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New Editor's Note



Dr. Sajjan Shiva

Sarvajna (literally meaning 'the all-knowing') was a wandering monk, Kannada poet, pragmatist and philosopher of the 16th century, born in Hirekerur Taluk, Haveri District of Karnataka. He is famous for his three-lined Vachanas called 'tripadi'. About 2000 Vachanas are attributed to him. They deal mainly with social, ethical and religious issues. Some of his Vachanas also predict (Kaala Jnana) where the world would be in the future. This is his prediction on Basavanna:

ಬಸವ ಪೀಠವು ಎದ್ದು, ಒಸೆದು ನಾಣ್ಯವು ಹುಟ್ಟಿ, ಬಸವನ ಮುದ್ರೆ ಮೆರೆದಾವು, ಧರೆಯವಗೆ ವಶವಾಗದಿದುವೆ, ಸರ್ವಜ್ಞ!

Sarvajna says, Basavanna's global human values and equality will become popular among all, resulting in the establishment of Basava centers. Coins imprinted with Basava's stamp would be produced spreading his name all over. All the countries in the world will accept and bow to the equality principles of Basavanna. These predictions have certainly come true. Basavanna's statues have been installed in India and other countries and Basava centers have sprung up everywhere.

Over the last forty years VSNA has been instrumental in upholding and spreading Basava and Sharana values and principles in North America. We now have a multiplicity of generations of Veerashivas in North America. The first generation of our members who came here in 1960s and 1970s have attained the retirement age. This generation continued to practice and follow the principles they were exposed to in their early lives in India and developed into contributing Veerashivas. A large number of these are devoting time now to further learn and spread Veerashiva tenets. The second generation (broadly speaking, children of the first generation) have been exposed to Veerashiva principles to various extent based on the exposure and practices of their parents. It was a pleasure to Sharanu Sharanarathi,

Dr. Sajjan Shiva

Editor

see that this generation managed the Convention in 2017 and exhibited their interest and familiarity with our tenets. Our third generation is already at the teen age levels. It will be interesting to see how much of our tenets will be retained by this generation. In addition, we have our members who have immigrated here recently along with their families.

This brings up the question of what VSNA should be concentrating on here onwards beyond our usual annual conventions and chapter activities to keep our tenets alive. How can the VSNA continue to serve the requirements of all these four groups? Is it necessary for VSNA to create educational programs on our tenets tailored to the needs of each of these groups? How should we utilize the talents and experience of our members to create such programs? I am sure you have other questions and thoughts! Would you please let the VSNA officers know of your thoughts and suggestions! As always, we can be reached at newsletter@vsna.org. Happy reading!



New Publisher's Note

This is the first issue of Bhandavya with Dr. Sajjan Shiva as Editor and Shaila Eswarappa as Publisher. We request all VSNA members to submit articles and Chapter presidents to submit Chapter activity reports. The guidelines to submit articles and Chapter activity reports are given below on this page. In this issue we have introduced the Young Sharanas' Section. Please bring this to your children's attention and ask them to actively participate and contribute. Please provide your feedback at newsletter@vsna.org. We look forward to your active participation.



Mrs. Shaila Eswarappa - Publisher

Sharanu Sharanthigalu,



Guidelines for Submission of Articles

The Editorial committee welcomes your articles and poems for publication in our esteemed Newsletter - Baandhavya. Please adhere to the guidelines below and provide clear, concise, quality articles with facts. The Articles should reflect Veerashaiva / Lingayat philosophy, highlighting its rich religious and spiritual heritage. Submissions may include the life of Sharanas, Vachana interpretations and the philosophy. Please share contributions / achievements of the members in enriching the community around the world.

1. Articles should be original in nature and have not been published in any other format / heading in the previous editions of Baandhavya or any other VSNA publications.
2. If the articles contained any part or paragraph of previously published books / articles, appropriate reference should be provided.
3. Articles should be 1-2 pages (exceptions can be made up to 4 pages based on the subject / topic).
4. Up to 2 articles per author / issue will be considered per publication.
5. Editorial committee will review the article within 5 business days and the editor-in-chief will communicate to the writer of its acceptance / revision /rejection.
6. Revised article will be considered as a new submission and due course will be followed.
7. Articles received within the prescribed due date will be considered for publication in the issue. If an article is received after the due date, it will be considered for the following issue.


Guidelines for Chapter Presidents:

Please follow the guidelines for submitting chapter activities / updates and major achievements of the members to be published in our esteemed Newsletter - Baandhavya

1. One Paragraph write up highlighting each event / program and include pictures.
Note: Please send only 2 – 3 pictures per event /program.
2. Please restrict your chapter report to 1 – 2 pages including pictures.
3. Send the write up in word format only.

VSNA Newsletter Committee - newsletter@vsna.org





ಗಾಳಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟಲ್ಲಿ ತೂರಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿರಯ್ಯಾ
ಗಾಳಿ ನಿನ್ನ ದೀನವಲ್ಲಯ್ಯಾ
ನಾಳೆ ತೂರಿಹೆನಂದೆಡೆ ಇಲ್ಲವಯ್ಯಾ
ಶಿವಶರಣ ಎಂಬುದೊಂದು ಗಾಳಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟಲ್ಲಿ
ಬೇಗ ತೂರಂದೆ ಅಂಬಿಗರ ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ
- ಅಂಬಿಗರ ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ

Gāli biṭṭalli tūrikollirayyā
gāli ninnadhīnavallayyā
nāḷe tūrihenendaḍe illavayyā
śivaśaraṇa embudondu gāli biṭṭalli
bēga tūrenda ambigara cauḍayyā
- Ambigara Cauḍayyā



VSNA Theme Song: We are all One – Naavu Yellaru Onda

Note: Recitation and Music will be available on VSNA website soon.



