



RamaGovinda Puraskara-2020 presentation in city on Jan.5

Mysuru's Dr. K.R. Kamath and art patron C.R. Himamshu among awardees



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Mysuru, Jan.3 (BNR) - Smt. D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation and Sri M. Gopinath Shenoy Charitable Trust, Mysuru, have chosen two institutions and three individuals including Mysuru's Dr. K.R. Kamath and art patron C.R. Himamshu for its annual RamaGovinda Puraskara-2020.

The Foundation and the Trust are associated with a pro-societal cause in education, health and cultural sectors, immensely involving human welfare and development. As an extension of their social endeavours, these two institutions have collectively instituted the 'RamaGovinda Puraskara' to be presented annually since 2016. This award is a yearly event, preceded by meticulous selection of institutions and individuals working for societal development.

This year the awards will be conferred on **Jnanasindhu Residential School for the Visually Challenged, Hole-Alur, Ron taluk, Gadag district** (Shivanand Kelur); **Idagunji Mahaganapathi Yakshagana Mandali based in Uttara Kannada district** (Keremane Shivananda Hegde); **Omkarnath Sharma** of Delhi, who is known as 'Medicine Baba'; **Dr. K.R. Kamath** of Kamakshi Hospital, Mysuru and **C.R. Himamshu**,

Staging of drama 'Sampoorna Ramayana' on Sunday

Mysuru, Jan. 3 - The newly created "Muktha Voddolaga Vedike" in city will be staging the drama "Sampoorna Ramayana" on Sunday (Jan.5) at Town Hall at 11 am. The following artistes will be performing respective roles: Dasharatha by Dr. N. N. Prahallada, Sri Rama by Akki Hebbal Nagaraj, Lakshmana by Shivakumar, Seethadevi by Geetha Upadhyaya, Kaikai and Maya Shoorpanike by Savithri Ganapathi, Ravana by Shivabasappa, Vibeeshana by Mallashetty, Sugreeva by Varadha Nayak, Maya Ravana by Lokesh, Jambhavantha by Siddaraju, Manthare by Jayashree Hegde, Ghora Shoorpanike by Shantha Shastri, Lankini by Sarala kumari, Jatayu



Vidyabhushana

renowned patron of art and music, who is well-known for organising 8th Cross Ganesh Music Festival in the city.

The award, comprising a citation, Rs.5 lakh cash prize for institutions and Rs.3 lakh for individuals, will be presented at a ceremony to be held at Kalamandira in city on Jan.5 at 6 pm. Vocalist Vidyabhushana will inaugurate the programme. M. Ramanatha Shenoy couple, M. Jagannath Shenoi couple and M. Gopinatha Shenoy couple will be present.

From 8 pm to 9 pm, the students of Jnanasindhu Residential School for the Visually Challenged will demonstrate Yoga and Mallakamba stunts.

PROFILES

Jnanasindhu Residential School for the Visually Challenged, Hole-Alur, that started with only five students, now caters to more than 100 visually impaired persons from Gadag and surrounding districts. The Rajyotsava Award-winning institute was started in July 2010 by Tulasamma Kelur and her son Shivanand Kelur. The School mainly focuses on Yoga and Music along with regular classes till 9th standard. Students of this School have excelled at

by Latha Nayak, Mandodhari by Saraswathi Halasanghi, Bharatha by S.K. Nanjappa, Shathrugna and Kumbakarna by Girija Shankar, Anjanaya by H.V. Ganesh, Vasishtha Maharashi and Vali by H.S. Nagesh, Anghadha and Maricha by A.B. Shivarudhraiah, Manthri Sumanthra and Prahastha by K.Siddhachar, Suthradhari by Dr. Srinivasamurthy.

Casio by P.Lokesh, Thalavadya by Narasimhachar, Tabla by B.N. Shiva Kumar, Clarinet by C. P. Krishnamurthy, Harmonium by Dr. H. P. Nagendra Prasad.

Dress and Make-up by Umesh Drama Troupe. The drama is directed by Dr. H.P. Nagendra Prasad. Entry for the drama is free.



