from his heart. When the family pleaded for donors to come forward for treatment, Mothers Love Foundation Supraja responded and provided essential commodities under immediate assistance, Shivateja said. Later, Supraja Raut said that freelance journalist Urlam.Shivateja Patnaik had informed that Paila Srinivasa Rao is in critical condition due to a severe liver disease and is currently confined to bed due to his deteriorating condition. The doctors who examined Srinivasa Rao said that his liver was completely damaged and that if he did not undergo a 'liver transplant' immediately, his life would be in danger. The doctors said that although his wife was ready to donate a part of her liver, about Rs.30 lakhs would be required for the treatment.

Support Arena

Groceries donated to integrated home school

As part of the ongoing effort to alleviate hunger among the children at the integrated home and school for the mentally challenged in Achyutapuram, Anakapalli district, Matrubhumi Seva Sangham and VTC Helping Hands jointly donated 10 bags of rice, two 15-kg tins of cooking oil, and 10 kg of red gram (dal) today.

Notably, this initiative is sustained every month through the support and cooperation of Ippalavalasa Gopala Rao, the Founding Secretary of Matrubhumi Seva Sangham.



Medical donation to Vijayawada patient by Bhasuri Seva Sangham

Financial assistance of ₹12,000 was provided to Sri Balivada Koteswara Rao, a resident of Vijayawada from an impoverished family who is suffering from kidney issues, gastric problems, and breathlessness. The funds were transferred via PhonePe to his relative and reference



contact, Sri. Balivada Sivakumar, during the Unity Meeting. The contribution was facilitated by Sri Behara Bhaskara Rao, Sri Mantri Rajasekhar, Sri Polumahanti Umamaheswara Rao, Sri Akkamahanti Raja, Sri SNK Mahanti, and Sri Balivada Sivakumar. We extend our gratitude to all the leaders who participated and to every donor who contributed to this service initiative.

- "Service to humanity is service to God." Bhasuri Srinivasa Rao. Marriage Bureau, Real Estate, LIC Agent, and Founder-Secretary of Bhasuri Seva Sangham.

CMRF cheque worth five lakh rupees handed over to family of Sri Dabbiru Srinivas

In a gesture of great compassion during a time of deep distress, special initiative was taken to assist the family of Sri Srinivas from Kakinada; after coordinating with the government, a CMRF cheque for the maximum amount of five lakh rupees was handed over to Sri Srinivas, the father of Yashwanth. Yashwanth, the son of Sri Srinivas (a resident of Kakinada), had been admitted to Apollo Hospital in Kakinada on December 16th due to a brain hemorrhage and total kidney failure.

Since that day, he has been fighting with death and unfortunately, on February 28, 2026, he lost his life.

Sri Srinivas and his wife, despite their dire financial straits, left no stone unturned in their efforts to save their child. When they apprised Smt. Samyukta Patnaik—the State Women's Wing President residing in Kakinada—of their child's critical condition and their financial hardships, she immediately rushed to Apollo Hospital in Kakinada. She assessed Yashwant's condition, consulted the doctors, and promptly informed Sri Akkamahanti Raja, the President of the Andhra Pradesh State Shishta Karana Welfare Association. Leveraging her personal network and influence, she mobilized donors to raise approximately ₹2.5 lakhs and handed the amount over to the Srinivas family. Furthermore, "Hats off" to Smt. Samyukta for standing firmly by the family, providing constant support and assistance, and guiding them through every step of the journey—from the time Yashwant was admitted to the hospital in December until the receipt of the CMRF (Chief Minister's Relief Fund) cheque.

Deeply moved by the anguish of parents unable to come to terms with the condition of their 29-year-old child, Sri Akkamahanti Raja offered them reassurance and support. He took proactive steps by consulting with doctors at Apollo Hospitals, coordinating with the

government to facilitate the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) grant, and making multiple visits to the Chief Minister's office to ensure the release of the funds; his dedicated efforts were highly appreciated by all present. A sum of ₹5,04,050—the highest amount sanctioned under the CMRF to date—was handed over to Sri Dabbiru Srinivas by Sri Raja.



Speaking on the occasion, Sri Raja expressed deep regret over the unfortunate situation and hoped that no one else would have to face such hardship; he noted that assistance is being provided to many across the state through the 'Shishta Karanam Cheyutha' service initiative, alongside facilitating CMRF grants. Participants in the event included Sri Dandumahanti Lakshmanarao, Smt. Varalakshmi, Sri Ramanamurthy, Amrutarao, Usharani, Vasudha, B. Malleswararao, SK Venkatrao, Sri Krishnashankar, Kuppli Satish, Patnayakuni Prasad, and Sri Chalapatirao. Additionally, Sri Akkamahanti Raja, Smt. Samyukta Patnaik, Sri Satyaprasad, Sri Balivada Satyaro, and Sri Dadirao Varaprasad participated on behalf of the state committee. Speaking at the event, the respected Sri Dandumahanti Lakshmana Rao (Vice President) expressed heartfelt gratitude to Sri Raja and Smt. Samyukta for their assistance. He urged them to continue supporting those in need in the future and encouraged them to move forward by helping people secure CM Relief Fund aid for medical emergencies. Sri Ramanamurthy, Satya Prasad, Satya Rao, Vara Prasad, Usha Rani, and Amruta Rao also spoke.

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Kudo, a mixed combat sport with career opportunities under sports quota

On August 9, 2026, the "9th Telangana State Kudo Training Camp 2026-27" and "7th Telangana State Kudo Tournament" were held, and it has come to light that Sensei Munganda Srinivasa Rao, a respected member of our Sistakaranam community, serves as the State Treasurer of the Telangana Kudo Association — a matter of great pride for our entire community. The Association is led by Shri Aniket Tipnis as President and Shri Pavan Kumar Sharma as General Secretary. Under their leadership, Sensei Munganda Srinivasa Rao actively contributes as an executive committee member to the association's activities.

The tournament saw participation from over 30 schools and more than 200 students across various age and weight categories — ranging from children under 5 years old (nursery/first standard) to senior students, making it a truly inclusive event.

Kudo is a Japanese mixed combat sport. According to the organizers, it is not merely a touch-point sport but a practical, full-contact discipline incorporating elements of Boxing, Judo, Jiu-Jitsu, Kickboxing, Muay Thai, and Krav Maga, along with weapons training such as Nunchaku and Katana (Kenjutsu). Notably, Kudo is officially recognized by India's Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), and students who excel in Kudo have secured government jobs through sports quotas in departments such as Central Excise, Income Tax, Police, Revenue, and Postal Services, the organizers noted.

Kudo activities span all 28 states and 7 union territories of India, with the Indian chapter chaired by Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar, under the motto "Love Kudo, Learn Kudo, Live Kudo." The organizers also place strong emphasis on women's self-defense training, running free



self-defense camps in response to rising crime rates.

Practical self-defense skills can be learned in about 6 months, while earning a black belt typically takes around 4 years, they noted.

The training camp was conducted under the guidance of Hanshi Mehul Voora, Shihan Jasmine Makwana, Renshi Aniket Tipnis, Renshi Pavan Kumar Sharma, and Sensei M Srinivasa Rao. It is a matter of pride that a member of our Sistakaranam community holds such a key leadership position in a field like martial arts, further enhancing the reputation of our community. 'Lekha' extends heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Sensei Munganda Srinivasa Rao.

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Visuals of Sports Meet at Hyderabad - with SWA blessings



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Visakha Sistakaranam Seva Sangham - Kancharapalem New Executive Committee

Report on the meeting held at Saraswati Coaching Center, Muralinagar, on August 9, 2026, at 4:00 PM:

Thirteen people attended this meeting. In addition to selecting a new executive committee, the following decisions were made:

- 1) Sri Balivada Appalanarasayya was nominated as Honorary President.
- 2) Sri P.N. Murthy Patnaik has been nominated as President.
- 3) Sri Patnaikuni Udaya Bhaskar has been nominated as General Secretary.
- 4) Sri Sadashivuni Babu Rao and Sri Sadashivuni Lakshmana Rao have been nominated as Advisors.
- 5) As Sri Bhasuri Srinivasa Rao and Sadashivuni Eswara Rao have left the group, it was decided to remove their names from the committee and the group.
- 6) There are no changes to other positions. The details of the new executive committee were approved unanimously.
- 7) A picnic will be organized on 15.11.2026.
- 8) A matrimonial introduction event will be held on 25.10.2026.
- 9) All members are requested to attend the flag-hoisting ceremony on 15.08.2026, marking Independence Day. Details regarding the time and venue will be announced shortly.