In Kannada	In English	Translation
ನಾವು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಂದೇ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಶಿವನು ತಂದೆ ವೀರಶೈವರೆಲ್ಲ ಒಂದೇ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಶಿವನು ತಂದೆ	Naavu Ellaru Onda Ellarigu Shivanu thande Veerashaiivarella Onda Ellarigu Shivanu thande	We are all One Shiva is the Father to all Veerashaivas are all One (equal & united) Shiva is everyone's Father
ಬಸವಾದಿ ಪ್ರಮಥರಾ ಬಂದುಗಳು ನಾವು ಅಕ್ಕ ಮಹಾದೇವಿಯ ಬಳಗದವರು ನಾವು ಅವರು ಹಿಂದೆ ನಾವು ಮುಂದೆ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಶಿವನು ತಂದೆ	Basavaadi pramathara bandhugalu naavu Akka Mahadeviya balagadavaru naavu Avaru hinde naavu munde Ellarigu Shivanu thande	We all are brothers and sisters (descendants) of Basava and other Sharanas We are the family of Akka Mahadevi They are our proud past (heritage), we are future Shiva is everyone's Father
ಕಾಯಕವೇ ಕೈಲಾಸ ದಯವೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಧರ್ಮವು ದೇಹವೆಮ್ಮ ದೇಗುಲ ಲಿಂಗವೆಮ್ಮ ದೇವರು ವೀರಶೈವರೆಲ್ಲ ಒಂದೇ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಶಿವನು ತಂದೆ	Kayakave kailasa dayave namma dharmavu Dehavemma degula Linga vemma devaru Veerashaiivarella onde Ellarigu Shivanu thande	Our work is our Heaven, and Kindness our Duty Our body is the temple, where Linga our God resides All the Veerashaivas are One Shiva is everyone's Father
ನಾವು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಂದೇ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಶಿವನು ತಂದೆ ವೀರಶೈವರೆಲ್ಲ ಒಂದೇ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಶಿವನು ತಂದೆ	Naavu Ellaru Onda Ellarigu Shivanu thande Veerashaiivarella Onda Ellarigu Shivanu thande	We are all One Shiva is the Father to all Veerashaivas are all One (equal & united) Shiva is everyone's Father





Thank You Notes for the Services to the VSNA:



Mrs. Shashikala Nimbal – Maryland Chapter

The VSNA Team would like to thank Mrs. Shashikala Nimbal for her services on the VIRC. She was an active member of the VIRC and retired in December 2017.



 <p>ಕರಿಯಂಜುವುದು ಅಂಕುಶಕ್ಕಯ್ಯಾ! ಗಿರಿಯಂಜುವುದು ಕುಲಿಶಕ್ಕಯ್ಯಾ! ತಮಂಧವಂಜುವುದು ಜ್ಯೋತಿಗಯ್ಯಾ! ಕಾನನವಂಜುವುದು ಬೇಗೆಗಯ್ಯಾ! ಪಂಚಮಹಾಪಾತಕವಂಜುವುದು ಕೂಡಲಸಂಗನ ನಾಮಕ್ಕಯ್ಯಾ! ❖ ಬಸವಣ್ಣ</p>	<p>Kariyañjuvudu ankuśakkayyā! Giriyañjuvudu kulishakkayyā! Tamandhavañjuvudu jyōtigayyā! Kānanañjuvudu bēgegayyā! Pañcamahāpātakavañjuvudu kūḍalasaṅgana nāmakkayyā!</p>	<p>The Elephant fears the goad; The mountain, the thunderbolt; Darkness is ahead of light; The forest fears the fire; The five great sins fear, Lord, The name of kūḍala Saṅgama</p>
- Basavaṇṇa		

President's Message



Dear Fellow Veerashaivas,

This year marked the 40th anniversary of VSNA. We celebrated the joyful event at the 2017 Convention hosted by the Youth Chapter for the first time in VSNA History! Mr. Aravind Jatti graced the occasion as the keynote speaker. We have delivered on our promise what I said beginning of the year, "We will involve the youths at every level and make them our torch bearers". Bilva Chandra, the Youth President and her team are working diligently with local chapter presidents in getting together a youth member list across the US.

Mrs. Laxmi Hiremath

As I said before, "We will recreate the vsna.org website to provide a fresh new appearance". The work has begun, and I am happy to convey it is a Youth Project! The team of Youths include, Trishul Nagenalli, Abhinav Reddy and Yamir Raj as the lead coordinator.

At the start of the year I also said, we will strive to bridge the gap between the local VSNA Chapters and the Central VSNA, I can confidently say we have done so. Each and every BOD meetings have full quorum with earnest and meaningful discussions. For the first time, we dedicated December BOD meeting exclusively to the Chapter Presidents to present and highlight their events, youth involvements and goals pertaining to local chapters.

Baandhavya will serve as a knowledge base and committee has

agreed to limit it to a shorter version and make it more user friendly to VSNA members and the Youths. There is a change in the Newsletter Committee team and term. It is a one year term from January to December 2018. Srishail Hadimani is the VIRC director, Sajjan Shiva is the Editor, and Shaila Eshwarappa is the Publisher.

I am happy to inform, Central VSNA provided a generous donation of \$3000 promptly to active VSNA member, hurricane Harvey victim in Houston as financial assistance. The Bagali family has been impacted severely and had incurred damages. The total amount was sent to the Houston chapter President.

Detroit Convention Chair, Dayanand Tumkur and Sunita Kore, Convention Co-Chair, provided an upbeat update on the

upcoming Detroit 2018 Convention. The Team is working effortlessly on registration, website, fund raising, invitations, etc. Convention is scheduled for June 29th and 30th please visit <http://www.vsnaconvention.com/2018/> for details. Please plan to attend with family.

