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EDITORIAL



Dr. Srinivasa Basavayya Gokarakonda, MD, MPH

1997 Rangarayan

Nostalgia for the times spent on the Rangaraya campus brings smiles, even from thousands of miles away, but it also carries a touch of sadness as I miss those days. Since moving to the USA in 2006, I've experienced these mixed emotions deeply. Attending my first RMCANA reunion in San Antonio was a great joy, particularly when reconnecting with fellow Rangarayans. In that moment, I felt a profound sense of belonging with RMCANA.

I am delighted to welcome you all to the RMCANA reunion in Orlando, taking place from August 31st to September 2nd, 2024. I hope you thoroughly enjoy the fantastic programs, gala, and CME sessions the organizing team have arranged. Heartfelt congratulations go out to the RMCANA Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees for their exceptional contributions in organizing this remarkable event. Special appreciation is due to our president, Dr. Sashi Kuppala, and Reunion Convenor, Dr. Swathi Kolli, for their outstanding leadership and dedicated efforts in planning and fundraising for the reunion.

As we gather on the eve of this reunion, it is my immense pleasure to present this wonderful souvenir, filled with pride and the contributions of our fellow Rangarayans. We have also captured cherished moments from our previous reunions and other batch gatherings to preserve these valuable memories.

This souvenir also highlights the RMCANA dream project—the Maternal Child Block at Government General Hospital, Kakinada—spearheaded by our dynamic past president, Dr. Subbiah Chowdary. This achievement would not have been possible without his leadership, perseverance and the support of numerous alumni. Together, as ONE TEAM with ONE DREAM, we have worked towards fulfilling the promise of the MCH block. We have included updates and pictures of this remarkable project in this souvenir.

On behalf of the RMCANA Executive Committee, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your generous support of our reunion. Your contributions have been instrumental in making this event both possible and memorable. We apologize in advance for any errors in the publication of names, pictures, or spellings. Please understand that any inaccuracies are unintentional, and we deeply appreciate your understanding.

In addition to the paperback copies, we will also post the PDF and electronic versions of this souvenir on our RMCANA website to ensure easy access for everyone.

Srinivasa Basavayya Gokarakonda
Secretary, RMCANA

President's Message



Dr. Sashi Kuppala, MD

My Dear Royal Rangarayans,

Welcome to the 18th Biennial Reunion, which is shaping up to be the largest RMCANA gathering to date. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your president for the last two years. When I look back, every minute of my time here was filled with fun, camaraderie, and the simple pleasure of being with other Rangarayans.

Alumni Associations are great as they bring old students together for networking and nostalgia. Alumni associations are even better when they have a purpose and all the alumni work towards fulfilling that purpose. Six years ago, we undertook the mammoth task of completing the Maternal and Child Health building at the Government General Hospital in Kakinada. It has been a tumultuous journey since then, with

the government giving the permission and then withdrawing it, and the COVID pandemic shutting down the world. However, we have persisted through everything. We have raised millions of dollars and persevered through the whims and fancies of local governments, all with a laser focus on completing the building.

I am proud and humbled to have been a leader in this process. We have raised more than \$900,000 in one single weekend. It was a proud moment when I visited the building a month ago to see 3 1/2 of the 5 slabs being completed. With the proposed completion date of summer 2025, the end is near. It's going to be a proud moment for all of us when the building opens and the patients back home get the best care they deserve.

It may look like a footnote when compared to the MCH building, but we have raised one crore rupees towards the NICU equipment with the help of the organization Compassionate Patient Response. It's an ongoing commitment, and there is every possibility that we will get more out of this partnership.

I am leaving my role with a heart full of gratitude and content. More Rangarayans are involved in the organization now than ever, and the MCH building has made immense progress. I can only see better days ahead for RMC and RMCANA. Jai RMCANA! Jai Jai RMC!!

Sashi Kuppala
'92 Rangarayan

Principal's Message



Dr. D S V L Narasimham, MBBS., MS.

1979 Rangarayan

I am happy to note that the 18th edition of RMCANA Biennial Reunion is being held in Orlando on the Labor day weekend 2024 along with the GMCANA and SMCANA.

The alumni of RMC are taking real commendable initiatives towards the development of their alma mater in the spheres of academics, equipment and infrastructure regularly since a long time. The Medical College and hospital have greatly benefited from these laudable acts of benevolence.

It is a matter of significance, since the alumni are far away in time and distance from their college and motherland but still strive to give back a lot in gratitude to their parent institutions generously.

The mammoth state of the art Maternal and Child Hospital which is taking shape in the premises of GGH, Kakinada is one such initiative which is truly commendable. It will contribute immensely to enhance the Maternal and child Health services in this part of the state of Andhra Pradesh we are eagerly awaiting its completion as it will also help the administration in planning the renovation and reconstruction of various ageing civil structures of the hospital in a phased manner'.

The college and hospital will forever be grateful to RMCANA members for their benevolence and foresight in taking up this facility and for striving to build it as per norms in a most modern way.

I wish the Reunion every success and hope that the deliberations will strengthen the bonds between the members and with their motherland.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Narla'.

Dr. D S V L Narasimham

Principal, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada



18th Grand Biennial Reunion

GMCANA / RMCANA / SMCANA

Hilton Bonnet Creek, 14100 Bonnet Creek Resort, Ln,
Orlando, Florida 32821.

Aug. 31st – Sept. 2nd, 2024

GRSREUNION.com

FRIDAY

August 30, 2024

- Arrival
- Reunion Event Registration till 8 PM
- Presidential/Executive suites
- Casual meet and Greet/ Food and drinks.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 31, 2024

- Arrival
- Event Registration until 5pm
- Breakfast 7:30AM - 10:30AM
- Lunch 11:00AM -1:30PM
- Golf outing Waldorf Astoria golf course
- Possible sightseeing/Amusement Park trips
- Onsite Waterpark and Activities
- Kids Zone/Entertainment
- Individual class reunions
- Photography sessions (12p-5p)
- Variety of Vendor displays and shopping (all 3 days)
- Welcome Dinner reception
- Casual Entertainment with Alumni talent and professional singers and DJ.

Praveen Koppolu, Anjana Sowmya, Srikanth.

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

- Breakfast 7:30AM - 10:30AM
- CME Sessions

4 hours of CME sponsored by eMedEvents.

