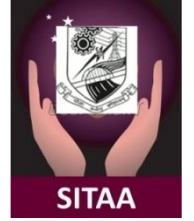
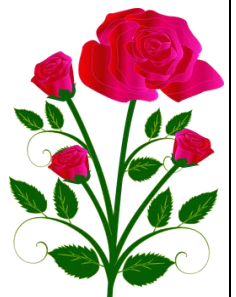
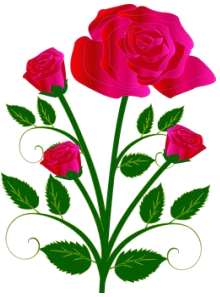




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BIRTH CENTENARY TRIBUTES



(Late) SRI.G.SUNDARAM, Principal, SIT (1962-1974)

மனிதருள் மாணிக்கம்

Born on 22-01-1919

A Fatherly Principal, SIT, who knew every student and cared for each one in SIT during his tenure. A rarity among the rarest who still lives in the heart of his students

From the President's desk.....

Dear Alumni, well wishers, faculty, staff, students and GC members of SIT,

I am extremely happy to learn that SITAA will issue a special edition of SITAAVOICE on the occasion of the **Birth Centenary** (22-01-2020) of our Former Principal and beloved Guru to all of us **(Sri.GS)**.

He has done yeomen service to the students and staff of our institution during the whole period of his service in SIT as its Principal and Secretary. I am happy to say that myself as well as two of my brothers are the beneficiaries. Some of the services, though not all, are highlighted, in the issue that is being specifically brought out on this happy occasion.

Though he is not with us now, I am sure he will definitely bless all of us from his heavenly abode.

As an act of good gratitude and gesture to our beloved former Principal Sri.GS, let us all work hard to bring fame, name and good laurels to SIT for which Sri.GS worked and strived hard.

Seeking the blessings from his heavenly abode,

P.A.BALASUBRAMANIAN

President, SITAA

Former Student of beloved Principal Sri.GS

Former Faculty of the Civil Engg. Dept of SIT

Dear SITians,

I feel very happy that I am fortunate to compile encomiums on Sri.G.Sundaram, our Former Principal, SIT and present through SITAAVOICE special issue on this day, 22-01-2020, his birth Centenary.

For preparation of this article on Sri.GS, I requested my senior alumni and eminent people of his friends to provide their experience with Sri.GS. I received the details from various alumni and well wishers. Sri.Lakshmi Narasimhan, an alumnus extended his support by providing the data published in "The Hindu" on various occasions.

This article is being published in SIT Annual Magazine SITMAG-2020 which will be made available to selected group of students, faculty, and few others at the celebrations of Sri.GS birth centenary and annual day celebrations. To meet out our Alumni and well wishers requirements, this special issue with encomiums on Sri.GS is being released now.

We three brothers studied in SIT during his tenure and all of us were appointed in BHEL. Sharing my thoughts, right from first week of June 1973 till 2005, I had wonderful experiences with Sri.GS on several occasions. Each occasion made me to listen, adhere and follow several good things from his advice, suggestions, on helping deserving people, effective communication, economic way of living, etc. Frankly speaking, I have not come across such wonderful role model in my life, but also I am sure that I may not get an opportunity to meet anybody like Sri.GS in rest of my life. Whenever I meet Sri.GS and Sri.ANC the first word I use to hear from them, "You will become General Manager of BHEL, your initials will be after you name". Their blessings became true. I retired as General Manager BHEL, Trichy.

Though a lot to share, few things made me to follow his attributes. I was the “Most Regular Student” in SIT and as well as my career in BHEL around 41 years. I was punctual as he insisted, and as per his philosophy, my hard work and efforts put in BHEL made me to receive two gold medals from BHEL for the best executive awards and several credentials. I would like to share that the patience learnt from him made me a successful man both in my personal and official life. I owe everything what I learnt and earned throughout my career to Sri.GS.

