



Dr. H. Shantaram
Administrative Officer
Academy of General Education
Manipal

BORN: 1928. Nagar (Shimoga District)

Early education in Nagar and Shimoga — Obtained Master's Degree with First Rank from Central College Bangalore in 1951. Obtained D.I.C. from Imperial College of Science & Technology, London and Ph.D. from London University in 1954.

Fellow of the Entomological Society of India and The Academy of General Education, Manipal.

Has spent most of the time in the field of education. Was a faculty Member of St. Philomena's College, Mysore, Delhi University, M.G.M. College, Udupi, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal and Bhandarkars' College, Kundapura. He was the Head of the Department of Basic Sciences in the Kasturba Medical College.

The Principalship of Bhandarkars' College (1976-82) that he accepted at a crucial period on public demand and pressure from friends provided him an excellent opportunity to face the challenges and prove his mettle. His administrative acumen helped him to bring back the much needed discipline in the institution and the substantially contributed for the overall development of the college providing all the needed infrastructure including a well-equipped modern library and Ranga Adhyayana Kendra, an unique Arts School. Even today he is closely associated with the developmental work of the College.

His educational expertise and mastery of rules and regulations are well recognised and his advice is being sought by quite a few educational institutions in coastal Karnataka and neighbouring districts.

Served for four years as the Regional Assistant Director (Entomology) in charge of the States of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamilnadu under the National Malaria Eradication Programme of Government of India.

Positions Held:

President of the Association of Principals of Mangalore University (2 Terms)

President of Manipal Consumers' Co-operative Society (2 Years).

Editor of 'Manipal Record' for 4 years.

Charter Vice-President of Manipal Jaycees.

Member of the Konkani Advisory Committee of Central Sahitya Akademi for one term.

President, 'Rangabhomi', Cultural Organisation of Udupi (for 22 years).

President, Nataka Spardha Samithi, Udupi (organising State Level Kannada Drama Competitions) — for 27 years.

Presently:

Administrative Officer of The Academy of General Education, Manipal

Director, Dr. Kota Shivarama Karanth Samshodhana Kendra, Bhandarkars' College, Kundapura.

Director, Smt. Radha Bai P.V. Shet Ranga Adhyayana Kendra, Bhandarkars' College, Kundapura.

Correspondent, S.V.S. High School, Agumbe, Shimoga Dist.

Correspondent, Annapoorna Vidya Mandir, Agumbe, Shimoga Dist.

Trustee of Several Educational Institutions.

President of the Association of Private College Managements, Mangalore University.

President of Manipal Cancer Society.

Hon. President, 'Rangabhoomi', Udupi

Vice President, Manipal House Building Co-operative Society.

At Bhandarkars' College, Kundapura, established Ranga Adhyayana Kendra for performing arts (Drama, Dance, Music, Bharatanatyam, Yakshagana etc.) ten years ago. At this Kendra, started now a Diploma Course in Drama of one year's duration, with the recognition from Kannada University, Hampi. Rural youth (Boys and Girls) are being trained absolutely free providing food and shelter. Dr. H. Shantaram Sahitya and Samskriti Kendra was established at the College to provide a forum for all cultural and literary activities. Started Kannada Major as a subject in B.A. thirty years ago and it has become a very popular course attracting more than forty students every year while it has failed to pick up in most of the colleges of the area. Yakshagana Talamaddale programme started by him and held on Kannada Rajyotsava Day has completed 30 years and attracts thousands of people to see and listen top artistes in the field.

In 1963 Rotary Club of Udupi-Manipal invited Dr. Shantaram to join the Rotary's fold. Ever since then he has dedicated himself to the cause of service. With sound knowledge of Rotary, its purpose, Object and laws, he is capable of discussing any aspect of Rotary in a convincing manner and express his thoughts in a simple language. He was the President of the Club during 1972-73 and led the Group Study Exchange Team that visited USA in 1981.

He served Rotary International District 3180 as its Governor during 1984-85. He is a major Donor of the Rotary Foundation and all members of his family are Paul Harris Fellows.

Dr. Shantaram is the recipient of *New Year's Award 1996* instituted by the Rotary Club of Udupi-Manipal in collaboration with Academy of General Education, Manipal and Syndicate Bank for his distinguished work in the field of education. The Rotary Clubs of Machilipatnam and Machilipatnam Central have honoured him with Vocational Excellence Award. 'Nama Tuluver' organization of Mudradi has honoured him with the award 'Karnata Rangodharaka'. He was also honoured at the 73rd All India Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held at Shimoga.

Recipient of KAIRALI AWARD 2009 instituted by Kairali Suhruvedhi, Kundapura.

'Rangabhoomi', Cultural Organisation of Udupi has honoured him with the Award 'Ranga Shilpi'.

A felicitation volume "Swapna Shilpi" on his life and works has been released by his admirers in May 2009.

Dr. Shantaram is a widely traveled man and has visited USA, UK, most of the European and Far Eastern countries.

His only daughter, Dr. Shalini Shenoy, is a Pediatric Oncologist and Haematologist, now settled in USA. She has earned a name for herself in her chosen field of specialization. His spouse, Vijayalakshmi, hails from Machilipatnam and is lending full support to her husband in all his activities. She is an active social worker.