We are honored to receive the distinguished award given to VSNA by the Akhila Bharatha Sharana Saahitya Parishat, Bangalore. The award ceremony was held on Nov 17th Mr. Guruswamy Ayya personally received the award.

Overall we had a very productive and successful 2017 year. I thank the officers and BOD team members for their support. Thank you all for being part of the VSNA organization and your devotion toward the community.

Sharanu Sharanarthigalu

Laxmi Hiremath - VSNA President



ಭಾವದಲೊಬ್ಬ ದೇವರ ಮಾಡಿ
ಮನದಲೊಂದು ಬೆಕ್ಕಿಯ ಮಾಡಿ
ಕಾಯದ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯವುಂಟೆ ?
ವಾಯುಕ್ಕೆ ಬಳಲುವರು ನೋಡಾ !
ಎತ್ತನೇರೆ ಎತ್ತನರಸುವರು ಎತ್ತ ಹೋದರು ಗುಹೇಶ್ವರ ?



Bhāvadalloba dēvara māḍi
manadalondubhaktiya māḍi
kāyada kaiyalli kāryavunte?
Vāyukke baḷaluvuru nōḍā!
Ettanēre ettanarasuvuru etta hōdarai guhēśvara?

- ಅಲ್ಲಮ ಪ್ರಭು allama prabhu



ಇಳಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ದಾನ ಬೆಳೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ದಾನ
ಸುಳಿದು ಬೇಸುವ ಗಾಳಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ದಾನ
ಎತ್ತು ನಿಮ್ಮ ದಾನ ಬಿತ್ತು ನಿಮ್ಮ ದಾನ
ಸುತ್ತಿ ಹರಿವ ಸಾಗರವೆಲ್ಲ ನಿಮ್ಮ ದಾನ
ನಿಮ್ಮ ದಾನವನುಂದು ಅನ್ಯರ ಹೊಗಳುವ
ಕುನ್ನಿಗಳನೇನೆಂಬ ರಾಮನಾಥಾ

Iḷe nim'ma dāna beḷe nim'ma dāna
suḷidu beṣuva gāḷi nim'ma dāna
ettu nim'ma dāna bittu nim'ma dāna
sutti hariva sāgaravella nim'ma dāna
nim'ma dānavanuḍu an'yara hogaḷuva
kunnigalaneenembe rāmanāthā

- ಬೇಟರ ದಾಸಿಮಯ್ಯ jēḍara dāsīmāyya



BOR Message



Happy New Year to all!

VSNA was founded nearly 40 years ago by few dedicated Veerashiva immigrants. With the hard work and dedication of these founding members, VSNA membership grew and the trust fund continued to grow during these golden years.

Dadasaheb Patil

After year 2000, despite the immigrant Veerashiva community doubling and tripling in US & Canada, the Life membership, regular membership and trust fund have not increased proportionately. Additionally, VSNA has struggled to attract young adults who are born here.

Today, we are very proud to say that in the last few years a constant effort has been made by BOD and BOR members to attract young adults and we were

Thank you very much.

Dadasaheb Patil - BOR Chair.

able to host a convention that was planned and implemented by youths in 2017.

I have had the privilege of working with responsible, young, and energetic BOR team members who are working to find the solutions.

In 2017 our team has worked on updating the Life Membership Directory and also we have presented **“Proposal for Successful Convention”**. I look forward to another successful year.

Youth's Voice

Dear All,

The VSNA Youth Chapter is excited to be involved in the upcoming national convention hosted in Michigan this summer! Some initiatives that it is currently working on is maintaining and expanding Youth programming



for the convention in order to provide for a more holistic youth experience. Traditional programming that it will pursue is the Jeopardy tournament based off of Veerashaivism, the open youth forum to discuss the faith and their identities, and the youth trip into the city. The National Chapter board will be working together with the Michigan youth chapter in order to come up with fresh initiatives such as bringing a keynote speaker and having more programming for a myriad of age groups.

Bilva Chandra

President – National Youth Chapter



2018 Convention Chair's Message

Theme of the Convention is "ARIVE GURU - (ಅರಿವೆ ಗುರು)"

Dear VSNA Members,

It is time for the 41st VSNA convention! On behalf of Detroit Chapter, it gives me a great pleasure to invite you to the Convention. Our Chapter members are working on innovative ideas to make this convention delightful. Please join us with your family and friends on June 29th and 30th, 2018 for this great event and make it successful. The early bird registration has started already! Please register early and help us give you the best convention experience.

With Regards

Tumkur Dayanand

2018 VSNA Detroit Convention Chair

41st VEERASHAIVA SAMAJA OF NORTH AMERICA VSNA CONVENTION 2018
HOSTED BY DETROIT CHAPTER
JUNE 29-30, 2018 EDWARD CONVENTION CENTER, DEARBORN, MI-USA

Early bird registration starts from Jan 31st midnight, ends by May 1st.
Register online @ <http://vsnaconvention.com/2018> **\$99** (per person)

REGISTER NOW!