Dr. K.R. Kamath C.R. Himamshu Omkarnath Sharma Shivanand Kelur Shivananda Hegde

National-level Yoga competitions and are also well-known for breathtaking Mallakamba stunts. A total of 12 teachers are serving in the institution with most of them visually impaired.

Sri Idagunji Mahaganapathi Yakshagana Mandali was started in 1935 by Keremane Shivaram Hegde. It has conserved the purity of Yakshagana as an art form and has given over 9,000 performances across India and abroad in the past 84 years. In a bid to propagate this art for posterity, the Mandali is also offering a 2-year training in Yakshagana along with scholarship under Gurukula tradition since 28 years. After Shivaram Hegde, the Mandali was ably managed by Keremane Shambhu Hegde and now, the third generation's Keremane Shivananda Hegde is leading the Mandali in the right direction.

Omkarnath Sharma, who has retired as a technician at

Kailash Hospital Blood Bank in Greater Noida of Uttar Pradesh, is known to distribute medicines free of cost to the needy. The 79-year-old Sharma, who was a witness to the death of two persons injured in Delhi Metro bridge collapse in 2008 as they could not afford the costly medicines prescribed to them, decided to visit houses door-to-door and collect medicines that were unused. He used to segregate them, make a list of the medicines, its manufacturer, expiry date and stock them to provide it to the persons in need, free of cost. Hence, he became popular as 'Medicine Baba' for his selfless and voluntary service.

The 75-year-old **Dr. K.R. Kamath** has been practising medicine as a General Practitioner in Mysuru for the last 51 years. A simple and committed doctor, he is serving as an able Administrator and Trustee of Kamakshi Hospital

in city since 47 years. Patients from the neighbouring villages trust only 'Kamat Doctoru.' For the Goud Saraswat community in Mysuru, he is endearingly known as 'Rag Maam.'

This award is in recognition of his service and contribution to the field of medicine.

C.R. Himamshu, 67, a renowned patron of art and music, has been involved in organising concerts and bringing the best of talent from across India to the city since decades.

A former Syndicate Member of Karnataka State Dr.Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru, Himamshu is well-known among *rasikas* for hosting the Annual Heritage Music Festival with Ganeshotsava at 8th Cross Pandal in V.V. Mohalla. The 58th edition of the Fest was held in 2019 under the auspices of SPVGMCTrust of which he is the Hon. Secretary since 40 years.

Prize winners of Debate competition



Mysuru, Jan. 3 - As part of Founder's Day, S. Ramanathan Memorial 5th Inter-High School English and Kannada Debate Competition was organised at Sri Sharada Public School in Dattagalli recently.

The chief guest Rtn. PHF C.S. Ravi Shankar, President, Rotary West Association, inaugurated the Debate Competition. Winners of the contests are as follows:

English Debate: 1st prize - Gaurangadatta and Koustubh Gowda of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru [Cash prize - Rs.5,000 for the institution]; **2nd prize** - Aashritha Kiran Seshan and V. Sinchana of Acharya

Vidya Kula [Cash prize - Rs.3,000 for the institution]; **3rd prize** - Hardik Patel and Mahaveer Jain of Mount Litera Zee School [Cash prize - Rs.2,000 for the institution]; **English Debate Individual Prizes: 1st prize** - Gaurangadatta, BVB, Mysuru; **2nd prize** - Koustubh Gowda, BVB; **3rd prize** - Hardik Patel, Mount Litera Zee School, Mysuru; **English Debate Competition Rolling Trophy** - BVB, Mysuru.

Kannada Debate: 1st prize - Lithisha and M.K. Vinay of BVB [Cash prize - Rs.5,000 for the institution]; **2nd prize** - G. Bhavana and E.S. Divyashree of Pramati Hill View Academy [Cash

prize - Rs.3,000 for the institution]; **3rd prize** - Akshari M. Bhat and Sanchitha S. Gouli of Vijaya Vittala [Cash prize - Rs.2,000 for the institution]; **Kannada Debate Individual Prizes: 1st prize** - Lithisha, BVB; **2nd prize** - M.K. Vinay, BVB; **3rd prize** - G. Bhavana, Pramati; **Kannada Debate Competition Rolling Trophy**: BVB, Mysuru.