My Pranams and Namaskarams to Sri.GS. I have strong belief that he will live in the hearts of his students and their family members forever.

I would like to inform that Sri.GS’s birth centenary and SIT Annual day is being celebrated on 28-01-2020. On that day the annual magazine of SIT is also being released. As an honor to GS and our Tributes, an encomium is being published in annual magazine of SIT, SITMAG-2020. Sri.K.Nagarajan, General Manager (Outsourcing) BHEL, Trichy will be chief guest of the celebrations. Dr.V.Gopalakrishnan, Former Executive Director, BHEL, Trichy will be the Guest of Honor will release the SIT Annual Magazine SITMAG-2020 to our Sri.P.A.Balasubramanian, President, SITAA. All are invited.

I express my sincere thanks to all alumni and Dr.K.Vijaykumar, Principal-in-charge and his team of SIT for their support and cooperation who supported to bring out this SITAA VOICE special issue, with our President note. I am glad to present this issue of SITAA VOICE Special issue. To know the details, please read on....

Your SITian

G.M.Rajendran

Hon. Secretary SIT
Vice President, SITAA

G.Sundaram - மனிதருள் மாணிக்கம்

**வையத்துள் வாழ்வாங்கு வாழ்பவன் வானுறையும்
தெய்வத்துள் வைக்கப்படும் – திருவள்ளுவர்**

Sri.G.Sundaram (GS), was born on 22-01-1919 in Tiruchirapalli. His father Sri.A.V.Gopalachariyar, was a leading advocate of 1900s . Sri.G.Sundaram lived in Thillai Nagar, Tiruchirapalli. (C-4-10B, Cross Road, Thillai Nagar South, Tiruchirapalli-620003). His wife was (Late)Smt.S.Lakshmi

The Trichinopoly Co-Operative Building Society Limited was founded in 1920 by Sri.A.V.Gopalachariyar, father of Sri.G.Sundaram

GS studied his B.A. in National College, Tiruchirapalli followed by B.E. from College of Engineering, Guindy, then University of Madras. After his completion of BE, Sri.G.Sundaram, Sri.V.P.Appadorai, Sri.B.Somiayjulu, Sri.J.Kurien were trained by Sir Henry Howard, Project Engineer in Chief who ensured the growth of Madras Presidency’s Power and Industrial Development. GS was Divisional Engineer of Highways and Rural Works and was deputed to Seshasayee Institute of Technology. He was working as Principal in the institute on deputation from 03-06-1962 to 11-12-1969. From 11-12-1969, he

voluntarily retired from Government and continued as Principal, SIT till 05-01-1974. After his retirement as Principal, SIT, he was Honorary Secretary, SIT till his end.

(G.O. MS.No. 1494/PWD/24-4-1968. He was permitted to continue as Principal by the Government in the same G.O. after retirement. Pay drawn on the date of retirement from Govt. Service was Rs.1000/-Retirement Gratuity received Rs.10,500/-.

Attributes :

Nice Human – Highly cultivated with good habits, affectionate with all students, their parents, faculty, staff and others. In 1960s and early 70s he used to call for parents meeting to share the students’ behavior, studies and advise / suggest parents the requirements to ensure that the students come out with great success so that their bright future was assured.

Insistence of punctuality and 100% attendance: He used to emphasize that diploma holders are of Supervisors who must have both technical knowledge and management techniques so that they can guide the workers to do the job and report to bottom level of Management for successful completion of the job. To achieve this in Industries, being 48 hours per week, he insisted for punctuality and 100% attendance to have the continuity in the job. For motivating students, he created an award “Most Regular Student” with cash prize of Rs.25 in 1960s in his name. This award is not only a credit but also a motivating factor for all students. He used to award many students whoever had 100% attendance in all the three years of diploma course. Several students adopted this trait in their career, a major factor to climb up in their career ladder. All became leading Industrialists, Entrepreneurs, Consultants, Engineers, Managers, General Managers, Vice Presidents, etc. in Indian Railways, BHEL, NTPC, ONGC, TNEB, BPCL, IOCL, L&T, TVS Motors and others. Several alumni shared their gratitude on this account.