Young Sharanas Activities

Match the SharaNa's Name\ Ankitanama (Pen Name\ Signature Line)		Fill in the Blanks	
1. Akkamahadevi →	Chennamallikarjuna	Vachana 1:	Vachana 2:
2. Neelambike →	Guheshwaralinga	Kāge ___ ___ kaṇḍaḍe kareyade ___ baḷagavanu?	Kaḷavalāda manavu talekeḷagādudavva suḷidu ___ ___ gāḷi uriyāyitavva beḷaḍiṅgaḷu bisilāyittu ka ___ hoḷala sunḷiganante toḷalutiddēnavva ___ bud'dhiya hēḷi karetārelegavva cennamallikārjunāṅge eraḍara munisavva
3. Madivala Maachideva →	Sangayya	Kōḷi ondu ___ ___ kaṇḍaḍe kūgi kareyade ___ kulavanellava?	_____!
4. Allamaprabhu →	Kalidevaradeva	Śivabhaktanāgi bhakti pakṣavilladiddēde ___ kōḷiyinda karaḷaṣṭa	_____ ❖ _____
5. Chennabasavanna →	Koodalachenasangayya		
6. Muktaayakka →	Ajaganna Thande		
7. Sathyakka →	Amareeshwaralinga		
8. Aayadakki Maarayya →	Shambhujakkeshwra		
9. Dohaara Kakkayya →	Gangapriya koodalasanga		
10. Gangambike →	Abhinava Mallikarjuna		

Tathvava Nudiva Hiriyarellru – Elders Speaking of Righteousness

Sajjan Shiva and (Late.) Leela Garady

Authors of: [Vachana-A-Week](http://vachana-A-Week) - <http://vachanaAweek.blogspot.com>

Vachana in Kannada

ತತ್ವವ ನುಡಿವ ಹಿರಿಯರೆಲ್ಲರು
ತುತ್ತುನಿಕ್ಕುವರ ಬಾಗಿಲಲ್ಲಿ, ಅಚ್ಚುಗ ಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು ನೋಡಾ
ನಿತ್ಯಾನಿತ್ಯವ ಹೇಳುವ ಹಿರಿಯರು ತಮ್ಮ ಒಡಲ ಕಕ್ಕುಲತೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ.
ಭಕ್ತಿಯ ಹೊಲಬನರಿಯದ, ಜಡ ಜೀವಿ ಮಾನವರ ಇಚ್ಛೆಯ ನುಡಿದು,
ಹಲಬುತಿಪ್ಪರು ನೋಡಾ!
ಕತ್ತೆಗೆ ಕರ್ಪೂರವ ಹೇರಿದಂತೆ
ಅವರಿಗೆ ಇನ್ನೆತ್ತಣ ಮುಕ್ತಿಯೋ ಗುಹೇಶ್ವರಾ?

Vachana in English

All those elders speaking of Righteousness,
are at the doors of the providers of food, worried, you see!
The elders speaking of the eternal and ephemeral, with the
worry of their own stomach, are speaking to the interest of
inert humans who are not aware of the path of devotion and
are feeling sorry, you see!
It is like loading a donkey with perfumes!
When will they attain liberation, Guhesvara?

English Commentary:

Allama Prabhu comments on how the individuals, who have gained the knowledge of the principles of righteousness and the awareness of the path of devotion, utilize that knowledge to merely earning their living and filling their stomachs. He says, this is like loading a donkey with perfume. The donkey carries a precious load, but is never aware of how precious what it is carrying. Allama Prabhu questions as to how such individuals ever gain liberation.

All these elders who preach the principals of righteousness are at the doors of those who provide them food. They are worried about filling their stomachs. Then there are elders (experts) who speak of eternal and ephemeral. Their interest again is to fill their stomach. They do not hesitate to speak to inert (ordinary) humans who have never been exposed to the path of devotion, what they would like to hear.

The knowledge and awareness gained by these elders has just become a way of earning a living. They never internalized it. They never thought of following what they preach. They are not interested in the eternal bliss.

We must gain the knowledge needed to be the best in our careers and professions. We must gain the knowledge that makes us devout human beings. The former brings us the worldly happiness and the latter brings us the inner bliss. It will be great if we can preach what we practice!

Let us not just say what others would like to hear!

Kannada Commentary:

ಜನರು ಹೇಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆ ತುಂಬಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಧರ್ಮದ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಬಳಸುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತ ಅಂತಹವರಿಗೆ ಮುಕ್ತಿ ಹೇಗೆ ದೊರೆಯಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯ ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾರೆ ಅಲ್ಲಮ ಪ್ರಭುಗಳು.

