



SRI PURANDARA DASA MEMORIAL TRUST

Appeal To Overseas Kannadigas- Nov. 2023

Dear Friends,

It gives me immense pride and pleasure to introduce our **TRUST** as the only organization in Karnataka dedicated solely for propagation of Sri Purandara Dasara kritis. Deeply moved by the fact that a fitting monument for Purandara Dasaru did not exist even after 500 years of His birth, the TRUST took upon itself the task of building a fitting memorial & extensively propagate His kritis for the benefit of mankind.

The TRUST fulfilled its long-cherished desire of a memorial for Sri Purandara Dasaru (1484-1564 AD) at Kalyaninagara (near ISRO Layout, Bangalore) which was dedicated to the public by **HH Sri Sri Vishweshwara Teertha Swamiji** of **Pejavar Mutt** on 14th June 2013.

The memorial complex consists of :



- Life size statue of Sri Purandara Dasa in Marble
- An artistic Mantapa housing the statue
- A concert hall with seating capacity of 200, equipped with modern sound system
- Library of CD's and books on Dasa sahitya
- Music school exclusively for learning Dasara Kritis.
- Well maintained garden and basic civic amenities.

It is a monument of pride for every Kannadiga. Ever since the inaugural function, the **TRUST** has come a long way and has been regularly organizing every month - music concerts, lectures, harikathas and dance recitals, all intended to propagate the message of 'Dasa Shreshta' Sri Purandara Dasaru. There has been an overwhelming response from the public, a source of great inspiration to us. A website has also been launched and one may visit www.purandara.org

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR:

- Conducted over 250 programs till date since inception – Music / Dance /Harikatha concerts & lectures on Sri Purandara dasaru.
- Awarded “**PURANDARA PURASKARA**” to 18 senior artistes from Karnataka
- Awarded scholarships to over **200 students** (Rs. ten thousand each) from economically backward classes to pursue their education.
- Released a book titled “**PURANDARA KEERTANAMALA**” with notations for learners in music, freely distributed over 800 books.
- Released Harikatha DVD titled “**NAVAKOTI NARAYANA**”, the only DVD in Kannada on the life of Purandara Dasaru by **Karnataka Kalashree Vid. Nittur Mohan kumar**, freely distributed about **2000 CD's**.

The trust has received recognition from Dept. of Income tax, Govt. of India, as '**charitable trust**' apart from qualifying under **Sec. 80(G)** of IT act since 2008-09.

In fact, '**PURANDARA MANTAPA**' is already a popular land mark in the locality and on the Google map!

Several VVIP's apart from Swamiji's, eminent personalities like **Dr. Balamurali Krishna**, **Dr. Aralu Mallige Parthasarathy**, **Sri Ananda Teertha Charya** of TTD Dasa Sahitya Project, Cine artistes, Ministers, MLA's etc. have set their foot at the MANTAPA.

The TRUST awards “PURANDARA PURASKARA” to a few select artistes from Karnataka during Aradhane & Varshikotsava. So far about 18 artistes have received the award. Award carries a cash prize of Rs.10,000/- each apart from citation, shawl, plaque & a memento.

The TRUST also awards scholarships each year to about 30 meritorious students (from primary level to PG) from economically backward classes. So far over 200 students have benefitted from the scheme.

Several publications about our **TRUST** have appeared in leading dailies of Karnataka (both in English & Kannada).

GOING FORWARD

Many are aware that Sri Purandara Dasa composed 475000 kritis in simple Kannada, spreading the message of the Holy Scriptures, a feat perhaps will never be equalled by anyone. Alas, only a few thousands are in print and the rest have remained unpublished, perhaps not even traceable. It is our duty to ensure that His precious kritis do not get side lined under the influence of material pursuits and preserve the same for the coming generations. It is this daunting task our TRUST wants to pursue. That apart, **there are many other objectives of the TRUST like**

- Bringing out periodicals highlighting the activities of the TRUST from time to time.
- Bringing to light unpublished works of Purandara Dasa - an uphill task involving lot of travel, research, elicitation, etc.
- Establishing a research center with modern communication facilities for above and seek affiliation to Bangalore University for award of Doctorate degree to intending researchers.
- Offering fellowships to such intending scholars
- Translating select kritis into English and other major Indian Languages
- Setting up coordination centers in several countries where sizeable Kannada population exists.
- Pursuing with authorities concerned for naming a major road in Bangalore and a metro station after "PURANDARA DASA".

The TRUST will continue to strive for the above unfulfilled objectives, of course with the support and encouragement of all of you.

MAIN CONCERN!

"SELF SUSTENANCE" is the main concern for the present managers of the TRUST. At its current level, the annual expenditure is around Rs.20 Lakhs (approx. USD25000/-) and to sustain this, a CORPUS of Rs.3.0 Crores is needed. Presently the TRUST has a deposit of Rs.60.0 lakhs and there is a short fall of Rs.2.5 Crores approx. (say about USD 300,000/-)

My appeal goes out to 'Dasa Premis' all over the World (who concur with the objectives of the TRUST) to contribute generously towards the CORPUS so that the TRUST can "self-sustain." Bank account details are furnished below:

Account Name: SRI PURANDARA DASA MEMORIAL TRUST

Account No. 89420200000833

Bank name: BANK OF BARODA

Branch: RAJAJINAGAR, BANGALORE-560010

IFSC: BARBOVJRABA (fifth character is 'zero')

SWIFT CODE: BARBINBBBOS

Prospective donors may please note that furnishing PAN is mandatory and those who do not have PAN may route their payments thro' their relatives in India who have PAN.

Thanking you & looking forward to your valuable contribution, **MAY LORD PURANDARA BLESS US ALL!**

"PLEASE PLAN A VISIT TO 'PURANDARA MANTAPA' DURING YOUR NEXT SOJOURN TO INDIA"!



With Divine Blessings Of:
HH Sri Sri Sri Vishweshwara Teertha Swamiji
of Sri Pejavar Mutt, Udupi &
HH Sri Sri Yadugiri Yatiraja Jeeyar Swamiji
of Yadugiri Yatiraja Mutt, Bengaluru



With warm regards,
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S. VARADARAJAN
(Managing Trustee)