R.ManjunathSrivatsa, Secretary, Sri Sharada Public School, Dr. K. Thimmaiah, Lecturer, Maharaja's College, Dr. Somashekar, Lecturer, Demonstration School, M. Gururaja, Administrator, Ranjitha, Principal, staff and students were present.

RamaGovinda Puraskara-2020 conferred



The awardees — (sitting from left) Art patron C.R. Himamshu, Keremane Shivananda Hegde (Idagunji Mahaganapathi Yakshagana Mandali, Uttara Kannada); Dr. K.R. Kamath of Kamakshi Hospital, Mysuru; Omkarnath Sharma of Delhi and Tulasamma Kelur and her son Shivanand Kelur (Jnanasindhu Residential School for the Visually Challenged, Hole-Alur) — are seen with (standing from left) Kusuma Shenoi, Vasumathi Shenoy, M. Ramanath Shenoy, Dr. M. Jagannatha Shenoi, Vocalist Vidyabhushana, M. Gopinath Shenoy and Savithri Shenoy. Picture below shows a section of the audience.

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (YDS&DM)- Three achievers and two institutions were conferred 'RamaGovinda Puraskara - 2020' at a programme jointly organised by Smt. D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation and Sri M. Gopinath Shenoy Charitable Trust, Mysuru, at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road here yesterday.

The awardees were Dr. K.R. Kamath, a 75-year old General Medical Practitioner and Administrator and Trustee of Kamakshi Hospital in city, C.R. Himamshu, 67, a renowned Music and Art patron of Mysuru and a former Syndicate Member of KSGH Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Omkarnath Sharma, a 79-year-old former Technician of Kailash Hospital Blood Bank in Greater Noida of Uttar Pradesh and popularly known as 'Medicine Baba' for distribution of free medicines to the needy, Jnanasindhu Residential School for the Visually Challenged, Hole-Alur, Ron taluk, Gadag district (Shivanand Kelur) and Idagunji Mahaganapathi Yakshagana Mandali based in Uttara Kannada district (Keremane Shivananda Hegde).

The award carried a cash prize of Rs.5 Lakh for Institutions and Rs.3 Lakh for individuals and a citation.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, renowned Vocalist Vidyabhushana said that we should decide on how to lead life after realising our status in the society. Pointing out that it is important to understand how we should be and what not should be, he said that he was happy to note that Ramabai Charitable Foundation and M. Gopinath Shenoy Charitable Trust have been doing yeoman service by identifying those serving the society sans any publicity.

Noting that the award is really deserving as it is given to those



who do not apply and also to those who do not bring any political influence for getting the award, Vidyabhushana said that the work of the awardees has spread fragrance in the society.

Explaining the importance of 'Gaana' and 'Daana' in this 'Kaliyuga' for invoking the Gods, he said Gaana meant singing in praise of the Lord, while Daana meant Philanthropic deeds aimed at betterment of the world we live in. Stating that in the past the Kings used to honour achievers, he said that as subjects are the rulers in a democracy, it is the duty of the people to identify real achievers and honour them, which the Shenoy family has been doing for years.

Trustee M. Jagannath Shenoi, in his address, said that the Trust has been identifying and rewarding those who are serving the society with determination and dedication without seeking any returns, since 2016.

Hoping that the achievements of the awardees will be an inspiration for the younger generation, he said that the Trust will continue to identify those working in the backstage for the betterment of the society.

Speaking after receiving the award, Shivanand Kelur of Jnanasindhu Residential School for

the Visually Challenged, Hole-Alur, said that he started the school at Hole-Alur in Ron taluk of Gadag with an objective of serving the less fortunate children. Explaining the journey of the school over the years, he said that the society will definitely recognise the good work