Best Teacher : Though he was Principal he use to take classes on the subject “Industrial Organization Management”. He published a book on IOM which was a master piece in study materials, a subject which is being analyzed in detail in all Business Schools (IIMs, XLRI, etc.) was taught to the students of 18/19 years old. He used to teach this subject on Work Study, Time Study, Standardization, Cost reduction, safety management, Waste reduction, etc. in a way the students were keen on listening to him. In short he was an amazing teacher.

Best Principal: As Principal, he insisted on discipline, punctuality, sincerity, hard work, effective way of working, cost reduction, savings, and cooperation among the students, faculty and staff. In 1971-72, in SIT hostel, he brought the dividing system in the mess which saved lot of money to the students and as well as waste reduction was ensured. He used to check whether the food consumption is good and to know that he used to witness the waste bins near had wash area. This paved the way to thousands of engineers who joined Railways, CPWD, PWD, TWAD, State and Central Govt. organizations, major PSUS viz. BHEL, ONGC, IOCL and MNCs to outperform in their role and stepping up in organizational ladder.

Extending Financial support to the students - Right from 1962 to 1974 majority of poor students received their merit scholarships, Govt scholarships. Whoever did not get Govt. scholarships, GS used to contact several philanthropists, well wishers of SIT and get their financial assistance and passed on to students. It was assured that the category which did not fall under the above, deserving students was assured of his own financial support. Thousands of students studied with the financial support from GS. Even now, students who studied during his tenure keep GS's photo in their pooja room or in their purse.

Issue of Conduct Certificate – While we highlight all shining traits of GS, it will not get fulfilled without mentioning the issue of Conduct Certificate to the students, unique trait of GS. Unlike several Heads of educational institutions, GS use to give specific conduct certificate to each student highlighting his positive attributes, which were their strengths. It is not an exaggeration that a SWOT analysis can be done in each conduct certificate where people can find only strengths and opportunities.

Extending support for placement of the students : During second year itself in order to utilize the holidays effectively GS used to send the students for Summer Vacation training to Golden Rock workshops, Kaveri Structural, Trichy Distilleries, BHEL, SIMCO Meters and several other employers. He had very good contact and best relationship in SMESC, SIMCO Meters, BHEL, L&T, TVS Group of Companies, Seshasayee Paper and Boards Limited, Seshasayee Industries Limited, Vadalur, PWD, TNEB, etc. . GS cashed this opportunity for placement of thousands of students. During his tenure, he ensured almost 100% employments.

Secretary of SIT : From 05th January 1974 (date he relinquished as Principal) till 2004, he extended his support and guided SIT as Secretary of SIT towards growth and enhancement. GS trained around 5000 workers and 1000 Supervisors in BHEL, Trichy in organizational behavior, cost reduction, working methods, systems, standardization, safety systems & procedures. His veins and blood vessels were filled with three letter word SIT till his end. As Management representative, he employed several poor deserving people in SIT who have GS's photos in their pooja room.

Founder – Trichy Productivity Council (TPC) – GS founded the Trichy Productivity Council and he contributed his earnings from BHEL to TPC. He constructed a building for TPC and conducted several training, development programs on Productivity Management, Organizational efficiency, etc. TPC cannot be spelled out without GS.

On examining early Chola records a thousand years old, Thatha was amazed to see that the famous ruler, Raja Raja Chola, had conceived a dam in the same spot where the Mettur dam was built. Thatha often mentioned this in his speeches.

The Mettur project made Tanjore and Trichy districts the granary of South India and brought great prosperity to the area. In addition, many industries came up all over Madras Presidency and in the downstream area of Mettur.

From Mettur, electricity was taken northward to Vellore, Tiruvannamalai and Madras, besides other centres.

As one of the papers, Dinamani reported, Sir C.P. laid the seeds of the economic development of the state and, born on Deepavali day, he brought light to Madras Presidency !