- Potnuru Narasimha Murthy Patnaik, President

- VTB Patnaik, Working President

Visakha Sistakaranam Seva Sangham, Kancharapalem

New Executive Committee (9-8-2026)

- 1) Chief Advisor... Sri U.J.R. Patnaik
- 2) Chief Advisor... Sri Vadada Umamaheswara Rao
- 3) Advisor... Sri Sadashivuni Baburao
- 4) Advisor... Sri Sadashivuni Lakshmanarao
- 5) Honorary President... Sri Balivada Appalanarasayya
- 6) President... Sri Potnuru Narasimhamurthy Patnaik
- 7) General Secretary... Sri Patnaikuni Udaya Bhaskar
- 8) Treasurer... Sri Pakki Suresh
- 9) Working President... Sri V.T.B. Patnaik
- 10) Joint Secretary... Sri Potnuru Shivaji Patnaik
- 11) Organizing Secretary... Sri Karakavalasa Vijayakumar
- 12) Joint Secretary... Sri S. Mohana Rao
- 13) Women's Secretary... Smt. Kurada Pavani
- 14) Organizing Women's Secretary... Smt. Vappangi Ramamani
- 15) Women's Joint Secretary... Smt. P. Sandhyarani
- 16) Working Secretary... Sri Koduru Ramakrishna
- 17) Women's Joint Secretary... Smt. Raghupatruni Indira
- 18) Women's Joint Secretary... Smt. M. Sharvani
- 19) Executive Member... Sri Balivada Sriramamurthy
- 20) Executive Member... Sri Patuvardhanam Praveen Kumar
- 21) Executive Member... Sri Urlam Chandramohan Patnaik
- 22) Executive Member... Sri Mantri Santosh Kumar
- 23) Special Invitees... Sri G.V. Srinivasa Rao
- 24) Special Invitees... Sri Chandramahanti Girish Patnaik
- 25) Media Secretary... Sri Uriti Jayaram

Newly elected body of

Visakhapatnam District Sistakaranam Welfare Association

In the elections for the new committee of the Visakhapatnam District Shishta Karana Welfare Association, held at the prominent Takeon Hotel meeting hall in Visakhapatnam, the following office bearers were unanimously elected: Sri Saluru Mohana Rao (President), Sri Basangi Tirupati Rao (Working President), Smt. Chakradhara Mahanti Kavitha (General Secretary), Sri Tumbali Prasada Rao (Vice President), Sri Manapuram Tilak Patnaik (Treasurer), and Sri Basuru Srinivasa Rao (Organizing Secretary).

Sri Karakavalasa Gouri Prasada Rao and Sri Venku Mahanti Manmadha Rao served as the election officers.

Acting on the instructions of the State Sistakaranam Welfare Association President, Sri Akkumahanti Raja, special observers attended the event: Sri Manapuram Gouri Shankar (General Secretary, AP Shishta Karana Welfare Association), Sri Dabbiru Satya Prasad (Chief Advisor), and Sri Balivada Satya Rao (State Vice President). They congratulated the newly formed district executive committee



and provided guidance regarding future activities, development initiatives, and operational strategies for the association's growth.

Over 100 members representing ten branches across the district participated in the election meeting. The event proceeded in a very pleasant and enthusiastic atmosphere throughout. Presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and senior members from various district branches took part in the program.

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Palakonda Sistakaranams Sacrament

Pakki Kumaraswamy, son of the late Pakki Viswanadham Master, passed away in the local Navodaya Nagar. No relatives came forward to perform the final rites or light the funeral pyre, causing the funeral procession to come to a halt. Upon noticing this, the Palakonda Shishta Karana Welfare Association stepped in; they not only arranged the funeral procession but also designated the deceased's own mother to perform the final rites, thereby upholding the sanctity of the occasion.



In the past, in Palakonda, women in our caste not only carried the dead body but also set fire to the pyre many times.

Many people said this was a good reform.

- Sistakaranam Sankshema Sangham,
Palakonda

Students felicitation by Komarada Association

On August 26, 2026, under the auspices of the Sistakaranam Welfare Association of Komarada Mandal, Parvathipuram Manyam District, a program was held in Duggi village to present mementos, certificates of appreciation, and awards to Sistakaranam students who had passed their 10th and 12th-grade examinations with excellent marks in March 2026. Detailed discussions were also held regarding initiatives beneficial to the students. Polaki

Apparao, Kuppili Srinivas, Siva Prasad, Arasada Suresh, PVG Raju, Behara Ramesh, Anusha, P. Rama Shankara Rao, and B. Pradeep participated in the meeting. Lunch was arranged for all the attendees. The event was a success, thanks to the contributions of Behara Ramesh and PDP Lal.

Let us extend our congratulations to them for organizing such a wonderful event.



Srikakulam Association Meeting

A meeting of District Sistakarana Seva Sangam, Srikakulam was conducted on 9/8/2026.



Flag hoisting at the Sistakaranam Kalyana Mandapam in Allipuram

On this day, August 15th, marking a historic milestone akin to India's own independence, the Sistakaranam community embarked on a new era of liberation and lasting progress. Under the auspices of the Visakhapatnam District Sistakaranam Association, a grand celebration was held at the Allipuram Shishta Karanam Kalyana Mandapam. The event, organized at the invitation of state-level leader Sri S.N.K. Mahanti, was a spectacular affair attended by representatives from various state and district associations who shared their insights.

Distinguished guests, including Sri Behara Bhaskara Rao, Sri Polu Mahanti Umamaheswara Rao, Sri Kanti Mahanti Venkateswara Banerjee, Sri Mantri Rajasekhar, and Sri Raghupatruni Bhimarao, attended the festivities and spoke about the significance of the 80th Independence Day and, crucially, the unity of the Shishta Karanam community.

After the tricolor flag was hoisted by the honorable Sri Behara Bhaskara Rao, he expressed his hope that the Shishta Karanam community would remain united and achieve social and

economic advancement. In his address, he urged the community to stand together to intensify efforts toward the key goal of securing OBC status and called upon the youth to step forward and take an active role.

Speaking on the occasion, Sri Polumahanti Umamaheswara Rao noted that while many who strove for unity are no longer with us, true unity has been achieved this Independence Day; he urged the Shishta Karana community to move forward collectively with this unity and face the challenges ahead.

Sri S.N.K. Mahanti remarked that although there may be differences among us, we all belong to the Shishta Karana community and work towards its upliftment; he called upon everyone to set aside differences and work together in the future.

He further advised against posting unnecessary messages in WhatsApp groups, encouraging the sharing of constructive and positive messages instead.

Sri Mantri Rajasekhar emphasized the need for political awareness, noting that election outcomes can hinge on margins as narrow as



one or two votes; he urged every unit association to verify that its members possess voting rights and to ensure the community's votes remain united rather than split, while also stressing the importance of adhering to the district and state associations.

Sri K.V.S. Banerjee stated that before organizing a large-scale community gathering in the future, it is essential to clearly communicate the agenda and objectives to all community members.

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Matrimonial Introduction Event by Visakha Sistakaranam Seva Sangham, Kancharapalem

On 25-10-2026 in Visakhapatnam... We are looking for details of boys / girls looking for marriage

Both Telugu states as well as All India based Sistakaranam Matrimonial introduction forums, with the elders of the past, we have been participating and cooperating in the marriage forums organized by us for the last few years for free... and is a known fact that everyone is taking advantage of this opportunity. Similarly, if you send us your profile for this forum to be organized on 25-10-2026 this year, we will update the software and we will provide you with your introductions at the forum in the form of a book.

You can send your details in the format given below by 15-9-2026. Details received later will not be accepted. If we do not receive your details by that date, you can come directly to the forum and register. But your details will not be printed in this book provided by us. The venue and time will be announced soon.

The details should be completed in English in the format given below and sent to VTB Patnaik Working President on 9966078056. Please do not send it repeatedly. We are not responsible for sending it to any other

contacts.

*P.N. Murthy Patnaik, President,
Visakha Sistakaranam Seva Sangam
Kancharapalem Committee, 26-8-2026*

FORMAT

- 1) NAME
- 2) MALE/FEMALE
- 3) SURNAME
- 4) FATHER NAME
- 5) GOTRAM
- 6) DOB AND TIME
- 7) PLACE OF BIRTH
- 8) STAR AND PADAM
- 9) RASI
- 10) EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
- 11) JOB
- 12) PLACE OF JOB
- 13) SALARY
- 14) HEIGHT AND COLOR
- 15) CONTACT NUMBER
- 16) ADDRESS
- 17) MENTION IF SECOND MARRIAGE
- 18) REQUIREMENTS /REMARKS IF ANY

Invitation to Matrimonial Introduction Event by Seethammadhara Association

Srikakulam receives state-level recognition for Red Cross services

Let us congratulate Sri Polumahanti Jaganmohana Rao garu, Chairman. Red Cross Society, Srikakulam Dist on the occasion of achievement of two state level awards for Srikakulam Dist Red Cross Society.