Dr. Santhi Swaroop Vege
Mayo Clinic, Minnesota
7:30AM - 8:10AM
"Consummate Clinician: Art and Science and now AI in Medicine"

Dr. Naveen Bellam, MD
Advent Health Transplant Institute, Florida
8:10AM - 8:50AM
"Reviewing the ABC's of GDMT (Guideline Directed Medical Therapy) in Heart Failure"

Dr. Anjaneyulu Alapati, MD.
UAB School of Medicine, Alabama
8:50AM - 9:30AM
"Memory disorders"

Dr. Lokesh Edara, MD
Asthma Allergy Centers, Michigan
9:30AM - 10:10AM
"Measures to strengthen primary, emergency healthcare, medical education in India and low resource countries"

Dr. Kalyan Chitturi, MD.
Medstar Health, Washington DC
10:10AM - 10:50AM
"Lifetime Management of Aortic Stenosis"

Dr. Ajay Tripathani, MD
Baylor College of Medicine, Texas
10:50AM - 11:30AM.
"Artificial intelligence and A. fib management"

Dr. Butchi Babu Paidipaty, MD., MSBA., FACP,
FCCP., FCCM
CMU College of Medicine, Michigan
11:30AM - 12:10PM
"Maternal And Child Health Care present status and future."

- Breakout sessions 12pm- 12:45pm.

SUNDAY

(CONTINUED)

- Lunch 11AM - 1:30pm
- 12:45pm Alumni General Body meetings
- 5pm - Group photo session Cocktails/ Hors d'Oeuvres
- 6pm - Grand Banquet Dinner and entertainment.

Alumni Leadership Speakers 6pm-7pm
Keynote Speakers: 7pm - 8pm

- Padmini Murthy M.D., Elizabeth Blackwell Award recipient, Secretary/IYD/Global Health/United Nations.
- Suryachandra Chakra Rao Siddha, MD Chairman Indian Resuscitation Council Federation.

Entertainment 8pm - onwards

- Praveen Koppolu
- Anjana Sowmya
- Srikanth
- DJ

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

- Breakfast 7AM -11AM
- Executive committee meetings
- Alumni and guest farewell.



Dr. Swathi Kolli, MD.

1992 Rangarayan

Convener, 18th Grand Biennial Reunion

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5. Rajendra Kakarla
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11. Satyanarayana Kante
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29. Sirisha Chalasani
29. Sudheer Polisetty
30. Kurmanadh Chadalawada
31. Vijayalakshmi Polavarapu



AUG 31st & SEP 1st , 2nd

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Padutha Theeyaga winner



GMCANA RMCANA & SMCANA

Welcomes



Dr. SSC CHAKRA RAO

Chairman, Indian Resuscitation Council Federation (IRCF)

The CPR MAN OF INDIA

Professional journey:

- Royal Rangarayyan 1968 batch
- DMHO of Khammam & East Godavari Districts
- Regional Director of Medical & Health services, AP.
- Additional Director of Medical & Health services, AP.

Posts held:

- Member of Ambassadors group from Asia in World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists.
- Chairman IMA National standing committee for Resuscitation
- Chairman Indian Resuscitation Council Federation
- Past National President Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists
- Founder President Family Benevolent Fund
- Member of World Federation of Society of Anaesthesiologists(2016-2024)
- Indian representative of ILCOR World Restart A Heart Day committee since 2022

Awards:

- Dr A.P Singhal Life time Achievement Award 2021
- Dr AK Sinha National Award 2021(Indian Mediacial Association)
- CPR Man Award 2024(Ganga Institute,Coimbatore)



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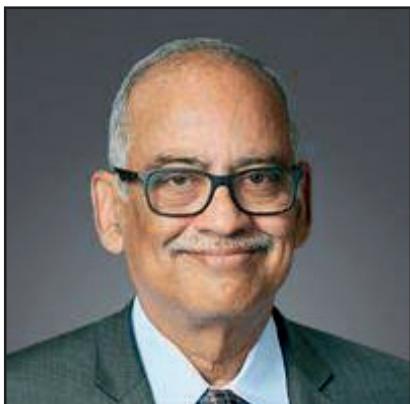
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IN



Dr. Anil Gogineni, MD.
1990 Rangarayan

Treasurer's Report

Dear Royal Rangarayans,

I am eagerly awaiting our upcoming conference in Orlando and cannot wait to see old friends and meet new ones. I have been attending all the reunions since 2000, and I can say I've had a great time everytime and cherish these memories.

Our alumni association continues to be very productive in India. We are currently making huge progress on a MCH building in Kakinada. Dr. Achanta Subbaraya Chowdary and Dr. Kalidindi Vishnu Varma are leading the project. Construction is moving rapidly and we are in the process of collecting donations. Thanks to Dr. Saladi Lakshminarayana, who graciously coordinates all our projects including the MCH building.

Our alumni association is a 501c nonprofit organization and the contributions we make here in the US are tax exempt. We have also started an account in India and we are in the process of getting FCRA. Currently we are collecting funds in India in the name of Dr. M Bhanu Prasad Memorial trust. For information on these accounts or to donate contact me or the team directly.

We are also sponsoring RMC global journal, which can be used as a platform for all our current medical students and alumni to publish various articles including their research. Dr. Edara Lokesh has played an instrumental role in this project in addition to many other education-related projects in India.

I would like to thank Dr Kuppala Sashi for his unwavering dedication as president of our alumni Association. Congratulations to his team and best wishes to the incoming team.

Once again I would like to thank all the donors who contributed for the better of Rangaraya Medical College and General Hospital at Kakinada.

Sincerely,
Dr. Anil Gogineni
1990 Rangarayan

A Courier Boy's tryst with destiny - Celebrating and saluting generous hearts



Dr S V Lakshmi Narayana,
1976 Rangarayan

“బరేయ్ వాడి కోసం మనం యేదైనా చేయాలిరా”.

That was my classmate Dr Sridhar referring to a terminally ill classmate of us. But we don't know how to go about helping him. First Sridhar called all our classmate in and outside india and obtained promises for Five lakhs. Then he got the “Royal Rangarayan Society of 1976” Registered, with himself as Secretary, Kurukuri

Venkateswara rao as President and myself as Treasurer. We all met our ailing classmate and promised his family our help. By the time we were able to collect the money he passed away and we have given the money to his family.

That is how the courier boy got his job and never looked back since then. The small seed later grew into a big tree, as our classmates requested us to continue contributing to our College and Hospital. By contributing regularly to our society we were able to donate books and equipment in a big way for almost 20 years. We are able to maintain the momentum of our activities as we used to meet regularly in a different town starting from Bhimavaram

and later Kakinada, Vijayawada, Palakol, Hyderabad, and Visakhapatnam.

Seeing the success of our activities our classmate Lokesh Edara requested us to form the “RMCANA Trust” to carry on activities beyond our college and hospital.

Through this trust we also contributed material to Orphanages, and carried out academic activities like online tests and Lecture competitions to Undergraduates and Post graduates of Five Medical colleges around us.