In days when words like 'human resource development' were not known, Thatha pioneered the training of the next line of engineers.

He appointed an Englishman, Henry Howard, as Project Engineer-in-Chief and made it a condition of his appointment that he should train at least three Indian project engineers to take his place by the end of three years. G. Sundaram, V.P. Appadorai, B. Somaiyajulu, J. Kurien, Yoganandam and several other brilliant men were trained by Sir Henry Howard, and, under them, Madras Presidency's power and industrial development grew through the years.

Sir Mohammed Ueman, who was also a member of the

Ref: Book "Sir CP Remembered" by Shankunthala Jagannathan (Autobiography of Sir CP Ramaswamy Iyer, Former Secretary of the Indian National Congress, Former Law Member of the Governor's Executive Council of Madras President, Former Dewan of Travancore)

GS, the Oldest Reader of "The Hindu"- Honored by "The Hindu"

On several occasions, including teaching classes, GS insisted all students, staff and faculty to read the newspapers which will enable to enhance their general knowledge, to know the day to day activities, to enhance the grammar and vocabulary skills during oral, written communication. He followed what he preached. He had the habit of reading "The Hindu" since long. The Hindu celebrated its 125th Anniversary in Tiruchirapalli and the Chief Guest was Sri.Mani Shankar Aiyer, then Union Minister for Petroleum and Panchayat Raj. On this occasion "The Hindu" honored GS with nice encomium



The Union Minister for Petroleum and Panchayat Raj, Mani Shankar Aiyer, greets G. Sundaram, former principal of Seshasayee Institute of Technology, the oldest reader of *The Hindu* at a function organised by the Citizens Forum to celebrate the 125+ years of the daily in Tiruchi on Saturday. The Mayor and Chalmrman of the Committee of Hosts, Sarubala R. Tondalman, looks on. — Photo: M. Moorthy.

'A guardian of cultural ethos'

By Our Staff Reporter

TIRUCHI, APRIL 2. The high journalistic standards set by *The Hindu* and its ability to keep pace with technological advances came in for praise at the celebration of the 125+ years of the national daily, organised by the Citizens' Forum here today.

Presiding over the function, the Tiruchi Mayor and Chairperson of the Committee of Hosts, Sarubala R. Tondaiman, said *The Hindu* stood apart by virtue of its unambiguous editorials in expressing political blunders, leading to the reversal of many a decision. The newspaper has lived up to the expectations of its founding fathers with its uncompromising stand on various issues of importance.

Accepting honours as the oldest reader of the daily in Tiruchi region, G. Sundaram (86), former Principal, Seshasayee Institute of Technology, expressed pride in belonging to the third generation of readers and advised students to develop their vocabulary by reading the editorials regularly.

The Vice-Chancellor of Bharathidasan University, C. Thangamuthu, emphasised the educative value of all sections of the newspaper. He suggested that the organisation explore the

possibility of bringing out a Tamil newspaper with the same ethos.

S. Ranganathan, Secretary, Cauvery Delta Farmers' Welfare Association, recalled the role played by *The Hindu* in bringing about a rapprochement between farmers of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over the Cauvery dispute at the height of crisis.

The former MP, N. Siva, commended the newspaper for upholding press freedom in the face of authoritarianism. Its writings helped him and many of his colleagues participate in the Parliamentary debates.

The former national vice-president of the Indian Medical Association, M. S. Ashraf, appealed to the newspaper management to accommodate and recognise the excellent works done by medical professionals in mofussil and remote areas.

Litterateur Prema Nandakumar pointed out that the newspaper was the guardian of cultural, literary and musical aspects of the society through its extensive coverage.

The convener of the Committee of Hosts, S. Pushpavanam, said that the readers were also stakeholders of the newspaper thanks to a strong bond between them.