Cheepurupalli members felicitate Sudhakar Patnaik

On the auspicious occasion of the retirement of Mr. Baggam Sudhakar Patnaik, Vice President of the Andhra Pradesh Shishta Karana Sangham and a respected member of the community, the Cheepurupalli Mandal Sista Sangham extended its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes. Sri Sudhakar and his wife were felicitated with a traditional shawl and presented with a memento. The event was attended by District Shishta Karana Sangham Honorary President Regulavalasa Ananda Patnaik, District Vice President Prabhat Kumar, District Secretary Vandrangi Venkatesh, Cheepurupalli Mandal Sistakaranam Sangham President Raghupatruni Siva, Vice President Raghupatruni Srinu ('Net' Srinu), Association Advisor Ch. Keshavarao Master, Treasurer Kuppili Srinu, and others, all of whom offered special congratulations to Sri Sudhakar. They wished him a healthy and happy post-retirement life and requested



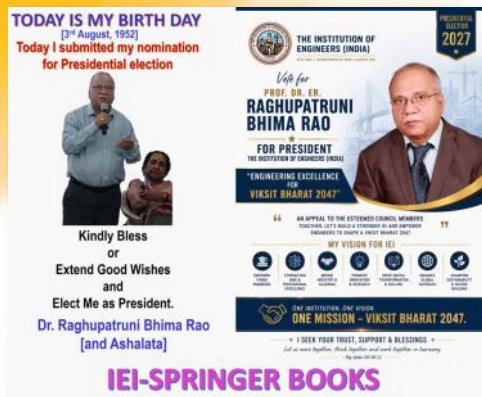
that he continue to provide his invaluable services to the association.

Odisha



Dr. Bhimarao for IEI Presedential Election

Dr. Bhimarao contesting in the Institution of Engineers Presidential elections requested council members to elect him as the President.



West Bengal



Khargapur Association Independence Day Celebrations

The Executive Committee of the Sistakaran Association, Khargapur celebrated Independence Day with grand festivities. In recognition of this, all annual programmes involving the Sistakaranams affiliated to the All India Sistakaranam Association, with Khargapur's best family events being highlighted. This includes patriotic and community service activities, as advocated by Judge Mahant Uma Maheshwar, Vice President, Srinivas Kant Mahanti, Vice President, Bodhan Nagashwar Rao, President, Minister Bal Gangadhar, General Secretary, and Govind Rao, Organizing Secretary, and Smt. Sangeeta Patnayak, Organizing Secretary Sahini Shekhar Patnaik, Mrs. Parvati Sahini, Shailaja Kanti Mahanti, Urmi Tara Patnaik, and his wife, Vimala Jaggumantri, N. Murthy and other representatives of the community, including SKA Treasurer, Sachin Shekhar Patnaik, were present at the meeting in Kharagpur. The flag of the Malancha Ward No. 11, featuring the tricolor national flag, was hoisted. The attendees offered their respects.



- Mantri Balagangadhar, General Secretary
Sistakaranam Association, Kharagpur

Chhattisgarh



SISTA SWARAALU – SEASON 1

A Celebration of Talent, Melody & Togetherness

It fills our hearts with immense joy, pride and gratitude to celebrate the grand success of SISTA SWARAALU -- Season 1, a beautiful musical initiative that brought together the new, emerging and cherished talents of Sistakaranams, Raipur.

With 35+ melodious voices gracing the stage, the evening unfolded like a beautiful symphony of music, talent, emotions, joy and togetherness.

From little child artists and vibrant youth to adults and our cherished elders; from seasoned performers to those who stepped onto the stage for the very first time—every voice had its own magic, every melody touched a heart, and every performance added a new hue to this unforgettable celebration.

The occasion was further graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. B. Ramesh Patnaik, Mr. U. Ravi Patnaik and Mrs. Rajkumari Patro, along with distinguished members of the Sistakaranam Association, dignitaries of the Andhra Association, singing groups of Raipur, and dear friends. Their gracious presence, encouragement and blessings added immense



warmth and prestige to the evening.

SISTA SWARAALU is not merely a musical event—it is a celebration of the spirit of togetherness.

It is a beautiful platform where generations connect, talents blossom, dreams find a voice, and hearts unite through the timeless language of music.

What began as a melody became a memory.

What began as a stage became a family.

And what began as individual voices became one harmonious celebration of togetherness.

One Stage • Many Voices • One Beautiful Togetherness

Where every voice matters, every talent shines, and every melody brings us closer.



Kalam Snehitulu

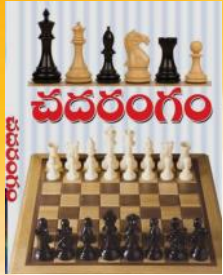
Chitra Kavitalu – August 2026



As per our group's regulations, Chitra Kavitalu is held every Wednesday. Members are asked to look at a picture and write thoughtfully expressed poems, not more than 10 lines. Alongside here are the pictures that were given during the month of July - 2026

- Gauriprasad Karakavalasa, Chitra Kavitalu Organizer

Admins team, Kalam Snehithulu Kalavedika



Telugu Language Day Celebrations

1) The local Star Walkers Club grandly felicitated Raghupatruni Venkata Ramana Murthy, General Secretary of the Telugu Writers' Forum, at the statue of Gidugu located on the Government Arts College campus, on Telugu Language Day, which marks the birth anniversary of Gidugu. This award was conferred in recognition of the literary services rendered by Ramana Murthy as the Secretary of 'Terave'. Along with him, poets representing the cultural wing of 'Terave', K. Santosh Kumar, Bhogela Umamaheswara Rao, and Vadada Srinivas were also felicitated on the same stage.



2) On the occasion of Telugu Language Day on 29-8-2026, Sekharamantri Prabhakar Rao, President of Sahrudaya Sahithi paid homage to the statue of Telugu Mother at Madgilapalem intersection, Visakhapatnam.



3) Under the auspices of 'Terave', "Gidugu" Jayanti and Telugu Language Day celebrations were held grandly at Srikakulam Government Arts College.



Sistakaranams in the Field of Literature

1) On the occasion of National Sports Day celebrations in Parvathipuram, the children's storybook "Melimi Bangaram" (Pure Gold), authored by the renowned writer Sri B.V. Patnaik, was grandly launched at the ZP High School in Narsipuram, Parvathipuram Mandal. Literary figures such as Gauru Naidu and Naram Shetty, along with the school's headmaster, participated in the event and unveiled the book. On this occasion, District Educational Officer Balaji Brahmaji Rao congratulated the author, B.V. Patnaik. Such children's literature books play a significant role in instilling moral values and imparting knowledge about safety planning among children.



2) Felicitation of Sekharamantri Prabhakar at the 19th-anniversary celebration of 'Balabata' in Visakhapatnam on August 9, 2026.



3) Sekharamantri Prabhakar delivering a lecture on the short stories of Devarakonda Balagangadhara at the Department of Telugu, Andhra University on August 20, 2026.



4) Padma Bhushan Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad and the Visakha Writers' Association honoring Sri & Smt. Sekharamantri Prabhakar, with the M.V.V. Satyanarayana Memorial Literary Award on August 5, 2026.



Vivaha Vedika



Vivaha Vedika

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Vivaha Vedika is a new initiative from Lekha. Being a sensitive subject, we are wary of the pitfalls in managing the function of match-making. We are, therefore, starting with just a handful of prospective brides and grooms. Please excuse us for any errors, omissions or misrepresentations. This will be an evolving initiative, and we will improve as the time goes by.

Prospective Brides & Grooms



Name	KEERTHI
Surname	KARAKAVALSA
Father's Name	K.V.NAGARAJ KUMAR
Gotram	GOUTHAMI
Date of Birth	12-Nov-1989
Nakshatram	BHARANI
Height	5'
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Work Place	VIZAG
Education	MA
Preference	SECOND MARRIAGE, DOB- "84-"88_JOB, DEGREE

Name	URITI ARCHANA
Surname	URIITY
Father's Name	UD PRASADA RAO
Gotram	NAGNGR3ESE
Date of Birth	8-Jan-1992
Nakshatram	DHANISHTA
Height	5' 3"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	
Work Place	
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	

Name	MADHUSREE
Surname	RAGHUPATRUNI
Father's Name	R. MURALI
Gotram	NAGESHWARAM
Date of Birth	5-Sep-1994
Nakshatram	MAGHA
Height	5' 7"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE SOFTWARE
Work Place	HYDERABAD
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	



Name	HIMAKARPED
Surname	PED PENKI
Father's Name	SRI RAM KUMAR
Gotram	
Date of Birth	8-Aug-1997
Nakshatram	PUSHYAMI
Height	5' 8"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE
Work Place	
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	

Name	KUPPILI SANDEEP. BABU
Surname	KUPPLI
Father's Name	P RASADA RAO
Gotram	VULIKESHWARA AWA
Date of Birth	12-Dec-1991
Nakshatram	SHATABISHAM
Height	5' 5"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE
Work Place	HYD
Education	MBA
Preference	