ಧರ್ಮದ ಸಾರವನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವ ಹಿರಿಯರಿಗೂ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆಯ ಚಿಂತೆಯಿದೆ. ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆಯಪಾಡಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಳ್ಳವರ ಬಾಗಿಲಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಂತು ತಮಗಾಗಿ ಮರುಕಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಧರ್ಮದ ಸಾರವನ್ನು ಬೌದ್ಧಿಕವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರೂ ತಮಗಾಗಿ ಮರುಕ ಪಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ತಾವು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡ ಧರ್ಮದ ಸಾರ ಅವರ ನಹಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬರದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಯಾವುದು ನಿತ್ಯ ಯಾವುದು ಅನಿತ್ಯ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವ ದೊಡ್ಡವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆಯ ಚಿಂತೆಗೆ ಬಲಿಯಾಗಿ ಭಕ್ತಿ ಎಂದರೆನು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಯದ ಜಡ ಜೀವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಮನದಲ್ಲಿ ಏನನ್ನು ಬಯಸುತ್ತಾರೆಯೋ ಅದನ್ನೇ ಹೇಳಿ ತಾವು ದುಃಖಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ದುಃಖವನ್ನೂ ದೂರಮಾಡುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ನಿತ್ಯ ಅನಿತ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದರೂ ತಮ್ಮ ಅನಿತ್ಯವಾದ ಚಿಂತೆಯಿಂದ ಹೊರಬರಲು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಭಕ್ತಿಯ ದಾರಿಯನ್ನರಿಯದ ಜಡಜೀವಿಗಳು ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾರೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯರನ್ನು. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಭಕ್ತಿ ಇತರರಿಂದ ಕೇಳಿ ಮಾಡುವಂತಹುದಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ತಾನಾಗಿಯೇ ಸ್ಫುರಿಸಬೇಕು. ಭಕ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದು ಎರಡು ಅರ್ಥವಿಲ್ಲದವು. ಆದರೆ ಜನರು ಭಕ್ತಿಯ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ಜಡವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಹೊಟ್ಟೆಯ ಪಾಡಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಮಾರ್ಗವನ್ನು ಹಿಡಿದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತತ್ವವನ್ನು ಅರಿದವರಿಗೆ ತನುಗುಣಗಳು ಬಾಧಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆಯ ಚಿಂತೆ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಕತ್ತೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಕರ್ಪೂರವನ್ನು ಹೇರಿದರೆ ಏನು ಉಪಯೋಗ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಕರ್ಪೂರದ ಬೆಲೆ ಅಥವಾ ಅದರ ಸುವಾಸನೆಯ ಅರಿವು ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಇಂತಹ ಜನರು ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಓದಿ ತಿಳಿದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಅದರ ನಿಜವಾದ ಬೆಲೆ, ಅರ್ಥ ತಿಳಿದಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ಅವರ ಜೀವನದ ಅವಿಭಾಜ್ಯ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದ ಮಹತ್ವ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಅಂಶವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಅಷ್ಟೆ. ಯಾವುದೋ ಕಾರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿದರೆ ಅದರಿಂದ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆ ತುಂಬಬಹುದೆ ಹೊರತು ಮುಕ್ತಿ ದೊರೆಯಲಾರದು ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾರೆ ಅಲ್ಲಮರು.



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Sree Basavanna Vachana Aadharita Kavana

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ಶ್ರೀಬಸವಣ್ಣ

ಜಾತಿವಾದ ಖಂಡಿಸಿ	ಶಿವನು ಭಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು-	ಲಂತರಂಗ ಶುದ್ಧಿ
ಸಮಾನತೆ ಮಂಡಿಸಿ	ಬೀರಿದರು ಶ್ರೀಬಸವಣ್ಣ	ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಶುದ್ಧಿ
ಲಂತರಂಗದ ಕಡ್ಡು	ಅಚಾರವೇ ಸ್ವರ್ಗ	ಪರಿಶುದ್ಧಿಯ ತಿಳಿಹೇಳುತ
ಲೆರಿಸಿದರು ಶ್ರೀಬಸವಣ್ಣ	ಅನಾಚಾರವೇ ನರಕ	ತದ್ಧಿದರು ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವಣ್ಣ
ದೇಹವೇ ದೇಗುಲವೆನುತ	ಸ್ವರ್ಗ-ನರಕದ ತಿರುಳನ್ನು	ಶರಣರುತ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ಭಕ್ತಿ
ಹೃದಯಬಾಗಿಲು ತೆರೆಸಿ	ಬೋಧಿಸಿದರು ಶ್ರೀಬಸವಣ್ಣ	ಕ್ರಾಂತಿಯಿಂದ ಶಾಂತಿ
ಕಾಯಕದಿ ಕೈಲಾಸದ	ವಚನಗಳ ರಚನೆ	ಮೂಡಿಸಿದ ವಿಶ್ವಮಾನವ
ತೋರಿದರು ಶ್ರೀಬಸವಣ್ಣ	ವಚನಗಳ ಪ್ರವಚನ	ಶಿವಯೋಗಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವಣ್ಣ
ಶಿವನಲ್ಲ ವೇದಪ್ರಿಯ.	ಜಗದೊಳಗೆ ಸಂಚಯನ	
ಶಿವನಲ್ಲ ನಾದಪ್ರಿಯ.	ಮೂಡಿಸಿದರು ಶ್ರೀಬಸವಣ್ಣ	

ಸಂಕೇತ- ಸಂಕೇತ ಕಂಭಾವಿ



ಎನಗೊಂದು ಲಿಂಗ ನಿನಗೊಂದು ಲಿಂಗ
ಮನಗೊಂದು ಲಿಂಗವಾಯಿತು.
ಹೋಯಿತ್ತಲ್ಲ ಭಕ್ತಿ ಜಲವ ಕೂಡಿ!
ಮನ ಮುಟ್ಟದ ಲಿಂಗ ಉಳಿ ಮುಟ್ಟಬಲ್ಲದ ಗುಹೇಶ್ವರಾ?

enagoMdu liMga ninagoMdu liMga
manegoMdu liMgavaayittu.
hOyittalla bhakti jalava kUDI!
manamuTTada liMga uli muTTaballude
guhEshvaraa?

- ಅಲ್ಲಮ ಪ್ರಭು allama prabhu

Answers to Young Sharanas Activities:

1. Chennamallikarjuna, 2. Sangayya, 3. Kalidevaradeva, 4. Guheshwaralinga, 5. Koodalachennasangayya, 6. Ajaganna Thande, 7. Shambhujakkeshwra, 8. Amareeshwaralinga 9. Abhinava Mallikarjuna, 10. Gangapriya koodalasanga
2. Vachana 1: ondagūḷa, tanna, kuṭuka, tanna, kāge, kūḷalasaṅgamadēvā, Basavanna
Vachana 2: Bīsuva, keḷadi, tiḷiyō, Akkamahadevi