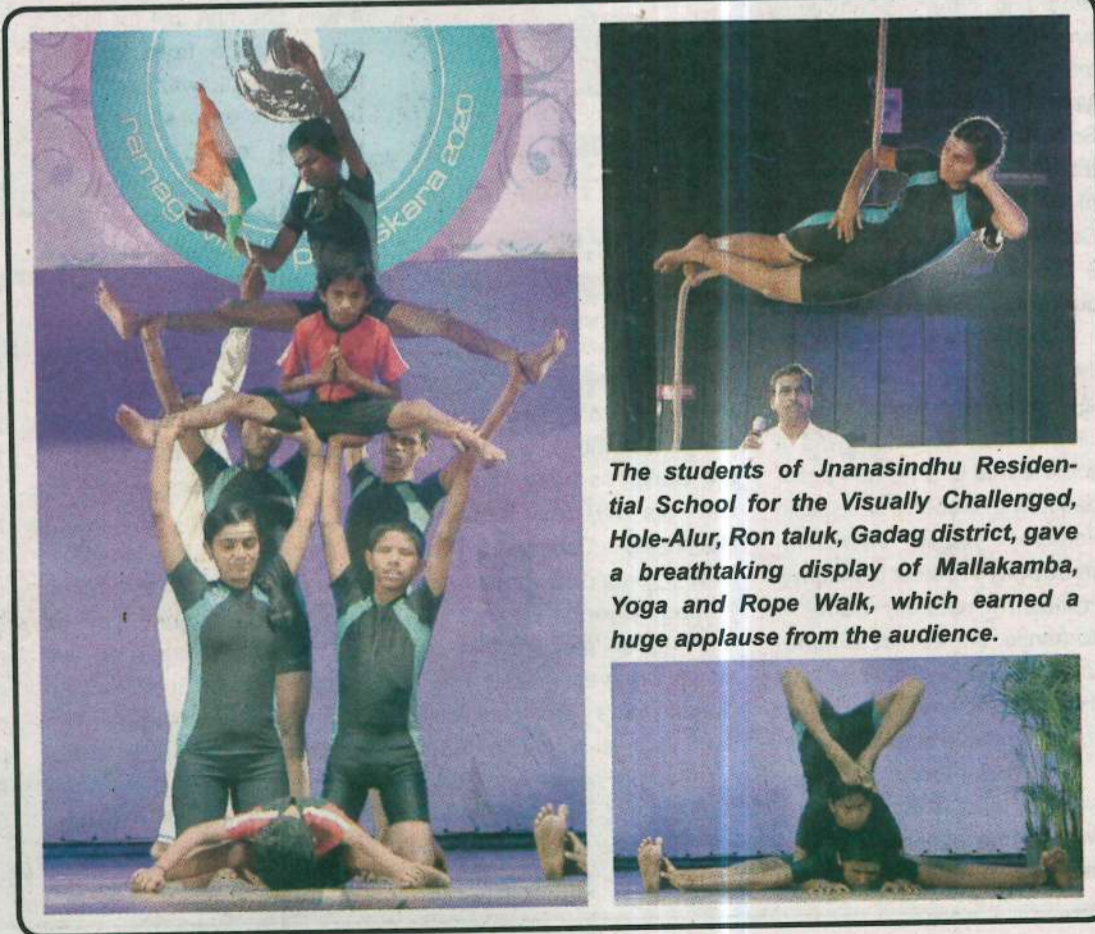
done by an individual or an Institution and 'RamaGovinda Puraskara' is a perfect example for that. The cash Prize of Rs.5 lakh will be utilised for adding classrooms in the school.

Keremane Shivananda Hegde of Idagunji Yakshagana Mandali said, the Yakshagana Mandali

was started at Idagunji in Uttara Kannada district without any expectations. Recalling the co-operation of everyone in the success of the Mandali all these years, he said that the award was in recognition of Yakshagana art.

Dr. K.R. Kamath said that he has been practising medicine for the past 50 years in the city. Asserting that he has been practising medicine without seeking or expecting an award, he said that his objective is to treat everyone without any discrimination. He thanked the Trust for honouring him in recognition of his medical service to the society.

C.R. Himamshu said that the Trust had brought him more responsibility by honouring him for his general service to the society. The award will inspire him to do much more to the society with the blessings of everyone, he added.



The students of Jnanasindhu Residential School for the Visually Challenged, Hole-Alur, Ron taluk, Gadag district, gave a breathtaking display of Mallakamba, Yoga and Rope Walk, which earned a huge applause from the audience.