Name	SANTHOSH KUMAR
Surname	SATHUJODA
Father's Name	LATE S. SHANKER RAO
Gotram	NAGESHWARA
Date of Birth	23-Feb-1997
Nakshatram	PURVA PHALGUNI / PUBBA
Height	5' 7"
Complexion	FAIR
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE AWS DEVOPS ENGINEER
Work Place	HYDERABAD
Education	MCA
Preference	BSC, BTECH, JOB OPTIONAL

Name	NAGA VENKATA SUNDEEP
Surname	ROUTULA
Father's Name	R.N.VENKATESHWARA RAO
Gotram	KASYAPASA
Date of Birth	19-Nov-1993
Nakshatram	SRAVANAM
Height	5' 6"
Complexion	
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE ARGANO INDIAN PVT LTD
Work Place	HYDERABAD
Education	MS
Preference	

Name	SIVAKRISHNA
Surname	V
Father's Name	V. APPARAO PATNAIK
Gotram	NAGAGANRESA
Date of Birth	3-Feb-1994
Nakshatram	SWATHI
Height	5' 6"
Complexion	
Occupation	PVT. EMPLOYEE
Work Place	SRIKAKULAM
Education	BE / B.TECH
Preference	

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Three books written by Chi. Rudransh

Chi. Rudransh Dabbiru, class 6 studying in Orbis International School, Pune, has written three books "The Magical Mango Tree", "The Guardians of Vaikunth" and "The Elemental Dragons-1".

Chi. Rudransh is a children's author and artist dedicated to crafting imaginative stories for young readers.

He is a school Achiever, and winner of Mathematics and Computer Science Olympiad certificates. His achievements have been previously covered in Lekha. He integrates creative expression with analytical precision writing and painting.

The links for purchasing his books:.

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Tributes to the late Palateru Tirupathi Rao

Let us pay tribute on the death anniversary (August 8) of the late Comrade Palateru Tirupati Rao, a resident of Gangammampeta, a prominent member of the Sistakaranam community, a teacher, the Secretary of the APTF Kurupam Samithi branch, and an associate of former Minister Sri Satrucharla Vijaya Rama Raju.

In 1991, his family members established the Palatheru Tirupati Rao Memorial Education Society in Parvathipuram. Currently, Sri Durga School is being run under the auspices of that society. As a mark of his services, APTF built a memorial in Gangammampet on 8-8-1985. On 8-8-2023, Honorable MLC Sri Raghuvarma came to Gangammampet and paid tribute.



Health Page

Breastfeeding Week - Dr. Kuppli Suresh Babu Awareness Meet

As part of the conclusion of Breastfeeding Week, this week is celebrated every year in August to spread awareness about the importance of breastfeeding. Its main purpose is to create awareness about the importance of breastfeeding. Breastfeeding is mandatory for a child until the age of six months. There is no better nutritious food than breast milk. Since breast milk has high immunity, babies who drink breast milk have complete health and intelligence compared to others. Physical and mental development is high. Breastfeeding is equal to the first vaccination for every child born. Breastfeeding within the first hour of a child's birth saves the lives of millions of children around the world.

It is also said that breastfeeding prevents the mother from getting breast-related diseases. Although breast milk has a lot of immunity, in this modern world, some people do not give milk to their children because they have various misconceptions in their minds that giving milk will spoil their beauty. But this is complete foolishness, so every mother should increase their awareness about breast milk. As part of the above social service, The PMP Association of India Visakhapatnam Branch Convener - Social Public Doctor Dr. Kuppli Suresh Babu created awareness about the importance of breast milk.

World Breastfeeding Week
Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all



Our YouTubers

"Dr. Krishna Vijayam" new YouTube Channel

Greetings, Sir/Madam and friends...

I have started a new YouTube channel called "Dr. Krishna Vijayam".

On this channel, I will create videos covering psychology, life skills, motivation, mental health, and education to help with personal development and maintaining a positive mindset.

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Thank you

Dr. Krishna

<https://youtu.be/Piol4nUKJVY?si=yD7Sfgm6G6sUdibQ>



Our Treasures

Upakarma, Yajnopavita Traditions in Sistakaranams

We must certainly observe our unique traditions. For instance, we perform the 'Kedara Vratam' on Karthika Purnima, while people of various other communities observe it on the third Monday. Different communities and sects have their own distinct customs; we must preserve them and pass them on to future generations.

Generally, in villages where the population of our Karanas is small, they tend to follow local customs. However, in places like Kotabommali, Jalumuru, and Palakonda, there are hundreds of Sistakaranam families. Even among them, certain variations exist; for instance, only in Kotabommali do priests advise Sistakaranams that the Shavana star is significant for them and that the ritual must be performed on that specific day.

There are variations in the observance of Upakarma among Brahmins. Followers of the Rigveda observe it on the day of the Shravana Nakshatra, followers of the Yajurveda on the full moon day (Purnima), and followers of the Samaveda on the day of the Hasta Nakshatra; every scholar well-versed in the almanac (Panchangam) is aware of this.

The Yajnopavita (sacred thread) is not merely an object worn around the neck; it embodies 9 deities within its 9 strands. It is worn with 3 knots, symbolizing the 3 Vedas. Specifically, the Karnas wear a thread consisting of 5 knots and 15 strands. Tradition dictates that the sacred thread is essential for performing Shrouta and Smarta rituals, whether they are daily (nitya), occasional (naimittika), or desire-driven (kamyā) rites. Brahmacharis (celibate students) wear a thread with 1 knot and 3 strands, whereas Grihasthas (householders) wear 1 with 5 knots and 15 strands. Members of certain other varnas wear a thread with 3 knots and 9 strands; thus, the specific method and custom vary across different groups.

- Rajesh Kumar Behera, Kotabommali.

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Nominations acceptance phase concludes



After an extension of 1 week, the nominations acceptance window for Lekha annual Awards - 2026 was closed on August 30, 2026. The next phase will be the evaluation of nominations, which will be done by a jury of 3 members for each award category. This is expected to conclude by the end of September.

2nd Cricket Event held at Visakhapatnam

On Saturday, 22nd August, the second cricket event in Visakhapatnam conducted by Ikyavedika was held at Sportify Box Cricket facility in Madhavadhara

The event was streamed live. The video can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/emYVrjiA7QI>

The scorecard of the cricket match can be seen at:

<https://cricheroes.com/scorecard/26744802/individual/team-santosh-vs-team-naresh/scorecard>



An Appeal

It is our earnest appeal to all community members to provide financial support for Ikyavedika activities. Any amount would be of great help to our team. Remittances can be made in any of the methods, given alongside.

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Sistakaranams: Charity / Social Work, Lekha, SKIV Trust and LEKHA Awards

24.1 Apropos Part 19 of this series, wherein we mentioned about two illustrious Sistakaranams **Late Sri Veenum Veeranna** (1794-1861) of Rajahmundry who assisted Sir Arthur Cotton Dora and **Late Dr Kanapaka Satyanarayana** of Bastar who were awarded the titles of Rao Bahadur (in 1852) and Rao Saheb (in 1942) respectively by the British Government. Given below is the Sanad (Order) and Photograph of another towering Sistakaranam personality, our **Late Sri Vantharam Venkata Suryanarayana Sarma** (VVSN Sarma) garu who was decorated with **Rao Saheb** title in Madras (now Chennai, Tamil Nadu) in 1920 by the British Government. Indeed, we are proud of these three men.



24.2 With the advent of Internet in 1995, we started using **Personal Computers** and adapting to emails and **world wide web**. The interpersonal / mass communications mechanism drastically changed with Yahoo Groups and introduction of **Mobile Technology** thereafter. In Part 16 of KYC & AISKA series in LEKHA, an attempt was made to capture the lists of various **Social Media Platforms** used by the New Generation Sistakaranams, although at a limited scale. **Websites, Facebook pages, YouTube Channels, Instagram, Twitter (now called X), Blogs or Vlogs and WhatsApp Groups** mushroomed by our youngsters, but still are put to minimum use to networking.

24.3 In addition to sharing of day to day information with messages, greetings, pictures and videos, some are indulging in **Group-calls, Zoom / Google meetings**, funds mobilisation through payment gateways, match-making, showcasing of literary talents, festivals / cultural or sports events / competitions, Wedding Invitations, publicising of accomplishments / awards won, daily panchangam and horoscopes, engaging in political debates, sharing job opportunities, Creating awareness about health care, Alerting on Cyber Scams, helping the poor families and so on. Whether usage of all these digital tools or platforms in the **ICT (Information, Communication and Technology)** era is yielding desired results for prosperity, networking and bringing in unity, is yet to be established.