In the meanwhile the Dr Moturu Bhanu Prasad Memorial Trust was formed with my guru Dr Rao Rangarao a 1960 batch Rangarayan as founder Trustee. I used to help him with the activities of the Trust which was later run by Dr A V Krishnam Raju (1966), Dr Vasantha kumar (1964), and Dr Satyadev (1969) – all distinguished

Rangarayans as Executive Trustees. Upon his retirement Dr Satyadev handed over the Trust to me as Executive Trustee. This Trust is the biggest donor to the college so far and the longest serving body after Ramcosa which is donating books and equipment to the college, Hospital and Library regularly. Thus began the exciting journey in this Trust for me under the able guidance of Dr Prasad Kakarala another distinguished Rangarayan. I have expanded the activities to supporting poor students of the college for their college fees, hostel fees and for books and also donations to orphanages in Kakinada. One of the students supported by this Trust proved worthy of our help and passed out

of our college with flying colours and secured admission in an AIIMS college in Paediatrics. Now this Trust is playing a crucial part in the Maternal and Child Hospital Project of RMCANA by channelling some of the donations through it.

Then Dr Lokesh Edara called me one day and requested me to form another Trust –

The ‘RMCANA India Foundation’ to act as a channel for the activities of RMCANA in India with a broad based basket of activities as their core principles which the other Trusts are lacking. For this body I have chosen Dr Y Kalyan Chakravarthy who is a 1988 Rangarayan and Dr Thejo Krishna a 2001 Rangarayan as Directors along with me. We formed this Foundation in 2022 and is channelling funds for the MCH Project of RMCANA in addition to donating for activities of the Red Cross Society, and Rotary Club of Kakinada.

All these bodies, the Ramcosa, Bhanu Prasad Trust and RMCANA India Foundation have 12A certification (which gives exemption of TDS on their income) and 80G approval from Income Tax department (which gives Tax exemption on donations to these Trusts). We have completed the process of applying for the FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, which allows these bodies to receive funds in foreign currencies) for the RMCANA India Foundation and are awaiting for the approval. We are also initiating the process of applying for the FCRA permission for the Bhanu Prasad Trust.

As I am doing these activities for these bodies, Rangarayans who wanted to donate something to the college used to call me to help find requirements across the college and hospital and help them give something back to it in gratitude.

My journey in the college which continued from my joining in August 1976 till now (except for two years) helped me find the right people who are passionate and departments where there was acute need and connect the donor and recipient for the effective utilization of these donations.

Now I am one of the building committee members for the MCH Project, work on which started in September 2023 and is going on non-stop since then. This project is most crucial to the hospital as it will not only bring a sea change in Maternal and Neonatal services in this part of the state of AP but also will also help the administration to renovate and rebuild the ageing hospital buildings, plans on which were put forward many times but not gone through due to lack of space which the MCH Project will create, as it will have 500+ beds – adding almost 300 beds and freeing the rest in the Gynaec-Paediatric block.

Dear friends, the purpose of writing this piece is not only to bring to your notice the extent of generosity being showered on our parent institutions by grateful and caring alumni but also to celebrate the many individuals and bodies who are making our Alma mater one of the best in academics and patient care.

Be it a Santhi Moturu who donated generously to start the most successful Bhanu Prasad Trust in memory of her late husband.

Be it a Vijay Raghav rao who donated generously to the Golden Jubilee Library project in memory of his parents.

Be it a Kamala Tummala who donated generously to the Department of Cardiology in memory of her late husband Dr Prasad. Be it Paladugu Rambabu who not only donated generously for the MCH Project but also never

leaves an opportunity to raise donations and send equipment to the College and Hospital with unfailing regularity. Be it the 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980 batches and the Karuturi family, Jagan Kakarala, Nagamani Kilaru, Madhavi Medapati, Rajendra Kakarala, and many generous donors to the MCH Project and others who donated towards the infrastructure and equipment of the college and hospital and contributed towards its academic excellence.

Or the members of Ramcosa who responded spontaneously to my call for a Digital Blackboard in the Golden Jubilee Library and donated so much that in addition to Golden Jubilee library we also funded the Digital blackboard in the Surgery Examination hall. This started a flood of donations towards donating Digital blackboards which are now present in every major Lecture hall of the college (except the Biochemistry Lecture hall which is presently being renovated) and most of the seminar halls of individual departments, so much so, that our college tops in the number of Digital blackboards among the Medical colleges of the state of AP.

I will be failing in my duty if I don't mention Lokesh Edara who breathes, sleeps, lives and loves and strives for improvement and transformation in academics, not just in our college but all over India.

And Vishnu Kalidindi who is passionate about academics and conducts CMEs with credit hours during our Reunions and the prime motivator of the MCH Project.

And AV Subbaraya Chowdary the fervent, ardent and Obsessive force behind the MCH Project.

And SSC Chakra Rao who created history by promoting CPR across the country. He created

a virtual tsunami of CPR training across the country and brought so much awareness that nowadays we find references to CPR in movies and TV serials. He made the Indian Council of Resuscitation Federation a member of the prestigious ILCOR and is justly one of the Chief Guests of the present RMCANA Biennial Reunion.

And DSVL Narasimham the present Principal, Director of Medical Education and Vice Chancellor of Dr NTR University of Health sciences who galvanized the students with his many initiatives. Among his crowning achievements is the 'Rangaraya Newsletter' which is into its second year of regular publication and is one of a kind in the entire country among medical colleges and now the RMC Global Journal.

The list is exhaustive and endless (yes there are so many more) as the generous hearts of our alumni knows no bounds when it comes to spending their energy and time and giving away their life's earnings for their Alma mater.

So now the courier boy had many customers and he never once turned away any and tried to do his best - always. He valued his job of being a bridge between the generous hearts and the Alma mater, deeming it a privilege and a pleasure.

So friends that is my journey with the many Rangarayans – for the last 30 years and I loved and lived every moment of it. I consider myself fortunate to have been the chosen one and be able to act as a conduit for all those acts of generosity for which I am the delivery boy. Now, will that make me eligible for a six sigma rating?

**- Dr S V Lakshmi Narayana,
1976 Rangarayan**



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Maternal & Child Health Project Updates

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH BLOCK – UPDATE

A RMCANA Dream

We from RMCANA, have decided to complete the unfinished MCH building by the government at the Government general hospital, Kakinada during our reunion at Atlanta in 2018. We all had good hopes all this time for its completion as soon as possible to serve the people in need.

Hope is a waking dream - Aristotle

But it has been six years already since we decided about it. Faced several hurdles and roadblocks to pursue this dream project of RMCANA and we are still talking about it!

I don't think of all misery,

But of the beauty that remains! - Anne Frank

No matter how hard it is,

No matter how hard it gets,

We are going to make it...

