

APPEAL

The preservation of the Traditional Folk Art- Yakshagana and the Prasanga literature for posterity under ancient traditional Gurukula System.

The **YAKSHAGANA KENDRA**, Shiva Prabha, Sri Vadiraja Vanam, Hayagreeva Nagar, Udupi- 576102 was established in 1971 for the propagation and promotion of Yakshagana art form of Coastal Karnataka in Udupi by illustrious people like Dr. Tonse Madhava Anantha Pai, Dr. Kota Shivarama Karanth- a doyen of Yakshagana and Jnanapeetha Awardee and an educationist cum administrator Prof. K.S. Haridasa Bhat. This is the only full-fledged/full-time Yakshagana Training Centre in this region. Young students are given systematic training in Yakshagana dance, music, acting and costuming according to a carefully drawn syllabus which is administered by a team of dedicated teachers, who live with them under the same roof. In this unique school of Gurukula style there are at present 20 students undergoing training for a period ranging from one to five years. They are given free boarding, lodging, clothing etc.

After successful completion of the basics in the first year, if they so desire, they may continue their studies for another two or three years under the able Gurus of the Kendra, till they are absorbed easily by the dozens and more of the performing troupes.

The new Yakshagana Kendra building "SHIVA PRABHA" named after the founders Shivarama Karanth, Shiva Haridasa Bhat and Prabhakar Pai (12000 sq.ft.) was declared open on May 5, 2006 by His Holiness Sri Sri Vishweshwara Theertha Swamiji of Sri Pejavar Matha and Sri Sri Vishwothama Theertha Swamiji of Sri Sode Vadiraja Matha.

To cope with the problem of growing expenses of the Kendra, donations are accepted under the following schemes which come under the section 80 G of Income Tax Act and enjoy tax concession.

Name of the Scheme	Part Expenses Donation	To Corpus Fund Endowment
1. Feeding students with lunch for a day	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 8,000/-
2. Special meals on particular day in a month	Rs. 750/-	Rs. 12,000/-
3. For Education	Rs. 5,000/- p.a. per student	Rs. 75,000/-

We seek your generosity and patronage to the Kendra to make it a training institution of high standards.

Donations by A/C Payee Crossed Demand Draft/Cheque may please be drawn in favour of **YAKSHA GURUKULASHIKSHANA TRUST @, payable at Udupi.** (Please correspond with the President and Secretary at the above address).

Donations are also accepted for our sister institutions **Rashtrakavi Govind Pai Samshodhana Kendra** and **Regional Resources Centre for Folk Performing Arts.** The provision of 80G of Income Tax Act is applicable for all the donations.

(H. Krishna Bhat)
Director /Secretary