24.4 Host of fancy names are being used for our Facebook pages and WhatsApp Groups, but many are dormant with or without achieving their objectives. Some platforms are ad-hoc and forgotten or abandoned within a short time of creation / floating. Apart from the three existing community websites, a fourth one www.sistakaranaalu.com is coming up now with plans to capture huge content. Current trend being to use of **Instagram, WhatsApp or Telegram**, other platforms are not visited by most of the community members. Ideally, a dedicated page for Sistakaranams in **Wikipedia** also to disseminate about our community to total population is needed. Many Sistakaranam individuals or groups are engaged in a variety of **Social or Charitable activities too**. Today, almost all aspects of our official and personal lives are be-

ing driven by the Power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by using tools like Gemini, ChatGPT, Co-Pilot, Claude, etc. Team SKIV / LEKHA has adapted to using this technology.

24.5 Some prominent and active outfits / individuals are: 1. **Prajwal Vani Welfare Society** of Vizag founded by Dr Suchitra Balakrishna, 2. Educational Institutions and Financial Services Society (Amaravati MACS Quasi Bank) operated by **Sri Kuppli Adi Swarup Patnaik of Tuni**, 3. **Sridevi Vignana Jyothi Parishkar Charitable Trust** of Vizag founded by Dr Smt Kuppli Keerthi Patnaik, a registered ISO Certified NGO, 4. Two Crowd funding outfits viz., **Sistakaranam Helping Hands Society** (registered and run by Sri Donkada Anantha Prasad and Team) and 5. **Sistakaranam Lifting Hands Society** (Cheyutha) headed by Smt Sanjukta Patnaik, 6. **Bhasuru Venkata Rao Trust** of Vizag run by Bhasuru Srinivasa Rao (Matrimony, LIC and Real Estate Agent), 7. Sri Tyada Prasad Patnaik led **Mother Teresa Seva Society and Blood Donation Club**, 8. **Sistakaranam Yuvatha** and 9. **Sistakaranam Foundation India Charitable Trust** (Regd) led by Sri Manapuram Suresh Kumar of Vizag, 10. **Sudharani Memorial Trust**, established on 09-07-2022 by Sri Markondapatnaikuni Gowriswara Rao of Vizianagaram who is also Dist President of Sistakaranams Association, 11. **Mandala Vikalangula Samkshema Sangham (MVSS)**, an NGO based in Atchutapuram, Anakapalli district (formerly Visakhapatnam district), Andhra Pradesh, founded by President's award winner Sri PST Patnaik, which runs a free residential school for children with disabilities. 12. **Memunnam Service Society** led by Sri Veenum Srinivas in Pedana, 13. Spurthi of Hyderabad headed by Sri DV Krishna Rao Sistakaranam, who is our President of AISKA and President of TSRTC Staff Union, Hyderabad are all engaged in Fund Raising and helping some deserving cases. 14. **Weekly free legal advices** are given by Advocate Sri Thonangi Ravikumar of Vizag, 15. **Free Tutorial Classes** are run by Sri Pakki Umamaheswara Rao, 16. **Computer Courses run online** by Sri Sateesh Patnaik, 17. **Free Medical Services by Dr Kuppli Suresh Kumar** in Vizag and 18. **Career Counseling and Soft Skills trainer** Smt Pakki Ragachandrika of Warangal through a YouTube Channel. Many individual members are associated with Lions Clubs, Rotary Club, Scouts & Guides, Red Cross Society, Walkers Clubs, Yoga Teachers, Stage Anchors, Sportsmen, Entrepreneurs, Movie artists, etc.

24.6 The list of Sistakaranams engaged in philanthropic and social services is exhaustive. 19. Sri Dabbiru Santhosh Raju is into IT Coaching. 20. Dr Arikathota Kanakaraju of Srikakulam and his spouse Dr Uma run **Kurmanna Polammai Charitable Trust**. Established in 2010 in memory of his father late Sri Arikathota Kurmanna and mother late Smt Arikathota Polammai. Native of Arikathota, Ramabadrapuram Mandal, Vizianagaram district, they run Aided Elementary Schools in Arikathota and Rega villages. 21. **Matrimonial / Astro Compatibility Services (Horoscope)** provided by Astro Care 72 of Dr Sri Patnaik Narayhan, Jyothish Ratna Bhushan and Global Astro Star Awardee of Hyderabad. 22. **Tilak Bal Bharati Educational Society in Raipur**, Chhattisgarh is the parent educational society under whose aegis two schools are successfully functioning. The Society is committed to providing quality education, fostering holistic development, and nurturing future-ready learn-

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ers through academic excellence and strong values. Its philanthropic initiatives, including scholarships for meritorious students and charitable activities for the welfare of society, are undertaken through the **YSN Patro Foundation, Raipur** the registered charitable trust associated with the Society. Late Sri YSN Patro is husband of Smt Rajkumari Patro and father of Smt Arti Patro, Smt Bharati Patro of Vizag and Sri Shyam Patro of New Delhi.

24.7 It is pertinent to mention about the long time and well established Trusts by our leading Sistakaranams viz., 23. **Ammajamma & Surya Prakasha Rao Memorial and Charitable Trust**, Visakhapatnam founded by Sri SNK Mahanthi, Senior Advocate of Visakhapatnam in honour of his parents. 24. **Sri Gayatri Charitable Trust, Allipuram**, Visakhapatnam and 25. **Bharata Nidhi Foundation, TSN Colony Visakhapatnam**, are prominent bodies who are established in service of the community. We also need to reckon the yeomen services being rendered by a few Sistakaranam members in their individual capacity or through the bodies they represent. 26. Late Sri Balivada Haribabu was a humble Sistakaranam Association leader in Visakhapatnam, who spearheaded Vivaha Vedika by organising regular meetings of parents, brides and bridegrooms and publishing booklets with details for easy reference. 27. **Sri Balivada Sathya Rao of Gajuwaka** is not only a Sistakaranam Association leader, but a Lions Club Member, and heads MANAVATHA, which is a service organisation.

24.8 Further, 28. Sri Balivada Sankara Shandilya is a Chief Priest at the Kanaka Durgamba Temple in Vijayawada. 29. Smt B Sujatha Rao, wife of Sri BV Rao, is a senior EC Member of AISKA and heading a Women's group. 30. **Sri Kantimahanthi Murali Sanjiva Rao of Vizianagaram**, is President of SK Association, Joint Secretary of SK Employees Association and member of a Satsang working for 2 Temples. Sri Rao served in AP Fire Services for over 30 years and won several awards from State Govt and President of India. He is also a regular Blood Donor. 31. **Sri Sadasivuni Babu Rao of Vizag** served in SBI for about four decades and is well known for his service to Tribals. He won many awards and the title as Manyam Babu Rao. 32. Late Dr Kasimahanthi Venkat Raman of Gajuwaka was a tall community leader besides being a renowned Doctor. He set up Simhagiri Hospitals and served poor. His spouse, Smt Jamuna Rani and son are continuing his legacy in the Trust running the Hospital and Simhagiri Music Academy.

24.9 Two of our Sistakaranam Associations in 33. Komarada and 34. Parvathipuram engage in Social Service through separate funds maintained as **MANA VALLAKU MANA SAHAYAM**. 35. **Sri Mantri Rajasekhar** is our Sistakaranam leader, active in AP State politics and is the General Secretary of INTUC / Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Employees Union. 36. **Sri Rajamahanthi Narendra Kumar** of Narasannapeta in Srikakulam Dist AP is President of SBI Staff Union, Amaravati Circle, Andhra Pradesh. 37. **Sri BRM Patro of Vizag** is our Sistakaranam leader and Convener of Railwaymen's Employees Union. 38. **Dr G S Patnaik** is an Educationist being Chairman of St Xaviers Chain of Schools in Odisha, Chhattisgarh, etc., is also Vice President of Athletic Federation of India, Chair of Odisha Athletic Association and a popular singer in Hindi and Odiya in YouTube. 39. **Dr Behara Rameshchandra Patnaik** is a retired Personnel Officer in Railways and four times winner of President's Medal for Scouts & Guides and a tall Sistakaranam community leader in Raipur. 40. **Sri Donkada Venkateswarlu (s/o late Sri DBM Patnaik of Gunupur)** of Visakhapatnam is an International Educator and Career Counselor on YouTube Channel.

