

## KARMA YOGI RADHAKRISHNA

It is with a deep sense of grief that we communicate to our readers the passing away of Sri. K.S. Radhakrishna, a founder trustee of our Journal, a veteran leader of the Gandhian constructive movement in India and an internationally known Peace activist, on the 19th of June, 1994 at Delhi after a protracted illness, at the age of Seventy two.

Born as the eldest son of the greatly respected educationist in the erstwhile State of Mysore, Sri. K.S. Acharlu, Sri. Radhakrishna while yet a young and bright University Student took part in the Quit India Movement of 1942.

He joined the Benares Hindu University and after a distinguished career under the stewardship of Sri. S. Radhakrishnan the then Vice-Chancellor, took a Master's Degree in Science. His burning nationalism and urge for freedom led him directly to the Sewagram Ashram of Mahatma Gandhi. He became an able associate of Sri. Aryanayagam and Srimathi Ashadevi at the national centre of Basic Education in Sewagram. The training centre for Basic Education workers found in Radhakrishna a young and scholarly constructive worker, guiding and inspiring hundreds of co-workers. Later, on the formation of the Akhil Bharath Sarva Seva Sangh under the leadership of Acharya Vinoba after the cruel assassination of Mahatma Gandhi in 1948, Sri. Radhakrishna became the Secretary of the Sangha. During the days of Bhoodan padayatra he went about the entire country organising the campaign with the front-line leaders and in conducting this country wide village-oriented constructive revolution.

In the Sixties Sri. Radhakrishna joined the National Gandhi Peace Foundation founded and presided over by Dr. R.R. Diwakar. For twenty years and more he devoted all his energies to propagate and practice "Peace with Justice" through non-violence all over the world. He became a well-known Gandhian thinker and able

organiser associated with national and international conferences, seminars and campaigns for Gandhian values.

The leader of "Total Revolution" in the Seventies, Sri. Jayaprakash Narayan took Sri. Radhakrishna into his confidence and entrusted most of the organising work to him. Sri. Radhakrishna courted arrest protesting against autocratic rule.

Having had the privilege of working directly under the three great masters, Mahatma Gandhi, Vinoba and Jayaprakash Narayan, Sri. Radhakrishna emerged a seasoned, devoted and efficient worker of deep convictions. He organised village level reconstruction work under the name Gandhi Peace Centre all over the Country. At the intellectual level he was associated with the founding of the Institute of Gandhian Studies in Varanasi and Hyderabad. He wrote and published articles, booklets and guideline literature in English and Hindi.

With heartfelt gratitude for all his selfless devotion to the cause of Sarvodaya and Peace, we pay our last respects to his memory and pray for peace to his gentle soul. We share the great sorrow of his old parents who are still active in propagating Gandhian thought. Gandhi Vigyan bows with respect to the memory of the late Sri. K.S. Radhakrishna, for his guidance and contribution.

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