ಹೊಲಸು ಮಾಂಸದ ಹುತ್ತ ಎಲುವಿನಾ ಹಂದರವು
ಹೊಲಬಲಿದ ತನುವಿನೊಳಗಿರ್ದುಮದರೊಳಗೆ
ಕುಲವನರಸುವರೆ ಸರ್ವಜ್ಞ
ಊರಿಂಗ ದಾರಿಯನು ಅದು ತೋರಿದರೇನು?
ಸಾರಾಯದಾ ನಿಜವ ತೋರುವ ಗುರುವು ತಾ
ನಾರಾದರೇನು? ಸರ್ವಜ್ಞ

Holasu mānsada hutta eluvina handaravu
holebalida tanuvinoḷagirdumadarōḷage
kulavanarasuvare sarvajña
ūriṅge dāriyanu āru tōridarēnu?
Sārāyadā nijava tōruva guruvu tā
nārādarēnu? Sarvajña

- ಸರ್ವಜ್ಞ sarvajña



ತನು ಶುದ್ಧ, ಮನ ಶುದ್ಧ,
ಭಾವಶುದ್ಧವಾದವರನೆನಗೊಮ್ಮೆ ತೋರಾ!
ನಡೆಯೆಲ್ಲ ಸದಾಚಾರ, ನುಡಿಯೆಲ್ಲ ಶಿವಾಗಮ,
ನಿತ್ಯಶುದ್ಧರಾದವರನೆನಗೊಮ್ಮೆ ತೋರಾ!
ಕತ್ತಲೆಯ ಮೆಟ್ಟಿ ತಳವಳಗಾಗಿ ಹೊರಗೊಳಗೊಂದಾಗಿ ನಿನದ
ನಿಮ್ಮ ಶರಣನನೆನಗೊಮ್ಮೆ ತೋರಾ ಚಿನ್ನಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನ

Tanu śud'dha, mana śud'dha,
bhāvaśud'dhavāḍavarānenāgom'me tōrā!
Naḍeyella sadācāra, nuḍiyella śivāgama,
nityaśud'dharāḍavarānenāgom'me tōrā!
Kattaleya meṭṭi taḷaveḷagāgi horagoḷagondāgi ninda
nim'ma śaraṇānenāgom'me tōrā cennamallikārjuna

- ಅಕ್ಕ ಮಹಾದೇವಿ akka mahādēvi

Chapter Activities

VSNA – Maryland Chapter:

The members of the VSNA Maryland chapter enthusiastically celebrated the Deepavali festival on November 4th, 2017. The main function began with following invocation Vachana.

ಸೂರ್ಯನಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಹಗಲುಂಟೆ ಅಯ್ಯಾ?

ದೀಪ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಬೆಳಕುಂಟೆ ಅಯ್ಯಾ?

ಪುಷ್ಪವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಪರಿಮಳವನರಿಯಬಹುದೆ ಅಯ್ಯಾ?

ಸಕಲವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಿಷ್ಕಲವ ಕಾಣಬಾರದು.

ಮಹಾಘನ ನಿರಾಳ ಪರಶಿವನಿಂದ ಲಿಂಗವು ತೋರಿತ್ತು.

ಉರಿಲಿಂಗಪೆದ್ದಿಪ್ರಿಯ ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಾ!

Can there be a day without the Sun?

Can there be a light without a lamp?

Can there be a natural fragrance without a flower?

Without the manifest, the un-manifest cannot be seen. Or, Universe formation cannot be understood without the knowledge of the hidden force.

I saw *Linga* through the strength of my scholarly 'Guru'.

Or, I have seen *Linga* by standing on the shoulders of my learned Guru.

Kids and adults performed the *linga* pooja and offered prayers by singing the devotional songs and *maha mangalaarti*.



Members observed one-minute silence to pay respect to late Smt. Kasha Malghan who attained *lingaikya* on October 13th, 2017.

During our chapter meeting, we played the PowerPoint presentation of "Central VSNA youth Board". Through this presentation, we had the opportunity to understand the profiles of youth members and learned more about their experiences in VSNA.

As per our chapter's tradition for Deepavali, we showcased kid's talents through the talent show. Kids performed various dances, reading/singing *vachana*, presenting significance of Deepavali. The adults, inspired by the youth, also participated in the talent show. Then the esteemed Alamatti Swamiji of JSS gave us some words of wisdom and conveyed his appreciation for our continuation of our traditions.



Our host, Dr. Smt. Uma & Shri Umesh Murthy, had arranged small fireworks and kids had a great time playing with the sparklers. Finally, everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner prepared by all the members.





VSNA – Southern California Chapter:

VSNA SoCal Chapter celebrated Deepavali on November 5, 2017 at San Diego, more than 50 people gathered for this event. Thanks to our host family Mrs. Kalpana and Basavaraju, families from different parts of wide region in Southern California, had good time celebrating this festival of lights together.



Event started with Guru and session for Kids arranged by Paramane in which kids went to a story on how King of Movement etc. Youth of the learned information they came questioned all parents about Philosophy/Veershaivism.



Linga puje. There was a information our chapter president Dayanand over information on sharanas, they listen Kashmir got involved in Sharana Chapter had crossword to solve on up with nice quiz session where they information related to Basava



Our prior BOR member Mr. Honnappa Jayakumar and other families from San Diego shared their experiences and guided new Executive Committee members. With the discussion on plan for cultural activities down the road and membership information, updates by Central & Local Chapter committee members we happily concluded this celebration.



ನುಡಿದರೆ ಮುತ್ತಿನ ಹಾರದಂತಿರಬೇಕು!
 ನುಡಿದರೆ ಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯದ ದೀಪ್ತಿಯಂತಿರಬೇಕು!
 ನುಡಿದರೆ ಸ್ವಟಿಕದ ಶಲಾಕೆಯಂತಿರಬೇಕು!
 ನುಡಿದರೆ ಲಿಂಗ ಮೆಚ್ಚಿ ಅಹುದನಬೇಕು! ನುಡಿಯೊಳಗಾಗಿ
 ನಡೆಯದಿದ್ದರೆಕೂಡಲಸಂಗಮದೇವನಂತೊಲಿವನಯ್ಯ ?