24.10 To continue further, 41. **Sri Manipatruni Nageswara Rao** is a

President's Award winning Teacher, founder of Manipatruni Creative Academy and has a YouTube page. There are many more reputed Educationists among us. 42 & 43. **Advocate Raghupatruni Ch Jayadev of Rajam and Mantri Shyam Prasad of Vizag** are appointed as International Human Relations Directors / Officials. 44. **Commdt Kondumahanthi Ramachandramurthi Patnaik** of 8th Battallion, Chittoor received Indian Police Medal from CM of Andhra Pradesh on 15th August 2026. 45. **Magic Sagar aka Nandigam Haribhaskara Rao of Kotabommali**, Srikakulam is a Magician, Singer, and Stage Actor and in Telugu Films and TV Serials. 46. Sri Balivada Kondal Rao Patnaik of Bangalore is a retired General Manager of BHEL. He is a HR Professional, Cricket Player at Ranji Trophy matches in Odisha, now coaching in Bangalore and an author too. 47. Sri Singumahanthi Murali Bhagawan of Vizianagaram was General Secretary of APSKA serving the community for four decades. He is now associated with Social Bodies like Gandhi Smaraka Sangham and Senior Citizens Association. 48. Dr N Sita Ramakrishna Rao of Hyderabad is a Motivational Speaker, Soft Skills Trainer / Career Counselor through his YouTube Channel. 49. Sri Jannumahanthi Lakshmana Rao is a B Tech and MBA (IIMB) is a distinguished industrialist heading as CMD of M/s Moldtek Industries, Hyderabad. 50. Late Dr Ippili Sankara Rao was a PhD in Nuclear Chemistry from Andhra University, Vizag. While working as a Principal of Junior Colleges in Vizag / Srikakulam Districts, he associated with two of his colleagues and set up Sri Venkateswara Educational Institutions in Etcherla, Srikakulam, with a group of 11 Colleges. 51. Sri JV Chandra Babu, MD of M/s Solen Pharma P Ltd., Hyderabad is generous in supplying free medicines to Covid victims and to community members. 52. Sri Patnaikuni Venkata Vara Prasad is running Shubhabalaram Charitable Trust in Vellanki Village, Vizag district AP offering services to villagers in Vellanki and surrounding area. 53. We have a big list of Senior Academic Administrators and Edu-preneurs who head / set up Institutions of Higher Learning in North Andhra. The list is endless.



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SION 2020 Documents with many promises. Man proposes and God disposes! The year unfortunately turned to be a worldwide disaster with dreaded epidemic hitting all sections and sectors with Covid19 Pandemic [COVID-19 pandemic - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic). No one would like to recall those horrific memories of calamity and lockdowns. But, a silver lining for the Sistakaranam community was the birth of an excellent Online Platform, leveraging on the Digital connectivity, in the form of SISTAKARANAM IKYAVEDIKA. It was the brainchild of a Five Man Army led by **Sri Sekharamantri Naraharinath of Hyderabad**. His associates **Dasamantri Naresh Kumar, Mantri Narasimha Rao, Ravi Karakavalasa and Dabiru Suresh** brainstormed to engage a few like-minded and tech-savvy Sistakaranams in Online Meetings during week-ends on certain contemporary topics.



24.11 From the above information, we find that there is abundant talent pool and good number of our Sistakaranams are rendering yeomen service in diverse fields. The biggest challenge in the pre-technology era was to capture the information, store in an easily accessible repository and disseminate to the community. There have been humble attempts by many, when there was no internet and technology platforms, by running printed magazines. Sri Sadasivuni Lakshmana Rao of Vizag wrote an article in the **LEKHA issue of April 2024** that as many as ten periodicals were started / run by different individuals / associations at different times. These are **1. Bandhu Seva of Berhampore (1929), 2 & 3. Sishta Darshini, monthly magazines by Associations of Garividi and Saluru, 4. Sishta Prathibha (2006) by Sri Dadhirao Sathyamurthy of Vizianagaram, 5. Sishtakarana Vartha (2008) of SK Association Srikakulam, 6. Sishtakarana Swayamseva (2001) of Srikakulam, 7. Sishtakaranam Vani by the East Godavari Dist SK Association, 8. Sishta Velugu of AIPSKA and 9. Rajam Sishtakaranam Newsletters**. Of these nine, Sishta Prathibha was published continuously for long years. He observed that LEKHA being published as a bilingual (Telugu and English) monthly digital news magazine started in December 2020 is meeting current needs of community well and helping us to network in many ways.

24.12 A progressive country with plans to grow faster and higher, India and its top leaders planned several years in advance and prepared VI-

24.13 The **first Online Meeting was held on July 4, 2020** at 7 pm with 15 members. It was decided to create Database of Sistakaranams by using Google Forms. The **Second meeting was on July 11, 2020** with 13 members. It began with a topical discussion on Acupressure & Yoga by Mrs Kanti. The Founding Team started data collection on our community. It was decided to impart "Skill Development" to youngsters to help them in seeking jobs. The idea of **launching of a REGULAR NEWSLETTER and creating a WEBSITE** germinated to take the activities forward. Then followed regular weekly online meetings on July 18, 25, August 1, 8 and Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, 2020. The series of meetings continued on August 23, 28, September 19, 26, and October 3 in all of which **members from outside States started participating**. By then a road-map was drawn for the Newsletter and Website. Next four meetings on October 7, 9, 10 and 17 focussed on Dasara festival celebrations. Sri DV Krishna Rao of SWA, Hyderabad attended the last meeting when the progress on the Newsletter and Website were deliberated. Please click here to view and read the Seventy Seven (77) Minutes of Meetings held online by SKIV between July 4, 2020 and February 26, 2022 [Downloads / Ikyavedika Minutes of Meeting - Sistakaranam Ikyavedika](#)



24.14 The **Mission Statement** of SKIV says, TO UNITE THE SISTAKARANAMS AROUND THE GLOBE AND PROVIDE THEM A PLATFORM OF BELONGINGNESS, ONENESS AND MUTUAL COOPERATION. The further definition about itself says, SISTAKARANAM IKYAVEDIKA is not an association, but a platform that strives to bringing together all Sistakaranams wherever they are. SKIV strives to be a binding force of various associations, and special interest groups that are geographically spread out, through various initiatives on this platform such as a common newsletter, online / social media presence, skill development programs, matrimonial listings, business listings and so on.

24.15. At the meeting on Oct 24, 2020 attended by 23 members including 5 from 3 outside States, the **Digital Team of Sistakaranam Ikyavedika**

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vedika was formed and prototypes of **LEKHA**, the online monthly bilingual newsletter and **SKIV** website were presented. The progress was reviewed on November 7 and 21, 2020. It was planned to launch **LEKHA** by Diwali, but was deferred. Simultaneously, a **Facebook** page for **SKIV** [Facebook](#) and **Vivaha Vedika** were also contemplated. By November 28, 2020 the newsletter was almost finalised and **SKIV** Facebook page was opened. It was golden day for Sistakaranams community when the first issue of **LEKHA** was released on Sunday, December 3, 2020 at the 18th Online Meeting of **SKIV**. Interestingly, the coincidence was that **Sistakaranam Association of Kharagpur, West Bengal**, pioneer of our community welfare bodies, completed one hundred years in 2020, and a Special Story was covered in the first issue of **LEKHA** with the historical facts and photographs. Please click here to view and read all issues of **LEKHA** till date: [Downloads / Lekha Newsletters - Sistakaranam Ikyavedika](#)



24.16 Sistakaranam Ikyavedika digital team called for a special online event for launching of its first ever Pan-India Digital Newsletter, namely "Sistakaranam Lekha" in English and Telugu. The event was held on **3rd December, 2020** at 7.30 p.m. There was a huge response from across the country and the event was witnessed by many enthusiastic well-wishers. Dr Chowdari Prasad of AIPSKA, S/Sri Dabbiru Krishna Rao of SWA, ARK Rao, Dabbiru Govinda Rao of Kalam Snehithulu, and Mantri Narasimha Murthy, Vizag Association spoke a few words conveying best wishes for Lekha on behalf of their Associations. Majority of members present in the meeting also wished for taking the newsletter to new heights. The event was started with introductions of members. When the arms of the clock was ticking 8 p.m., the **Hon'ble Chief Guest, Shri Mantri Rajasekhara of Visakhapatnam** declared the newsletter "Sistakaranam Lekha" as launched officially.

24.17 Today, **LEKHA** Editorial Team is headed by **Sri JV Chandra Babu, Chief Editor** and comprises of Sri S Lakshmana Rao, Hon.Editor, Smt Vandana Adivishnu, Chief Publisher, Smt D Shilpa Patnaik, Dy Publisher, Sri Ravi Karakavalasa, Sri M Narasimha Rao and Smt Arti Patnaik, Associate Editors. They are ably guided by the Founder Publisher, Sri S Naraharinath. **LEKHA** has come to stay as a highly standardised news-



letter serving the objectives of Sistakaranam Ikyavedika to connect / network / bind together the members of Sistakaranam community located anywhere in India and abroad. Being a digital magazine in Telugu and English it caters to all sections viz., Rural, Semi-Urban, Urban, Metro / Cosmopolitan Cities of all States of India and abroad. A typical issue of a month carries its contents like Index, Front page message, Disclaimers, Community News, Sistakaranams in political arena, News-makers, Editorial, Monthly Interview, Open Forum, Support Arena, Fraternity Page (about different States / Associations), Kalam Snehithulu, Vivaha Vedika, Entrepreneurs Frontier, Health Page, Talent Corner, Our Tubers, Ikyavedika Page (including Team details, how to subscribe and to contribute funds) and a Special Series (eg., KYC & AISKA from October 2024 by Dr Chowdari Prasad). The **September 2026 issue of LEKHA is Seventy (70) Months young**, and gained immense popularity among young and old members across India and abroad. It reaches the readers every month on the **first Sunday at 7.30 am, through WhatsApp Groups, emails, Facebook / YouTube pages, Instagram, Twitter and uploaded in the SKIV website**. It generally contains a variety of news in about 30 pages. **LEKHA** invites feedback from its readers to understand the their needs and expectations.