And finally, we made it happen by signing the final memorandum of understanding with the state government on the 13th of April 2023. After all the other required clearances, the actual construction started on the 10th of September 2023. Since then, the construction has been progressing at a very fast pace and without any more hiccups or interruptions.

We, from the building committee, take pride in it and would like to assure you all that the project will be completed as soon as possible.

We sincerely respect all RMCANA members who already donated to it and kindly request the other members to please support this noble cause.

I am proud to be a Royal Rangarayan!

Dr. Subbaraya Chowdary Achanta

1990 Rangarayan

MCH DONORS

Donor Name	Donation Amount	Area
GROUND FLOOR		
Sashi Kuppala	125 K	Ground Floor
Sudhakar Jonnalagadda	50 K	ICU
Praveen Seshabhattar	15 K	HDU
Radhika and Siva Kumar Oruganti	10 K	Isolation Delivery Room
Swathy Kolli	25 K	Sick Baby Unit
Venu Madhav Madhipatla	25 k	Neonatal Casualty with Triage, Resuscitation, Observation Room and Procedure Room, Emergency
Lakshmi Krishna Leela Baisetti	25 K	OT, Pre Op and Recovery
Paladugu Rambabu	100 K	Labor and Delivery
FIRST FLOOR		
XX		
Anusha Valluru	10 K	Library
Team Sakhi	25 K	Septic Labor Room -1
Garaparti Sarada Padma Bhanu	25 k	Septic Labor Room -2
Manju Badam	100 K	Antenatal Ward 1 + 2
Seshukumari Chintamaneni	100 K	Antenatal Ward 3 + 4
SECOND FLOOR		
XX		
Satyanarayana Prasad Kante	100 K	Postnatal Ward 5 + 6
Venkata Subbaraya Chowdary Achanta	100 K	Postnatal Ward 1 + 2
THIRD FLOOR		
XX		
Anil Gogineni	25 K	NICU -1
1974 Rangarayans	25 K	Seminar Hall
1974 Rangarayans	10 K	Library
Gayathri and Raja Sreekrishna Talluri	100 K	NICU 4 + 5
Mythily Varanasi	50 K	NICU – 9
Mohan Kishore Kesani	25 K	NICU – 12
FOURTH FLOOR		
Radha Rani Prattipati and Narendra Achanta	10 K	Special Room – 1
Radha Vallabhaneni	10 K	Special Room – 2
Suresh Kodali	50 K	Elective OT Complex

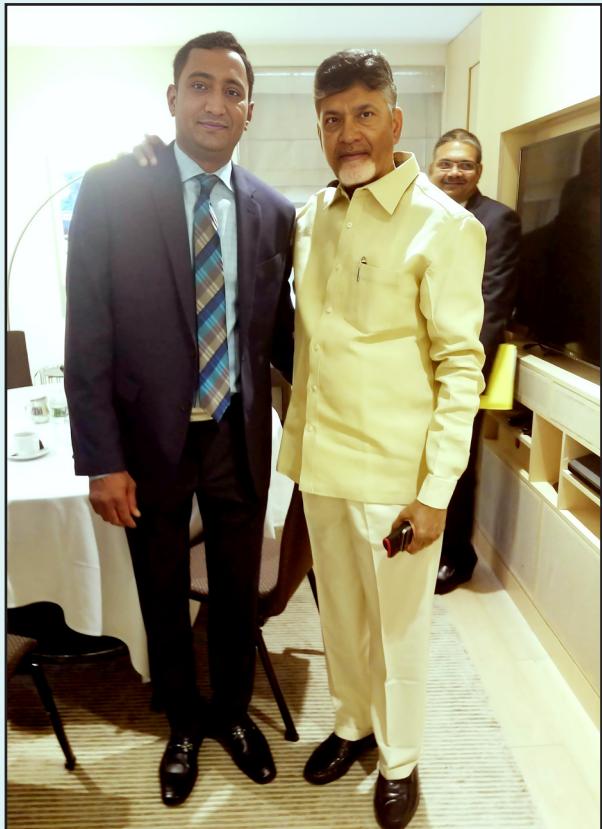


Chandiyagam
before the start of the
construction.

Final MOU signatures
with the
Government



MCH - Visit bt Government
Engineers, Architect,
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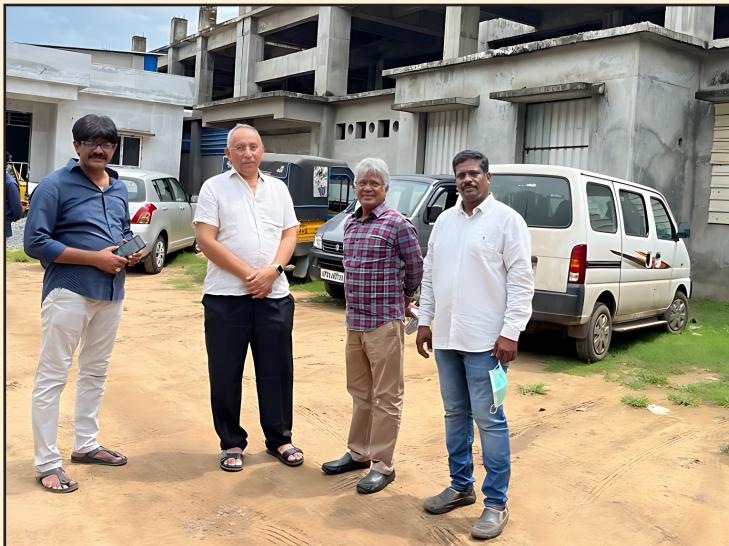




MCH - Electrical pipes in place in Second floor Slab, February, 2024.



MCH - First floor Brick work, March, 2024.



MCH Building - May 2023 Building committee member, architect and the contractor.



MCH - Inspection of slab rods by Government Engineers in February, 2024



MCH Building May 2023



Dr. Prasad Choudary Kakarala

MD DCH FAAP
1960 Rangarayan

Prasad Choudary Kakarala is a 1960 Rangarayan who has devoted his life to medicine and charitable works. He founded the Dr. M. Bahnu Prasad Memorial Trust in honor of his friend; in addition, he was the driving force in getting the college auditorium named after Dr. Moturu Bahnu Prasad.

Within the RAMCANA list of projects; he has donated to most of them and specifically took an active role in initiating the MCH Project as well as being the primary contributor for the Ground Floor of MCH.

In his native village of Ramapuram, he has established a primary health center and high school both named after his father. He has continued to support both facilities as needed. The village also received his support in the areas of sanitation; drinking water and the paving of the roads. Further, in AP, he has supported various orphanages and helped over 300 students in need with the funds for their college education.