VSNA – Chicago Chapter:

VSNA Chicago chapter organized Ugadi Dasoha event by volunteering at Feed My Starving Children on May 5. About 80 plus members attended the volunteer services.

Basava Jayanthi was celebrated on May 13, 2017. Kids performed the Linga Puja followed by theme related cultural programs by the VSNA Chicago chapter members and their family. Guest speaker Mr. Ishwar Antin (Retd. Judge from Karnataka) talked about the Basava Philosophy. A guest artist theme based concert by Veena Paani Saraswathi Ranganathan accompanied by Mr. Dhananjay Kunte on Tabla was organized. More than 160 people attended the event.



Annual picnic was organized on Aug 20, 2017. More than 150 people attended the picnic. Members enjoyed the outdoor activities like cricket, volleyball, badminton, relays & so forth.



Deepavali was celebrated on Nov 4. Kids performed the Linga puja followed by theme related cultural program. A musical treat by versatile singer Ms. Sinchan Dixit from India entertained the members. Also, we had another guest artist Mrs. Pavithra Anand who entertained our members with Bollywood songs. We had about 165 members attended & made the event a grand success.



Ganesha chaturthi was celebrated on September 16, 2017. Like all the functions, kids performed Linga puja followed by related vachana & theme based cultural program. Bhava Tharanga performance by the invited guest artist vocalist Mrs. Seema Kasthuri who sang few vachanas, along with other songs. About 165 people attended the event.



For all the events, we had delicious food sponsored by member's family in different groups for different events. We thank all the VSNA Chicago chapter sponsors, volunteers, participants, members for making the events of 2017 a successful and memorable one.



VSNA – New England Chapter:

VSNE Initiatives for the Year 2017

Introduction of Vachana programs

Vachana Aacharane (ವಚನ ಆಚರಣೆ) and Vachana Vimarshe (ವಚನ ವಿಮರ್ಶೆ)

Placement of Basava Mantapa in NEKK Yugadi Celebrations: April 29 - April 30, 2017, Framingham MA



NEKK (New England **K**annada **K**oota) Yugadi Celebration was a 2-day program in association with **Kannada Sahitya Ranga, USA**. This program was about the Kannada Sahitya and the coincidentally Basava Jayanti was on that day, so President of NEKK has graciously accepted our request to place **Basava Mantapa** on the stage to show respect to **Basavanna's** for his contribution to the Kannada Sahitya. For the event, VSNE took initiative to set up the **Basava Mantapa** on the stage with a wonderful Basavanna's Statue and a crafted wooden Mantapa. Also, VSNE families volunteered and took participation in the cultural events. A wonderful **Basavaraja Charithe** drama was performed by VSNE kids and adults of equal participation.

Lecture on Vachana Spatika Shalake: May 2, 2017, Plymouth Church, Framingham MA:

Vachana Book Buying Program: Vachana book buying initiative that VSNE has undertaken along with NEKK (New England Kannada Koota).

Shivaratri: March 18, 2017, Old Town Hall Tyngsborough, MA



VSNE had organized Rudra Abhisheka for the family and kids which enabled the younger generation to experience and learn about Rudra Abhisheka and its background. Also, part of the celebration there were different performances by VSNE kids which included Vachana singing, speech about Shivaratri and history. Highlight of the event was participation from all families with kids which led a successful celebration. At the end of the program, there was a Concert by **Sadhika Hiremath** about Vachana and Shiva songs.

Basava Jayanti: May 13, 2017, Fairgrounds Middle School, Nashua, NH

VSNE hosted one of the traditionally celebrated day 'Basava Jayanti' marking the birthday of 'Basavanna'. VSNE is proud to acknowledge that there were 80+ families took participation in this event. On this day, there were several cultural programs which included **Vachana Aacharane**, Speech about Basavanna and his life, **Vachana Vimarshe** topic ಕಾಯಕವೇ ಕೈಲಾಸ, group folk dance performances, fancy dress for the kids. Highlight of the



program was the drama **Basavaraja Charithe** performed by both Kids and Adults of equal participation. Followed by the programs we had planned for our very own North Karnataka style dinner.

Picnic: July 30th, 2017, Hopkinton State Park, MA

With all of the successful past events, VSNE families insisted on having a summer picnic. This one day picnic enabled newer families to join and enjoy the picnic and at the same time meeting new people. This social event helped to attract new Veerashaiva families around the area.



Camping: Sept 1st to Sept 4th 2017, Sweetwater Camping, Brewster MA

VSNE took the fun and collaboration to next level and organized the Camping for families and kids. It was a fun filled 4 days with biking, hiking and other activities for all age groups. VSNE families took turns to cook food and snacks, made sure everyone enjoys at the same time.



Deepavali: Nov 18th, 2017, Fairground Middle School, Nashua, NH

This event's highlight was participation of youths of all age groups who took part in cultural events, did master of ceremony and some volunteered for the entire event. Good number of people participated in Vachana Aacharane to sing and explain the meaning of vachanas. Youth also took successful participation in VSNE initiated program Vachana Vimarshe, the topic ದಾಸೋಹ, where participant recited and shared thoughts on Vachanas, the youngest participant age was 6 years. Like always VSNE made sure that tasty snacks and food are served at the event. Part of the VSNE tradition, there were many new families Welcomed and introduced to community. The evening was filled with the mood of celebration to which cultural events



ranging from singing to dance by kids and families of VSNE added more energy throughout the event.