24.18 Once the Newsletter **LEKHA** took off in **December 2020**, the focus was on launching of the **SKIV** Website. The practice of Online Meetings during week-ends continued. They were attended by members of Sistakaranam community from Hyderabad-TG, Andhra Pradesh and other States too. These were regularly held on December 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2020, January 9, 23 and 30, 2021, February 13, 20 and 27, March 6, 20 and 27, and April 3, 2021. Many action items were discussed at these online meetings, such as Newsletter, Website, Business Platform, Skill Development, Data Collection of Community, etc. **SKIV** website [Sistakaranam Ikyavedika](#) was ready to be launched. The date fixed was **April 13, 2021, being Ugadi festival day**. Two names of Guests to be invited were **Dr R Bhima Rao of Bhubaneswar, Odisha** and **Dr Chowdari Prasad of Bangalore, Karnataka**.



to read a Special Report on Vivaha Vedika and Website launch program: [Ugadi 2021.pdf](#)

24.19 The **SKIV** website [Sistakaranam Ikyavedika](#) in itself is a repository of A to Z information / data on Sistakaranams Community. It's a first of its kind, highly user friendly, dynamic storage of community history, legacy, and what not? If only a keen visitor browses all the pages without getting tired or bored and absorbs the contents in a proper perspective, he or she will appreciate its rich collection. The home page begins with a **Main Menu** comprising of **Home, Community Lobby, Chronicles, Resources, People and Sign up as Developer** with pull down sub-menus of related pages of information to click on and read. The Home page begins with a warm welcome to the visitor and is



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broadly divided into three columns. Left column scrolls down to take us through **LEKHA Archives, Vivaha Vedika, Job Postings, Our YouTube, Youth Portal and My Family Tree**. The middle column gives us latest news of community members. The right column has an array of Our Fraternity (Formal Associations and Informal Groups), Our Historical Profile (Publications and External Sources), Community Literature (Publications by our writers, poets, historians, etc), Community Identities (Family Identifiers viz., Surnames and Gothrams), Government Notifications (GOs of AP and Telangana States) and Korono Bhasha (of Sistakaranams). Towards the end, the page has photographs and details of the founding team of Sistakaranam Ikyavedika. Overall, it can be termed as an **Encyclopedia for the Sistakaranam community** for any information or reference.

24.20 The next big event undertaken by SKIV Team was **BUTTERFLY BUSINESSMEN MEETS in January 2022 in Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam** districts of AP. Series of meets were conducted between January 5 and 17 at various centres by the Team comprising of S/Sri S Naraharinarath, S Lakshmana Rao, M Narasimha Rao, D Naresh Kumar, Avilala Sridhar, D Suresh, JV Chandrababu, Naupada Bharat Vikas and D Balagangadhar. They received excellent support from KALAM SNEHITHULU KALA VEDIKA and Leaders of Sistakaranam Associations viz., Sri P Umamaheswara Rao, Sri Behara Bhaskara Rao, Sri Pakki Diwakar, Sri UJM Rao, Dr D Govinda Rao, Dr S (Manyam) Babu Rao, Dr Smt Keerthi Patnaik, Sri Dabbiru Satya Prasad, Sri PST Patnaik, Sri Balivada Satya Rao, Sri Balivada Hari Babu, Sri PVT Ramana Rao, Sri S Prabhakara Rao, Sri Sadasivuni Krishna, Sri SNK Mahanthi, Smt Anusha Patnaik, Sri SUN Murthy, Sri Mantri Jagadeeswar Rao of Lions Club, Gajuwaka and several others. A 43 page detailed report is available in the website: [Butterfly trip report 1 .pdf](#)

24.21. What started as an informal digital social group during the Pandemic Times of 2020, organising weekly online meetings interacting with community members, attempting to exchange of views and interacting with aspiring youth seeking careers, took up responsibility to social networking platform by launching of LEKHA monthly bilingual newsletter and a Website as a repository, scaled up to disseminate the legacy, history, literature, culture, traditions, etc to the entire community. This culmination made the founding team to form **SISTAKARANAM IKYAVEDIKA TRUST in 2024**. After operating informally for four years, it was formalised with a registration no. 168/BK-IV/2024 in Hyderabad, Telangana. **The Objects of Trust** are 1. Digital Platform for Community Advancement 2. Information Dissemination 3. Mutual Cooperation and Skill Development 4. Recognition and Support and 5. Social, Cultural and Literary Programmes. The SKIV Trust makes An Appeal to all the members that in order to pursue its Objects and embark into all the proposed activities, it requires full support including financial contributions. **Full details of all founder / key members, a QR Code and Bank Account**



Ikyavedika registered as a Trust

Sistakaranam Ikyavedika is now registered as a Trust with regn. No. 168/BK-IV/2024. A trust deed to this effect has been executed with Naraharinarath Sekharanarayan as the Author of the Trust, and Dasimantri Naresh Kumar Patnaik & Mantri Narasimha Rao as life time trustees. The trust's objectives are aligned to the welfare of members of the Sistakaranam community.

particulars are provided in the website. It assures the well wishers of transparency of all financial accounts to be made public. For more information, please visit the Website.

24.22 In the four years of its working online, the **SKIV Digital Team expanded** and more professional, young, dynamic, passionate and creative members joined in the Mission. Smt Vandana Adivishnu, Smt Shilpa Patnaik, Smt Arti Patnaik, Smt MP Anuradha, Dr Chowdari Prasad, Sri Rajesh Ampalam, Sri Bharat Vikas Naupada, Sri D Chandra Mouli and Sri T Pratap Raj et al are now associated with SKIV / LEKHA. The Online meetings did not stop with February 2022, but increased to undertake versatile tasks to serve the community. After launching of LEKHA, Website and registering as a Trust, the next project was to honour one of the main Objects ie., **Recognition and Support**. After series of deliberations in May / June 2024, a proposal to start **LEKHA Awards 2024** germinated in their minds which was announced in the issues of June, July and August. It was decided to finalise **11 categories of awards in different fields**, 8 of which will be through nominations by self or third party, to be evaluated by a panel of independent judges. The fields could be Philanthropy, Charity, Social Service, Literary, Entrepreneurship, YouTuber, Newsmaker, Emerging or Exceptional Talent, etc. Remaining three would be Bhushana, Vibhushana and LEKHA Thank You Awards. Eligibility criteria for each category were clearly defined. The tag line now is **TOGETHER WE GO, TOGETHER WE GROW**.

24.23 A **new logo (feather)** was designed and a **Cook Book** was prepared with guidelines to all participants. An **App** was developed for online nomination purpose, while alternative option was given to submit the same directly in **WhatsApp, email or even a plain paper offline**. Financial Planning and Budgeting was carried out. In addition to raising of funds internally, Donors and Sponsors were also approached to contribute to the project. The **11 categories announced were with number received in brackets: 1. Lekha Seva Ratna Award (6), 2. Lekha Seva Dal Award (4), 3. Lekha Sahitya Ratna Award (5), 4. Lekha Vyavasthapaka Ratna Award (Vaniya 2), 5. Lekha Kaushalya Award (Bala Kala 4) 7. Lekha YouTuber Award (2), 8. Lekha Keerti Kireeta Award (Kala Ratna 5), (4) 9. Lekha Vibhushana Award (8), 10. Lekha Bhushana Award (9) and 11. Lekha Thank You Award (Abhinandana 5)**. The entire exercise evoked an excellent response (please see page 29 of October issue of LEKHA) and upon requests received, the last date was extended till October 12, 2024. The two day event of first SKIV LEKHA Awards 2024 was held on December 7 and 8, 2024 at NI-MSME, Hyderabad. To facilitate delegates from West Bengal, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, special train compartment was booked