In addition to being a pediatrician in private practice in Tiffin, OH; he is the Professor of Pediatrics, College of Medicine at the University of Toledo, Toledo, OH. In the last five years he has twice won the Best Teaching Award. Within his local area; he has established endowed scholarship funds for high school seniors in need at every high school within Seneca and Wyandot Counties. Beyond the high schools all four local universities as well as the College of Medicine at the University of Toledo have been provided with endowed scholarship funds. All of these Endowed Scholarship Funds are specific to assist students that will attend college and have a financial need. Also, locally he has provided significant charitable contributions to Tiffin Mercy Hospital; Tiffin Seneca Public Library and the Tiffin YMCA.

Below is brief list of Awards Received :

- Lifetime Achievement Award from Mercy Health System
- Physician Excellence in Mission Award from Mercy Hospital
- Outstanding Service Award from the University of Toledo
- Service Above Self Award from Rotary International
- Everyday Hero Award from Red Cross
- Commitment to Youth Award
- Distinguished Youth Asset Builder Award
- Service to Community Award from TANA Foundation

Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda, MD

1974 Rangarayan



Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda, a distinguished physician and Philanthropist, has made significant contributions to the field of medicine and beyond. Born into a family of physicians in Guntur, Dr. Jonnalagadda's journey in healthcare began in 1974, setting the stage for a remarkable career.

After completing medical school from Rangaraya Medical College in Kakinada, Dr. Jonnalagadda's professional path led him to Nigeria, where he served as a medical officer before pursuing specialized training in abdominal surgery at the First University clinic in Vienna. His quest for knowledge and expertise took him to the United States, where he completed training in internal medicine and liver transplantation at the University of Pittsburgh and general Hepatol at University of Miami, and gastroenterology at Augusta. Further enhancing his skills, he undertook a therapeutic fellowship in Hamburg, Germany, before establishing his practice in Douglas, GA. Dr. Jonnalagadda's commitment to education extended to his role as a clinical professor at the Medical College of Georgia and accepted new role as Internal Medicine Program Chair.

In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Jonnalagadda has taken on leadership roles in various medical organizations, including serving as President of the Georgia Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, President of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, and Director of the Medical Association of Georgia. His dedication to advancing healthcare and promoting diversity in medicine is evident in his leadership positions.

Dr. Jonnalagadda's philanthropic endeavors have left a lasting impact on communities both locally and internationally. His generous donations have supported various causes, including building projects, educational initiatives, and healthcare facilities. From donating a school bus to supporting the establishment of maternal ICU, Dr. Jonnalagadda's charitable contributions have touched the lives of many.

Recognizing his outstanding achievements and contributions, Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda has been honored with prestigious awards, including the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award in 2021, from the President of India and the Red Cross Gold Medal from the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, and the IAPC Excellence in Leadership Award. These accolades reflect his dedication to excellence and leadership in the medical field.

Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda's dedication to patient care, leadership in professional organizations, and philanthropic contributions have earned him respect and admiration within the medical community. His legacy as a compassionate physician and advocate for healthcare equity continues to inspire others to make a difference in the world of medicine.



Mythily Kakani Varanasi

Board of Director,
GrowthAXL Group of Companies
Founder & CEO, Not-for-Profit,
Community Health Platform

Mythily Kakani Varanasi is a medical doctor by background with a deep commitment to healthcare innovation and community service. As a co-founder and board member of a healthcare startup,

Mythily collaborates closely with her husband, Upen Varanasi, to drive impactful change in the healthcare industry. She shares her passion for Entrepreneurship with her husband and together they have invested in multiple startup ventures.

In addition to her work in the startup space, Mythily is launching a not-for-profit community health platform focused on providing critical support

to the most vulnerable patients during their most challenging times.

Her passion for improving lives extends to her philanthropic efforts, where she actively supports charities dedicated to the wellness and education of underprivileged children.

Mythily and Upen live in Houston, Texas along with their children Vikram and Divya and their pet GoldenDoodle, Totoro. Her work, both professionally and philanthropically, is driven by a genuine desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.





RMCANA DONORS



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Sasha Vallabhaneni (17 yrs - 12 grade) Suresh Vallabhaneni



Prasad Maddukuri & Family



Venu Madhipatla & family
1991 batch



Venkata Satish Sampathi and Vijaya Seepana



Mahalakshmi Venigalla, 1974 batch



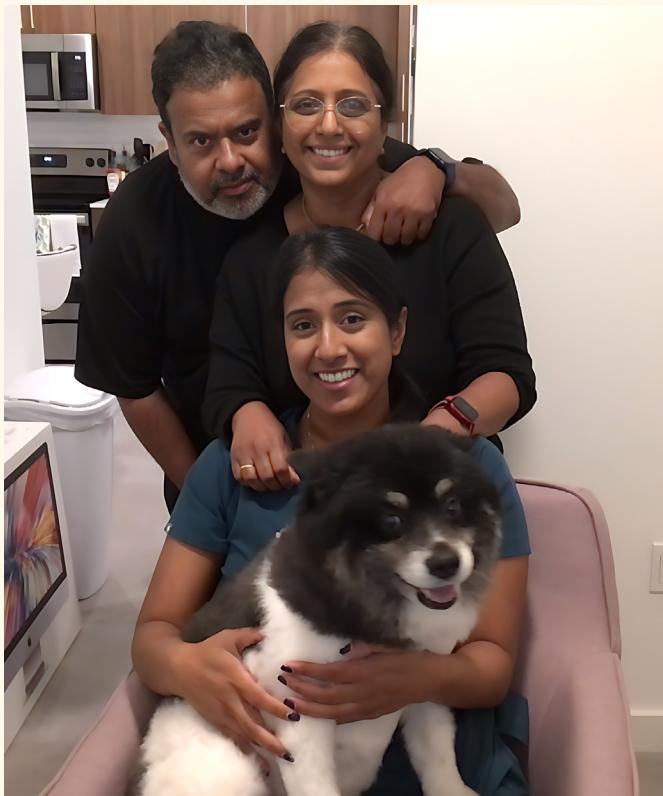
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భామని మబ్బారావు

1974 రంగరాయన్

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కొత్త పెల్లి కూతురిలా
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ఎంత ఆశ పడుతుందో

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పురోగమనమో తిరోగమనమో
జాతి సంపద వ్యక్తి సంపదయ్యేవేళ
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1994 రంగరాయన్

పాధ్మనే లేష్టానే, ఈశ్వరుని తలచుకొని, అబ్బాయిని చూసాను. అబ్బాయి గాఢ నిద్రలో ఉండడం చూసి, నా దిన చర్యలు మొదలుపెట్టాను. నా పనులు చేసుకుంటూనే, మధ్యమధ్యలో అబ్బాయిని చూస్తున్నాను. ఇంకా నిద్రలేవలేదు.