VSNA – Connecticut Chapter:

Updates By Kavita Umarani Balur, Secretary, Farmington CT



The highlight of this quarter was the second annual charity event Shivanidhi Dasoha, hosted by VSCT. The support from the community was heartwarming and we ended up raising \$1400 to be donated to local charities. The charities that we supported this year are:



- CT Humane Society - <http://www.cthumane.org>
- Plainville Food Pantry - <http://plainvillefoodpantry.org/>
- Healing Meals Community Project - <http://healingmealsproject.org/>

Activities included 45 min Yoga Session to start the day, 1mile run, Field Games, Snack Stalls, Arts/Crafts stalls, Face Painting/Henna Artists, Raffle Prizes. Light lunch was served at no charge to the participants.



This event would not have been possible without the efforts of the numerous volunteers that helped plan and implement every little detail. Volunteers facilitated website for the event registration, reaching out to local businesses, planning kids activities including a VR station, chat stalls were a popular attraction on that day. Another beautiful activity was the greeting cards that kids made for cancer patients. Also, a few volunteers coordinated making a beautiful backdrop made with handprints of all participants, we plan to use this in future dasoha events! For fundraising kids made handmade items and all proceeds were donated to charity. Same with chutney pudi sales, baked items and beverage sales.

Pictures from the event can be found on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/vsnaact/>

There are more details about the event at <https://vsnaact.wixsite.com/shivanidhievent>



Monthly Vachanamruta meetings are continuing and we just finished the 75th Vachanamruta in November. Every vachanamruta one person will volunteer and tell the life story of one sharana. Also, last time, one of our members came up with the idea to act out a vachana using charades.

The current BOD members were also occupied with identifying individuals to take up the BOD posts for the next term 2018-2019.

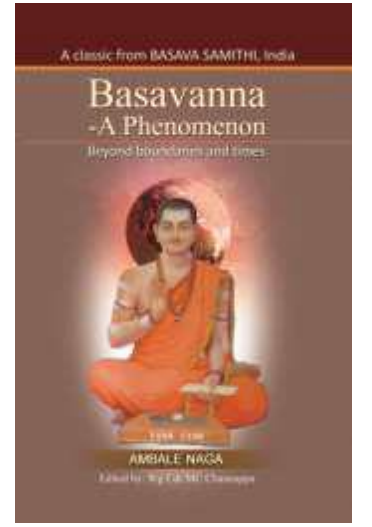
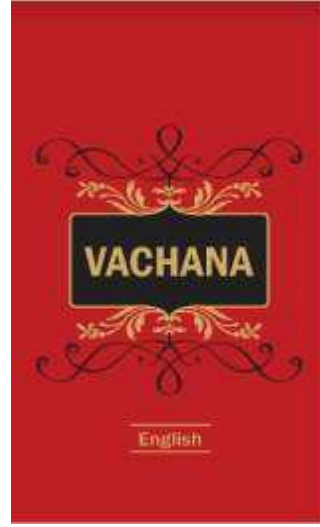
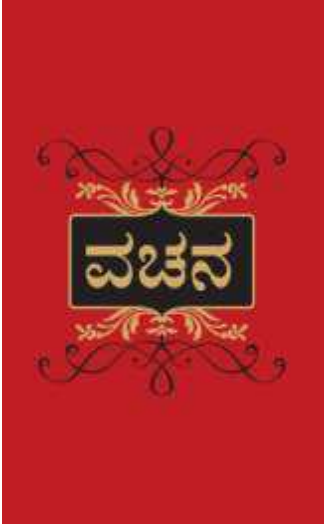
VSNA – Publications

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E- Publications:

1. Sharanara Samagra Kranti (in Kannada) by Ramjan Darga - [epub](#) (Android and iBooks), [mobi](#)(Kindle)
2. Discovering Self – Vol 1 (in English) by Sajjan Shiva/Leela Garady - [epub](#) (Android and iBooks), [mobi](#)(Kindle)

Coming Soon:

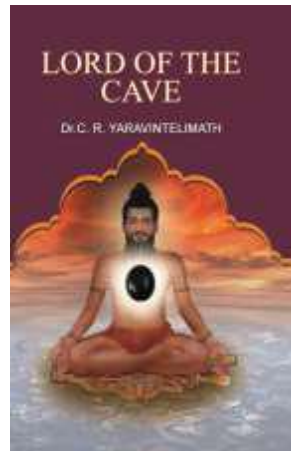


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Volume 2



With Best Wishes to All VSNA Members

ಮಡಕೆ ದೈವ, ಮೊರ ದೈವ, ಬೀದಿಯ ಕಲ್ಲು ದೈವ
ಹಣಿಗೆ ದೈವ, ಬಿಲ್ಲನಾರಿ ದೈವ ಕಾಣಿದೊ,
ಕೂಳಗ ದೈವ, ಗಿಣ್ಣೆಳು ದೈವ ಕಾಣಿದೊ!
ದೈವ ದೈವವೆಂದು ಕಾಲಿಡಲಿಂಬಿಲ್ಲ,
ದೈವನೊಬ್ಬನೆ ಕೂಡಲನಂಗಮದೇವ

❖ ಬಸವಣ್ಣ

Maḍake daiva, mora daiva,
bīdiya kallu daiva
haṅige daiva, billanāri daiva kāṅiro,
koḷaga daiva, giṅṅiḷu daiva kāṅiro!
Daiva daivavendu kāliḍalimbilla,
daivanobbane kūḍalasāṅgamadēva

❖ Basavaṅṅa



Translation:

The pot is God
the winnowing fan is god
the stone on the street is god
the comb is god
the bowstring is god, you see!
the measuring vessel is god
the small cup is god, you see!
there are gods and gods,
no place to set foot in.
There is just one god,
Kudalasangamadeva!



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