THE AWARD CATEGORIES	THE PROCESS
1. Lekha Seva Ratna Award For individuals in Service 2. Lekha Seva Dal Award For Groups in Charity & Social Service 3. Lekha Sahitya Ratna Award For Poets & Authors 4. Lekha Vyavasthapaka Ratna Award For individuals in Business 5. Lekha Kaushalya Award For individuals in various Arts 6. Lekha Bhushana Award For outstanding individuals in various fields 7. Lekha YouTuber Award For a significant influence on YouTube 8. Lekha Keerti Kireeta Award For those in National/International News 9. Lekha Bhushana Award For persons who have left a rich legacy 10. Lekha Bhushana Award For persons currently serving the community 11. Lekha Thank You Award Acknowledging contributions to LEKHA/ SKIV	1. Nominations submission: Look out for an announcement soon, when we will open the public nomination site. You can log in to the site through your mobile no. and the 4 nomination. In any district, Sistakaranam through a single form where you mention the Award Category, Nominator's Name and justification for the nomination. 2. Selection of Nominations: For each category, there will be a panel of 3 judges who will select the nominees in 2 categories, on a scale of 1 to 10, through an evaluation form. Apart from the justification that nominator would have given, the judges will also be given pointers for the coverage of the nominees in various fields. 3. Final Selection: The award process will be guided by the final 4 categories of awards. For 3 categories, winners will be based on recommendations of a panel of independent judges. For the remaining 8 categories, the winners will be based on the number of votes received. 4. THE AWARDS PROGRAM The awards program will be a full day affair where trophies will be presented to award winners. Integrated in the program will be entertainment items and speeches by a few of our old members. We will have speakers from our community addressing the award, lunch and evening snacks will be arranged. 5. 100% DUTY FOR THE FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT SCHEME

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Good Response to Lekha Awards We are delighted to inform that the proposed Lekha Awards initiative has been well received by our community. Lekha Awards 2024 Date of announcement: 05th Oct 2024 On popular demand, the last date for nominations has been extended. You can now send in your nominations till the end of 12-Oct-2024. See alongside on Lekha Awards 2024	
Nominations can be submitted Online at: nomination@lekhaawards.org Or, they can be sent to: 9652233372/9881403533 thru WhatsApp - or to lekha@skivonline.thru Email In below format: Nominator Details Name: _____ Phone No.: _____ E-mail id: _____ Awardee No. (optional): _____ Nomination Details Category: _____ Nominee: _____	

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and accommodation was arranged. A **total of 54 Awards were presented across 11 categories**. In addition, Sri DV Krishna Rao and 9 other resource persons were given special awards. A detailed report (20 pages) on this special event can be read at : [Lekha Annual Awards 2024 \(15\).pdf](https://www.youtube.com/live/1VDFqCS-R_U?si=ZhctXGE_s6JaKnP). We can also view the video clipings of the program in YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/live/1VDFqCS-R_U?si=ZhctXGE_s6JaKnP (1st day) and ABCDEF (2nd day)



[Inaugural Lekha Annual Awards 2024 Held with Grandeur - Sistakaranam Ikyavedika](#)



24.24 With the excellent experience in the first year of LEKHA Awards 2024, the SKIV Team LEKHA decided and announced for the **second year 2025** during the last week of June. [Facebook](#) With some minor changes in number / type of awards, etc., it was flashed in LEKHA issue of July. In all, there were 11 categories of nomination type and 3 identified categories totalling to 14 Awards. These are with number awarded in brackets: **1. Lekha Seva Ratna (6), 2. Lekha Seva Dal (2), 3. Lekha Sahitya Ratna (3), 4. Lekha Vanijya Ratna (4), 5. Lekha Kala Ratna (6), 6. Lekha Bala Kala Ratna (2), 7. Lekha Digital Prachara Ratna (3), 8. Lekha Khel Ratna (2), 9. Lekha Pragnya Ratna, 10. Lekha Bala Pragnya Ratna (2), and 11. Lekha Udyoga Ratna (7).** The three top identified awards are 1. Lekha Bhushana (4), 2. Lekha Vibhushana (3), and 3. Lekha Sista Siromani Award (6) (new and Posthumous). A YouTube clipping demonstrating use of App was released on July 10, 2025. Train facility was arranged from Visakhapatnam to Hyderabad for awardees, judges, resource persons, leaders, sponsors, donors, etc

[Lekha annual awards 2025 Train Journey #sistakaranam #hyderabad](#), Nomination process, evaluation stay arrangements, etc were similar to 2024. Venue remains to be same i.e., NI-MSME in Hyderabad. Date of the event was Dec 20, 2025. Total number of awards given away was fifty (50) across 14 Categories. Video of the event live streamed on YouTube Channel can be viewed at: [Live - Lekha Annual Awards - 2025 - On Dec 20th at 9 am](#). A Special Story of the event in 16 pag-



es is attached to the LEKHA issue of January 2026. [Lekha January 2026 \(9\).pdf](#). The tag line of TOGETHER WE GO, TOGETHER WE GROW remains unchanged.

24.25 In June 2026, SKIV completed six years of its activities and **LEKHA Awards 2026 (3rd Season)** was under discussion by the Team. After preliminary deliberations, planning the Calendar and finalising the roles and responsibilities, **Smt Shilpa Patnaik of New Delhi** agreed to shoulder role of branding in-charge. App was again created and tested. As usual, weekly nocturnal Online Meetings on the Sundays took place during July, after which the third season was announced. Digital campaigns took place through **YouTube, WhatsApp, Facebook** etc and **opening of Nominations was done on August 2, 2026** in the August issue of LEKHA. All features and parameters of year 2025 like types / number of awards, nomination process, selection criteria, etc remain unchanged in 2026 too. The last date was extended upto August 30 in response to some requests from members.



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Nominations Window opens today!

The much awaited date when you can start filing nominations for **Lekha Awards—2026** is here!

The Window opens at **11:00 AM today**, and you can file nominations till midnight, **23rd August, 2026**.

The Nominations App link: <https://www.sombia.in/lekhaawards2026/>

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AWARD CATEGORIES

1. **Lekha Seva Ratna** - For Individuals in Charity & Social Service
2. **Lekha Seva Dal** - For Groups/Associations in Charity & Social Service
3. **Lekha Sahitya Ratna** - For Poets & Authors
4. **Lekha Vanijya Ratna** - For Individuals in Business
5. **Lekha Bala Ratna** - For Fine Arts & Performing Arts
6. **Lekha Bala Kala Ratna** - For Young Artists
7. **Lekha SaMa Ratna** - For Digital Content Creators
8. **Lekha Khel Ratna** - For Individuals & Team Sports Achievers
9. **Lekha Pragnya Ratna** - For Graduate-Level Competitions & Professional Examination Achievers
10. **Lekha Bala Pragnya Ratna** - For Student Achievers (10 years & Below)
11. **Lekha Udyoga Ratna** - For Distinguished Professionals & Public Services

Nominations Window Opening this Sunday (02-Aug-2026)

24.26 We have been reading about the Sports Team of SKIV regularly conducting events like Box Cricket matches in past one year in Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam. The IT Team also has been toying with some ideas to leverage technology for benefiting the Sistakaranam community. May be in due course, this wing will also enlarge and organise big events at State / National level. We have to only wait and see. It is a well known fact, that some dreams of the Founder of SKIV and LEKHA have already come true and he says **YE DIL MAANGE MORE!** He wrote in the February 2026 issue of LEKHA that he still has some unfinished tasks in mind. These are setting up of a **1. COMMUNITY MATRIMONIAL PLATFORM, 2. CONDUCTING COMMUNITY CENSUS and 3. COMMUNITY ELECTION COMMISSION**. No wonder, these are all gigantic tasks, but are essential. Let us hope that if God willing, Team striving hard, Members participating / supporting, very soon all **DREAMS WILL COME TRUE**. After all, man lives with hope and remains always optimistic. To quote the former President of USA, Mr Barack Obama, **YES, WE CAN!**

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Ikyavedika - Dreaming Big!

These of my dreams for Sistakaranam-Ikyavedika have materialized in a big way: **TOGETHER WE GO, TOGETHER WE GROW** and **LEKHA Annual Awards**. Today, I wanted to touch upon a few more dreams, or have already started off in a small way. I think 5 years for 5 dreams to materialize in a big way. We don't know how long it will be before the other dreams take shape. But, trust me, they will happen!

Community Matrimonial Platform: This is something we have initiated 1 year ago, but has probably not caught the imagination of our community like the other big & Part of our website ([Group Profile](#)), the idea behind the initiative is to provide a common platform for Sistakaranam world our high-profile matrimonial listings. Currently, matrimonial services are being rendered by various associations and individuals, but they seem to be working in silos. This platform can unite all of them, while protecting the interests of the respective parties involved. We have been having some discussions to take this initiative to the next level. An interesting idea that we are actively considering is that this platform can also be a source of small income for housewives, students etc who can spend a few hours every week, look out for more details in the coming days.

Community Census: It does appear that a few socio-economic groups have plans to take this up, or have already taken up claiming significant progress. Ikyavedika is now at the drawing board, planning a very comprehensive system of census taking. The thought process includes: doing a "family census" (identifying who is a part of the system). **Community Election Commission:** Another dream we have is the proposal to set up a body that can help various associations in our community in conducting elections, to their respective committee bodies. As with anything that Ikyavedika does, as with anything that Sistakaranam does, I have a systematic, computerized, neutral process that will ensure free and fair elections. We'll soon come out with clear plans on this.

Well, as always, we dream big! And, hope to realize our vision of a vibrant community where these dreams materialize.

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