అన్యమనస్కంగా పనులు చేసుకుంటూనే, అబ్బాయి ఇంకా ఎందుకు లేవలేదో అనుకుంటూ మరొక సారి చూస్తే, లలిత గారు ఒక చేత్తి ఫీట్, మరొక చేత్తి గ్రాసుతోవస్తున్నారు. అబ్బాయి నెమ్మిదిగా లేవడం చూసి, తల తిప్పి, నేను నా కంప్యూటర్ తెరిచి పనిలో పడేసరికి, టైము తెలియలేదు.

ఒక మీటింగు కి వెళ్లేలోపు ఒక్క సారి అబ్బాయి వైపు చూసాను. అబ్బాయి టీవీ చూస్తూ, పక్కన రాజు గారు ఫోన్సే మాట్లాడుతూ కనిపించారు. నేను మీటింగులో మాట్లాడవలసిన విషయం మరొకసారి చూసుకొన్నాను.

అనుకున్నదానికంటే మీటింగు ఆలస్యం అయింది. దాంతో అబ్బాయిని చూసి చాలా సేపు అయినట్టు అనిపించింది. టీగామని లేష్టా అబ్బాయి వైపు చూస్తే, అబ్బాయి కనబడలేదు. ఇంట్లో ఎవరూ కూడా కనబడలేదు. నా గుండె గుఫేలుమంది.

వీధి వాకిలి, హలు, పడకగది, భోజనాల బల్ల దగ్గర, మరొకసారి చూసాను. ఫలితం లేదు. వంటగది, వెనక గది, పెరటి వైపు దృష్టి సారించే అవకాశం లేకపోయింది.

అబ్బాయి కనిపించకపోయేనరికి మననంతా అందోళనతో నిండిపోయింది. టీకాదు కదా, ఏమీ చేయాలనిపించటంలేదు. కాలు నిలవనీయకపోతే పచార్లు చేస్తున్నాను. ఎవరికైనా ఫోన్ చేద్దామనుకున్నా, ఎవరికి చేయాలి, అయినా అప్పడే కాదు అని సర్దుకున్నాను.

ఈలోగా మావారు వచ్చారు. నేనేమీ చెప్పకపోయినా నా పరిస్థితి అర్థం అయిపోయినట్టుంది.

తనతోపాటు నాకు కూడా టీ తీసుకొచ్చి నా చేతికిజచ్చి, “మధ్య అనవసరంగా ఖంగారు పడుతున్నావు” అని టీవీ ఆన్ చేసారు, టీ తాగుతూ. నాకు ఒళ్ళు మండిపోయింది. సహాయంచేయకపోగా, ఈ వ్యాఖ్యా ఒకటి.

టీ తాగకుండా పట్టుకుని, కళ్ళు మూసుకున్నాను, నా ఇష్టాధైవాన్ని తలచుకొంటూ. మావారి వారింపు గుర్తు కొచ్చింది.

యూకే లో ఉండి, సిసి టీవీలో అబ్బాయి ని ఇలా చూడటం అవసరం తో మొదలై, అలవాటుగా మారి, అశక్తి, కుతూహలాలు తోడై, ఆ అలవాటు కాస్తా అబ్బాయి మారడానికి ఎన్నో రోజులు పట్టలేదు.

జంటికి ఎవరెవరు ఎప్పుడెస్తున్నారు, అబ్బాయికి భోజనం, టిఫిను కాఫీలు ఎప్పుడిస్తున్నారు, ఇటువంటివన్నీ నిశితంగా గమనిస్తూ వచ్చాను.

టీ తాగమని మావారు గుర్తు చేయటంతో, టీ తాగుతూ అబ్బాయిని చూసేనరికి, కుడి చేత మూసిన గుపెటతో, మరోచేత్తో వీధిగేటు తోష్టా అబ్బాయి, వెనకే జాజిపువ్వుల తో నిండి ఉన్న పూల సజ్జ తో పనమ్మాయి వీధిగుమ్మం నుండి లోపలకు వస్తూ కనిపించారు.

నాకు చాలా కోపం, నిన్నసాయత రెండూ ఒక్కసారి వచ్చాయి. సన్నజాజి మొక్కావైపు ఎందుకు వెళ్లారు, అనుకున్నారు, దూరంగా వీధి దగ్గర గోడకానుకుని ఉంటుందది. పడిపోతే? ఆ ఆలోచనే భయంకరగా తోచింది. పైగా వీధిలో ఈ మధ్య వచ్చే వాహనాల రద్ది ఎక్కువైపోయింది.

అబ్బాయి అడుగులో అడుగు వేసుకుంటూ, గోడ పట్టుకుని నెమ్మిదిగా లోపలకి వస్తున్నారు. ఈమధ్య బాగానే నడుస్తున్నట్టు ఉన్నారు కానీ, ఇంట్లోకి వచ్చి కూర్చునే దాకా, నాకు మనసు కుదుటపడలేదు.

పెంటనే ఫోన్ చేసాను, చాలాసేపు మోగిన తరువాత కానీ ఎత్తలేదు. “ఈ కొత్త ఫోనులో, ఎన్నిసార్లు స్టైప్ చేయడానికి ప్రయత్నించినా, సాధ్యపడల్లేదు. నా

వేళ్ళ మొద్దుబారిపోయాయి. ఆ పాత ఫోనే బాగుండేది.” నేను, “అవను అబ్బాయ్, కానీ నువ్వు అవనరమైతే నాకు చెయ్యగలగాలి కదా, వాట్సవ్ ఈ ఫోన్సోనే ఉంది మరి. నువ్వుపువ్వులు కోయడానికి బయటకు వెళ్ళద్దని చెప్పానా, ఎందుకు వెళ్ళావు? గంగ పువ్వులు తీసుకుని వస్తుంది కదా?”

అబ్బాయి, నువ్వుతూ “ నా మీద నిఫ్ఫా ఎప్పుడు అపుతావు? నేను బాగానే ఉన్నాను, నీ ఆంక్లలు ఎక్కువ అయిపోయాయి; నన్నిలా బతకనీ.” అన్నారు.

“నీకేమయినా అయితే నేనే కదా చూసుకునేది?” అన్నాను.

“నాకేమీకాదు, నన్ను ఆ భగవంతుడే చూసుకుంటాడు, అయినా ఇంత మంది నా చుట్టూ ఉన్నారు, నాకేమీ అవ్వదు.

అయినా, నీకు ఇంట్లో, బయట వని సరిపోలేదా, ఏమిటి, నా మీద ఈ కట్టడి ?

అబ్బాయి గొంతులో విసుగు ధ్వనించింది. సరేలే, ఉంటాను, జాగ్రత్త అని చెప్పి ఫోను పెట్టేసాను.

ఒక్కసారిగతంతో పాటురెండు మూడేళ్ళగా నన్ను ఈ స్థితికి తీసుకు వచ్చిన సంఘటనలు వద్దనుకున్నా గుర్తొచ్చాయి.

