



Late Sri S. G. Sundaraswamy

(22 Sep 1924 - 17 Jul 1996)

Sri S G Sundaraswamy (22 Sep 1924 to 17 July 1996) was the first son of Sri S. D Ganesha Rao, a doyen of the legal profession in Bengaluru. He was born in the small town of Sira, in the Tumkur District of (the then) Mysore State. His early education was in Bengaluru City. After he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the Central College, Bengaluru in 1944, he studied Law at the Madras Law College where he got his Bachelor's degree in 1946. He joined the chambers of his father and started practicing law in the same year.

In his formative years as a lawyer, he worked on a large number of civil cases. In later years, he went on to handle later years, he went on to handle many important commercial and constitutional litigations in the High Court. The Law Chambers set up by his father grew significantly. He was appointed the Advocate General of Mysore State in 1970. He held that position until 1972, after which he continued his private practice. He was also the legal adviser to a large number of companies - both in the public and the private sector. The law reports bear testimony to his erudition and dedication to the profession until his last breath, as he passed away arguing a case in the Karnataka High Court.

Apart from his professional achievements, he was a spiritual and religious person. Born in a traditional family, Sri S G Sundaraswamy had close connections with several religious institutions, such as Sringeri Sharada Peetam, Sri Ramakrishna Mission and his family Temple at Sondekoppa, near Bengaluru. His life epitomised the adage - Simple Living and High Thinking.

In the 1960s, he had the great good fortune of having Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Darshan in Bengaluru. Thereafter, he never missed any opportunity to come to Swami and serve at His institutions. He was a member of the Council of Management of Sri Sathya Sai Trust (Karnataka). Since the 1970s, he was a regular visitor to Bhagawan Baba's Brindavan ashram and followed Him to Kodaikanal on many occasions. Swami had great affection for him and blessed him on every visit.

In the cherished memory of an ardent devotee of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, this Annual Lecture has been instituted by his son, Sri S S Naganand, Trustee, Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (Public Charitable Trust) and Sri Sathya Sai Sadhana Trust.