

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL DETAILS:-

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Scholastic Profile:-

- **Ph.D.** From Kannada University, Hampi, Karnataka.
- **M.A.** from Bangalore University, Karnataka.
- **BA** from **Govt. Arts** College, Tumkur, Karnataka.

Key Activities Performed:-

Ever since my school days I have been contributing towards the Dalit progressive social organizations (DSS and DSF) fighting for the fundamental civil rights of the socially marginalized and economically weaker sections. Working for the farmers' organization (Rajya Raita Sangha) with an aim of helping poverty – stricken and drop out school children by getting them a better schooling. As a founder member of Nelasiri, the youth socialists organization, I have organized several symposiums and seminars especially on the impacts of globalization, privatization, liberalization and urbanization. Extending my service for 'The Slum Dwellers Association' with a longing desire to liberate school going slum children who are employed in manual sanitation and scavenging and footwear mending tasks. Worked for CITU, a labour organization. Holding a doctorate in Literature from Kannada university Hampi, I am working as a leading force in serving for various progressive social organizations and cultural forums and literary journals. I have been contributing to the Kannada Janapada Parishat and Janapada Loka in their ventures for the rejuvenation of several folk art forms and empowerment of the folk artists.

Impact /Change Instigated:-

Actively identified with Alemari Budakattu Mahasabha (Nomadic Tribes Mahasabha), a social organization for the upliftment of the underprivileged nomads and tribals who are at the lower rungs of social ladder, and, thereby took an initiative 'Say NO to the nomadic tent life living on beggary and acrobatics' with an aim to solve the burning problems of hunger, illiteracy, malnutrition, unsolved caste identity, rustic living in temporary tents across Karnataka through getting the permanent houses built for the nomads under the various governmental schemes. In this venture I and a few of my

activist friends have fought for getting the houses built for nomadic communities, the most marginalised among untouchables.

Born in a village as a Dalit my concern has always been to highlight the plight of Dalits and enlighten them with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's perspective and vision. Because I am an intellectual speaker, I took part in the activities of Dalit Sanghasrsh Samiti a movement formed by the untouchable communities and other lower strata of the society. Having imbibed the true spirit of the teachings Buddha, Basavanna, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and Kuvempu I believe in emancipation of religious slavery of the Dalits by implanting a rational, skeptical and experimental point of view of these visionaries.

Myself and a few of my like – minded friends with our joint venture have established Alemari Budakattu Mahasabha which is a progressive organization in Bangalore and mobilized the youths of nomadic communities to put an end to their nomadic life, beggary and illiteracy. I am very much a part of the activities of Dalit Sanghasrsh Samiti, KKSv, Janashakthi, Samanathegagi Janandolana, Samana Shikshanakkagi Janandolana and many other progressive wings in Karnataka.

Financial Position - Assets and Holdings:-

Working as a state government employee, I am getting 45000 rupees of salary per month. I own no house but living in a rental house.

Brief Background:-

- I am Dr. Vaddagere Nagarajaiah (1967), a Kannada Poet, writer, thinker, researcher and social activist hail from Vaddagere village in Tumkur District of Karnataka, South India. I have got post graduate degree in English (MA) from Bangalore University and the doctoral degree of philosophy in Kannada literature (Ph.D) from Kannada University, Hampi. My doctoral theses mainly focuses on the oral literature of nomadic satellite castes in Adi-Jambava Matanga tradition. I have been working as a lecturer for the Department of Pre – University Education for the past 21 years.
- I have served as a member for Karnataka Sahithya Academy.
- Worked as a researcher for Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Research Institution, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore and thereby wrote a valuable book 'Budga Jangam Samudaya'. It was a special study project for the Empowerment of Nomadic, Semi Nomadic, Microscopic and Most Microscopic Communities of SC/ST.
- Worked for Dr. Ramamanohar Lohia Chair at Kannada University, Hampi and thereby edited a book 'Samajavadigala Nenapina Samputa'- Ramamanohar Lohia Centenary Vol.II.
- Brief history on negative appearances/allegations/scandals in the media (if applicable).

Awards & Achievements:-

- Poetry is my passion but worked in other genres of literature as well, besides having a wide range of interests in culture, social activism and folklore.
- I have brought out 8 books so far which include ASADI an epic narrative, a first and foremost book which was awarded Karnataka Sahithya Academy Award (2000) .
- As prominent Dalit voice, I have established a niche for myself through my empirical imaging in mellowed tone. My poems and articles have been published in several Kannada literary journals and daily news papers. I have attended many Poetry Conferences, Seminars and Literary Workshops. And so I am conferred with B.M.Sri. Kavya Award (2016) from Mandya district youth writers; association, Mandya.
- I have presented many papers on Dalit Literature and other genres of literature, folklore, theatre, social movements etc. Recited poems in Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held at Madikeri, in Mysore Dassarah Poets Meet, Akhila Bharatha Dalita Sahitya Sammelana and in many Poets Meets across Karnataka.
- I was recognized for the honor of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Youth Writers Literature Award (2015) from M.K Memorial Trust Gulabarga. And, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar International Conference 2017 Certificate of appreciation awarded for my valuable literary contribution.
- 50th Kannada Rajyothsava Award (2005) from Kunigal taluk local administrative body, Kunigal . Sharana Madara Chennaiah Sadbhavana Puraskar, Sadhanashri State Award – 2008 from Bhagyodaya cooperative society, Bangalore.
- Anka Honorary Award (2013) from Anka Cultural Foundation, Bangalore., Kuvempu Vishwamanava Award -2017 from Mathrubhoomi Trust, Bangalore.
- Many universities, schools and colleges of Karnataka have invited me for talks, poetry reading and interaction with students.
- I have got ‘The Best Teacher Award’ (2001) from Karnataka Rajya Guruvandana Association, Kunigal, Tumkur district.
- I have been felicitated in and outside Karnataka and graced with many awards for my literary and social achievements.
- It is noteworthy that three poems from GOSANGI (anthology of my Kannada poems) are prescribed for 2nd year Kannada post graduate students in Mysore University, one poem is being taught for 2nd year under graduate students in Rani Chennamma University for Women and ‘Vaddagere Nagamma; Mahasathi

Kavya'- a folk narrative is being taught for 1st year Kannada post graduate students in Kuvempu university.

- All these works are mainly focussed on dalits, nomads and tribal communities and their social milieu like evils of untouchability, eradication of superstition etc., which greatly influence the young minds to shape their outlook for societal well being.

From the above details one can feel the impulse of the social impact of my literary and social activities on the underprivileged sections is immeasurable. I continue to influence the people and the society at large perpetually.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely
Dr. Vaddagere Nagarajaiah

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