నేను ఒక్క గానొక్క కూతురిని, పైగా వాళ్ల అమ్మ పేరు నాకు పెట్టడంతో, మా నాన్న ని నేను చిన్నపుడు కూడా వాళ్ల అమ్మ పిలిచినట్టు అబ్బాయి అని సరదాగా పిలవడం మొదలుపెట్టాను. చిన్నతనంలో ముద్దుగా ఉందనుకున్నట్టున్నారు. పెద్ద అయినా నేను మార్పుకోలేకపోయాను.

కోవిడ్ టైం వరకూ నాకు భారతదేశం వెళ్ళాలంట చాలా ఉత్సాహంగా ఉండేది. మా అమ్మ నాన్న అన్ని సమకూర్చేవారు. చాలా సంతోషంగా గడిపి వచ్చేదాన్ని.

వారిద్దరికీ చిన్న అయినా పెద్ద అయినా ఆరోగ్య సమస్యలు వారే డాక్టర్ దగ్గరకు వెళ్లి పరిష్కరించుకునేవారు. నాకేమీ చెప్పేవారుకాదు. బ్యాంకు, మునిసిపాలీ పన్నులు వగైరా కూడా నాకు తెలియదు.

కానీ మా అమ్మని కోవిడ్ బారినుండి దక్కించుకోలేకపోయాము.

అబ్బాయిని యూకె రమ్మంటే, మా అమ్మ సంవత్సరీకాలు ముగిసేదాకా ఇల్లు వదిలి పెట్టమని మొండిచేసారు. చేసేదిలేక, చుట్టుపక్కల వాళ్లకి, చుట్టాలందరికి చెప్పి వచ్చాను. రోజంతా ఇంటికి ఎవరో ఒకరు వచ్చి పెళ్లినా, రాత్రి మాత్రం ఇంట్లో ఒక్కరే.

రాత్రి ఇంట్లో తోడుగా పడుక్కేవడానికి ఒక మనిషిని కుదురుస్తానంటే, అబ్బాయి సనేమిరా వద్దని మొండితనం.

సంవత్సరీకాలకు భారతదేశం వెళ్లి, అబ్బాయిని చాలా బలవంతం మీద యూకె తీసుకువచ్చాను.

కూతురిగా నా వంతు బాధ్యత నేను నిర్విర్తించానని నాకైతే తృప్తిగా, మనశ్శాంతిగా ఉంది. అబ్బాయికి మా అమ్మ లేని లోటు మాత్రమే అనుకున్నాను.

రోజంతా టీవీ కాలక్కేపం; సాయంత్రానికి మేము వచ్చేసేవాళ్లం. నాకు ఇంటి నుంచి వనిచేసుకునే అవకాశం కూడా ఉండేది. వారాంతరాలు బయటకు వెళ్లే వాళ్లం.

కానీ, మా అమ్మ పోయిన సంవత్సరంకంటే, యూకె వచ్చిన రెండు నెలలలో అబ్బాయి మరింత మనస్తాపనానికి గురి కావడం మా వారు గమనించారు.

ఎలాగో ఇంకోక నెల గడిపిన తరువాత, మా తాతగారి ఆశీకం వస్తోందన్న నెపంతో, అబ్బాయి భారతదేశం వెళ్లిపోవాలని భీషించడంతో, పైగా, చలి తీవ్రత మొదలవ్వడంతో, నేను వెనక్కి తీసుకువెళ్లక తప్పలేదు.

నేను తిరిగి యూకె కి వచ్చిన మూడు నెలలకి, అబ్బాయికి ఇంట్లో ఒళ్లు తూలి పడి వెన్నెముక విరిగి, ఇంకోకమూడు నెలలు మంచం పట్టారు.

ఈ విషయం నాకు పడిన మూడేరోజు కానీ చెప్పలేదు. వెంటనే ఎందుకు చెప్పలేదు అని అడిగితే, నేను బాధ పడతానని, ఉద్యోగంలో తీరిక లేకుండా ఉంటాననీ చెప్పలేదని అన్నారు.

నేను మరొక సారి భారతదేశం వెళ్లి, అన్ని సమకూర్చు, అన్ని వేళలూ ఒక మనిషి కూడా ఉండేటట్టు అన్ని సదుపాయాలూ చేసి, వంటకి లలిత గారు, బయట పనులన్నింటికి రాజగారు, రాత్రి ఇంట్లో పడుక్కోవడానికి ఒక కుర్రాడు, అందరూ కుదిరారు. అప్పుడే సిసి కెమేరా కూడా ఏర్పాటు చేసాను.

ఈ విషయంలో అబ్బాయి ముందు అభ్యంతరం పెట్టినా, నా మాటే నెగ్గింది.

నేను అన్ని వేళలూ దగ్గర ఉండి చూసుకోలేను కానీ, నాకు ధైర్యంగా ఉంటుంది అని నచ్చచెప్పి బప్పించాను.

మూడునెలలు తిరగ్గానే, కథ మళ్ళీ మొదటికి వచ్చేసింది. రాత్రిపూట తోడుగా పడుక్కునే కుర్రాడిని మానిపించేసారు. వంటావిడ సాయంత్రం రావాల్సిన అవసరం లేదన్నారు. రాజగారు రోజు సాయంత్రం వచ్చి కూర్చున కబుర్లు చెపుక్కుర్చేదు అన్నారు.

మందులు వేసుకుంటానంటారు, కానీ నాకు నమ్మకం సన్నగిల్లింది.

బిల్ఫేజ్ హోం తరహలో, నా పరిస్థితిలో ఉన్న స్నేహితులు ఇద్దరు ముగ్గురి తల్లిదండ్రుల తో మాత్రమే కలసి, బీచ్ రోడ్సులో ఒక అప్పార్ట్మెంట్ తీసుకుని ఉండి, అక్కడే ఇలాంటి ఏర్పాట్లు అన్ని చేసి, మేము స్నేహితులం వంతులవారీ దెండేసి నెలలు రోజులు వచ్చి వెళ్లు ఉండవచ్చు కదా అంటే, ఆ సలహా నచ్చలేదు.

ఉన్నన్నిరోజులు, సాంత గూటిలో ఉన్న సాఖ్యం ఎక్కడా ఉండదు అంటారు. అదీ నిజమే మరి. సదుపాయాలు అన్ని సమకూర్చుకున్న ఇల్లు. ఈ వయసులో వచ్చే మరువుతో, పరిసరాలలో మార్పు ఉంటే, ఆందోళన కి గురి అపుతారని తెలిసిన విషయమే.

ఈ విషయం ఈ సారికి ఇక్కడితో వదిలేయ దల్చుకున్నాను.

