

Aum Sri Sai Ram  
A BRIEF REPORT EASWARAMMA PURASKAR 2020

With the Divine Grace and Blessings of our Beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba Varu The Eswaramma Puraskar Samarabha programme was held in the Divine Presence in the Sacred and Holy abode of Brindavan Ashram, Whitefield, Bangalore on 9th February 2020 This happens to be the tenth year celebrations, blessed by Bhagawan in the year 2010. " Easwaramma Puraskar " honouring women of exemplary social commitments have been following Bhagawan's Divine Direction. Many distinguished women have been honoured over the past 10 years for their exemplary contributions to the society.

The Chosen awardees of this year 2020 are,

Smt Kavitha Umashankar Mishra from Raichur District.



Smt. Kavitha Mishra is a BE Graduate in Computer Science. She has also done her M.A. in Psychology.

Kavitha Mishra recollects the job offer, she received from Infosys, with a monthly salary of 40 thousand Rupees, way back in 2006. Kavitha Mishra was married into a conservative family. When her husband said, that women were not allowed to go out for jobs, her dreams were shattered. But then, her husband also gave her a suggestion, that she could try to do something, in the 8 acres of land the family had. Smt. Kavitha Mishra readily grabbed the idea of farming given by her husband and took it as a challenge. She did not have any prior exposure to farming, still, she wanted to give it a try. That was the beginning, of her wonderful, inspiring journey. She found the ancestral land very dry.

She analyzed the situation and tried a new form of agriculture, she planted forest trees, such as Sandalwood, Rosewood, Teak wood & Mahogany. Along with these forest trees, seasonal crops like mango, guava, chikkoo, groundnuts, vegetables, cotton were also planted. In her farm, She also reared cattle, sheep, and had a poultry farm.

Thus Smt. Kavitha Mishra, brought out the advantages of multi cropping and integrated cropping against mono cropping. Smt.Kavitha Mishra puts it in a simple way. She says, " No need of hard work, you need to do smart work ". This Multifarming helped the farmer to generate income throughout the year from seasonal fruits and vegetables. This helped the farmer with a steady income through out his life..

This thoughtful and smart idea in farming, has been widely recognized and highly appreciated, nationally and internationally. Recognising, Smt. Kavitha Mishra's wonderful contribution, the farming fraternity, the state Govt and the central Govt. have conferred a number of awards, on Smt. Kavitha Mishra.

Smt. Kavitha Mishra is not a farmer by birth. She is a farmer by choice.

In her own words, Smt. Kavitha Mishra did not become famous, because she sat in an A.C. room and wrote C++ programs. All the fame, respect and awards that she has today, are the fruits of her hard labour, under the sun, as a simple farmer.

Dr Veena Bhat from Bhadravathi , Shivamogga



Dr. Veena Bhat is a gynaecologist, Swami's chosen instrument, who introduces a child, to her own mother.

She attended Balvikas classes in the Sai Mandir, in Shimoga

Her family and the people in the village were shocked to hear Veena say that she wanted to become a Doctor, as girls were not allowed to go out.

With her firm determination, and a lot of hard work, Veena became the first doctor, from the small village Kumata.

Dr. Veena Bhat, is one of those rare personas, who has elevated her profession and career, towards Seva, through sheer dedication and passion to serve.

Her Achievements to name a few ..

Dr. Veena has regularly conducted AIDS awareness and birth control programs for rural women.

She has been in the forefront in conducting Sri Sathya Sai free medical camps.

She has also conducted ;HEALTH Awareness Programmes; in NSS, NCC camps for students in villages around Shimoga and Bhadravati

She has conducted 30 programmes in All India Radio and has delivered around 500 lectures in NSS camps on health awareness.

She frequently conducts awareness programmes on Abortion, Women atrocities & social evils; and also conducts counselling programmes for the Anganwadi workers.

Smt Daasi Kote from Sollepura, Mysuru



Smt. Daasi Kote, belongs to the Jenu Kuruba community, of the Nagarhole Forest Area of Karnataka. their traditional occupation is collecting honey in the forest and selling it.

In 2007, the forest Dept asked the Jenu Kuruba families to relocate to Sollepura, Mysore District. The Karnataka Govt gave 3 acres of land and a small house to each family. But sadly, the land allotted was not cultivable. Having lived in the forests all their life, on tapioca and other roots, Smt. Daasi and her family was struggling to get adjusted to town life. During this crucial period of transition, she lost her husband.

She was left alone, without support, to fend for herself and her 10 children. She was in a place alien and unrelated to her forest dwelling. Bereft of any knowledge or skill in farming, she was at a loss, to make a basic livelihood, with the 3 acres of land she had.

At this point, help came in, in the form of a few NGOs. In 2014, The Wild Life Conservation Society, from Bengaluru, took special interest in this group of dislocated families. Smt. Daasi makes a special mention of help from Shri Govindappa, Field Officer, Wcs.

The Jenu Kuruba families were given training in farming, by The Agriculture and Horticulture departments of Mysore & Suthoor. They were also trained by the Department of Animal Husbandry and the Organic farming society.

After this initial hand-holding, what happened thereafter is a story of sheer grit, determination and dedication.

Smt. Daasi jumped into action and started farming on a small scale. With her hard work, she was able to successfully grow and harvest healthy crops in their small, modest farm!

Today Daasi, has cattle, goats and also a poultry farm! She makes her own compost and does not use any chemical fertilizers or pesticides. She gets help from the Wildlife conservative Society and Sri. Govindappa for selling her produce.

Within a short time, due to her never dying attitude and hardwork, the family's earnings increased, slowly but steadily. She now earns a substantial annual income of over 4 lakh Rupees, per year.

Today she is past 60 years of age, but still, she wakes up early and toils hard, from dawn to dusk.

She has the distinction of being called the " Super Farmer " in Mysore District.

The **Chief Guests** were,

Smt M Vanitha, Project Director Chandrayaan 2

Smt Rithu Karidhal, Mission Director Chandrayaan 2

Earth meets the sky ! That is what it was looking at the Dignitaries on the Dias while our Easwamma Awardees were women farmers, Our Chief Guests were Space Scientists.

They perfectly bridged the gap between the Earth and the Sky

Smt. M Vanitha being honoured by SSSSO, Karnataka



Smt. Ritu Karidhal being honoured by SSSSO, Karnataka



The Chief Guests, Space Scientists were honoured by SSSSO.

The Scientists presented the Awards to the awardees and they later addressed the gathering.

Yoga Gymnastics was performed by the Jnana Sindhu School for Visually Impaired from Gadag District.



Essential Kits were donated by State President Sri Nagesh G Dhakappa to Govt Lower Primary School, Solleपुरa, Mysuru



The concluding remarks was given by the State President Sri Nagesh G Dhakappa.



Followed by Vote Of Thanks and Mahamangalarathi.

Group Photo of Easwaramma Puraskara committee with Awardees and Chief Guests



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