తల్లిదండ్రులను అక్కడ ఉంచలేక, ఇక్కడికి తీసుకురాలేక, వారిని తలచుకొన్న ప్రతిసారీ, మాట్లాడిన ప్రతిసారీ, వీడియో కాల్ చేసిన ప్రతిసారీ, అపరాధ భావంతో బరువెక్కిన గుండెలతో ఉన్న నాలాంటివారెందరో. ఫోన్ చేస్తే సమాధానం లేకపోతే అలజడి. నేను చేస్తే ఫరవాలేదు కానీ, భారతదేశం నుండి ఫోన్ వస్తే అదుర్దా.

నేను రాత్రి పడుక్కునే ముందు, అబ్బాయిని సీసీ టివీలో చూసి నిద్రకి ఉపక్రమిస్తాను. ఒకొక్క సారి, పక్కన మంచినీళ్ళ అయిపోతే వంటింట్లోకి వెళ్లి తెచ్చుకోవడం చూస్తాను. అంత వయస్సు పైబడిన ఆయన అలా ఒంటరిగా ఉంటూ, నడవలేక నడవడం చూస్తాఉంటే, నా మనసు కకలావికలమై, కళ్ళ వెంబడి నీరు ధారలైన రోజులు ఎన్నో.

అబ్బాయి తరచుగా మననం చేసుకునే శ్లోకం ఒకచి గుర్తుకోచ్చింది.

“అనాయాసేన మరణం - వినాదైన్యేన జీవనం దేహంతే తవ సాయుజ్యం - దేహిమే పరమేశ్వరా.

బుతికి నంత కాలం ఎవరినీ ‘దేహి’ అని యాచించకుండా, ఎవరి ముందూ తలవొంచకుండా, ఎవరినీ నోప్పించకుండా హాయిగా, అరోగ్యంగా జీవిస్తూ,

(అనాయాసేన మరణం) ఎలాంటి బాధ, నోప్పి లేకుండా సునాయానంగా మరణం కలిగేలా, (దేహంతే తవ సాయుజ్యం) దేహం చాలించాక నిన్న దర్శించుకుని నీలో ఖ్యామయ్యేలా చేయి పరమేశ్వరా !”

నా ప్రార్థన, ‘ఆ’ సమయంలో మాత్రం నేను దగ్గర ఉండాలి’ అని. ప్రార్థించడం తప్ప చేసేదేమీ లేదు కదా.



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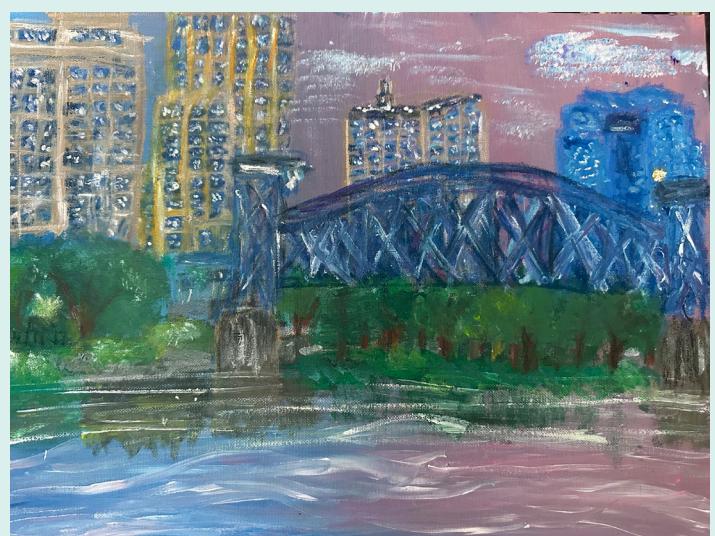
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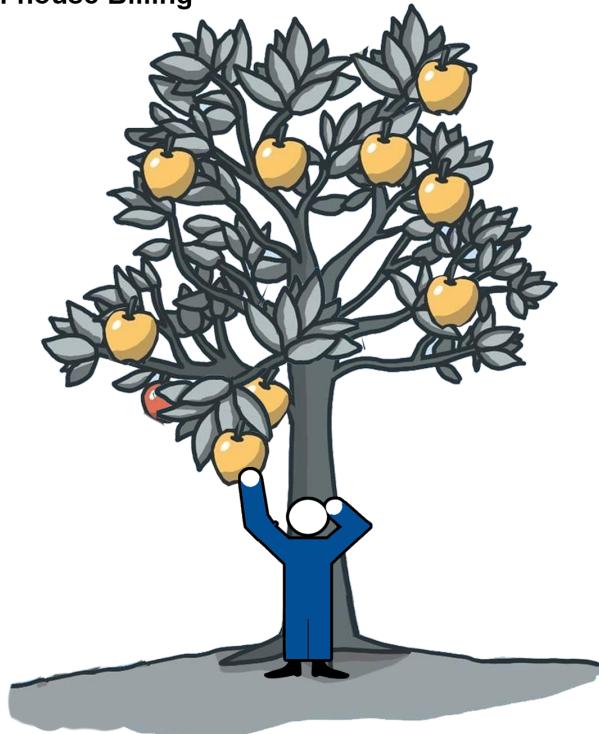


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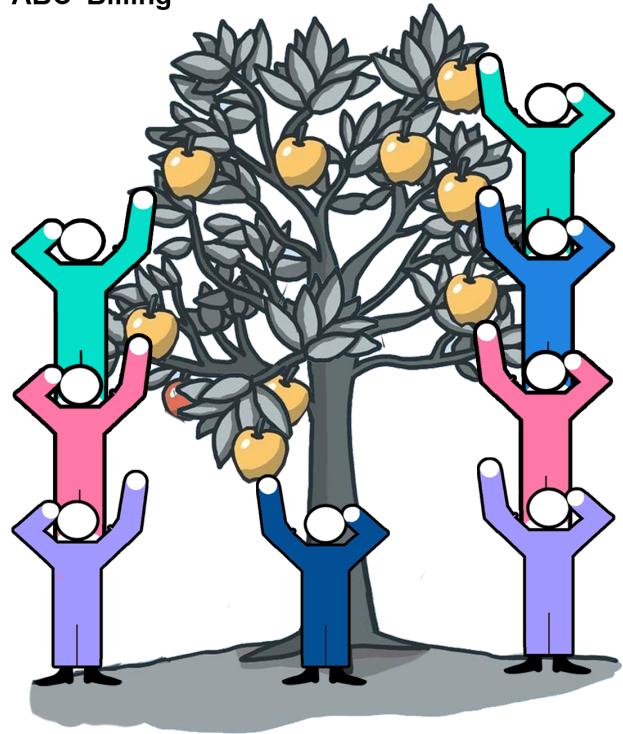
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