MADRAS OFFICIAL POSTINGS

MADRAS, May 5.
The services of Mr. G. Sundaram, Divisional Engineer, Highways and Rural Works, are placed at the disposal of the Seshasayee Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, for appointment as Principal for one year in the first instance from date of taking charge.
Mr. T. S. Paramasivam, Assistant Geologist, appointed temporarily as Geologist in the Geology Branch of the Industries Department from the date of taking charge.

Deputation of GS from Highways and Rural Works to SIT. Published in The Hindu dated 06-06-1962 - GO released by the then Madras State Government

The Hindu/06-05-1962/9

Sri.GS's farewell message at the time of his retirement published in SITMAG of 1974 – His practical realistic message conveyed is deemed fit even today i.e. after 45 years.

PRINCIPAL (GS) SPEAKS

*I am retiring from the office of the principal after holding the post for about a dozen years. Earlier I had put in about twenty years of work in the field. Many of my friends ask me why I am retiring now, when I can continue for three more years till the age of 58. My answer is simple. If I had continued in the Highways Department, I should retire at the age of 55. Secondly, I feel that my efficiency is just beginning to come down and **honestly I cannot compromise myself to work with reduced efficiency.** For Indian conditions, I am inclined to think that 55 is perhaps the optimum age for retirement, because all kinds of fatigue set in at this age. For me the fatigue was all the more greater, as I had taken upon myself several roles not only in the discharge of my duties, but also in putting this Institution on a stable basis.*

I retire with utmost happiness because a retrospect makes me feel that I could not have done better. I have been thinking only about the Institution in all my waking hours, and while laying down office, I have the full sense of satisfaction that the Institute has come up very well. This has been not a little due to the uniformly good students, co-operative staff, and a very enlightened Management who had abundant faith in me, besides uniform encouragement from the Director, Technical Education, Madras.

Technical Education, being invariably job-oriented, its primary objective should be quick placement of boys who come out of the Institution every year. It is quite easy to find jobs for civil boys, passed or failed. But a passed boy will be quickly able to get about Rs.200/- more per month than a failed boy. As there is no rigid interview or test for selection, the only criterion for high emolument, is a pass in the final Diploma examination. So the foremost consideration of the staff members should be to make all the boys pass in the first attempt. In so doing, even the technique of dumping stereotype information relating to stereotype questions may be adopted, even though it may degenerate to the level of what a private tutor will do. But there is one difference namely, the syllabus should be fully taught to enable the students to answer objective type questions that are now in vogue.

In mechanical branch, the boys should be taught not only what is contained in the syllabus, but also something beyond that. The staff members should keep in touch with the boys who return after interview and ascertain the nature of questions asked in the interview so that the next set of boys can be adequately trained. It is only by so doing, it has been possible to find placements for a very large number of boys in the B.H.E.L Trichy. But the first requirement to be called for the interview is a first class in the D.M.E examination. As many bright boys opt to the mechanical branch, it should be the Endeavour of each staff member to make at least seventy-five percent of the boys to pass in first class.

In the electrical branch, the boys should be made to get such a thorough knowledge of the subject as to make them self-confident to start their own business. At the moment, the

employment opportunities are not very bright. We have therefore started this year a new Elective 'Industrial Electronics' to meet the ever growing demand for Electronic technicians. Here again, for jobs in industries, a first class pass is a 'must'. This year, I am happy to say that four of our electrical boys have joined a cooperative society under the self-employment scheme of the state Government and have gone for training.

Majority of the Technical High School products will only be used as end products. That is, they have to seek jobs as artisans. So, great attention should be devoted to their practical training in their trades in order to make them face the trade tests and interviews with confidence. Here again, it is seen now that the employers prefer passed T.H.S boys to failed boys. Every effort is necessary to make as many boys as possible to pass.

I am very happy over the absolute student-confidence in me. All the students fully appreciated that any action taken was only for their good. That is the reason why we were able to steer clear or strike last year. They also appreciated my efforts in securing suitable jobs for them. Even in these hard days, I am able to say that only a very few of the passed out boys are unemployed till now.

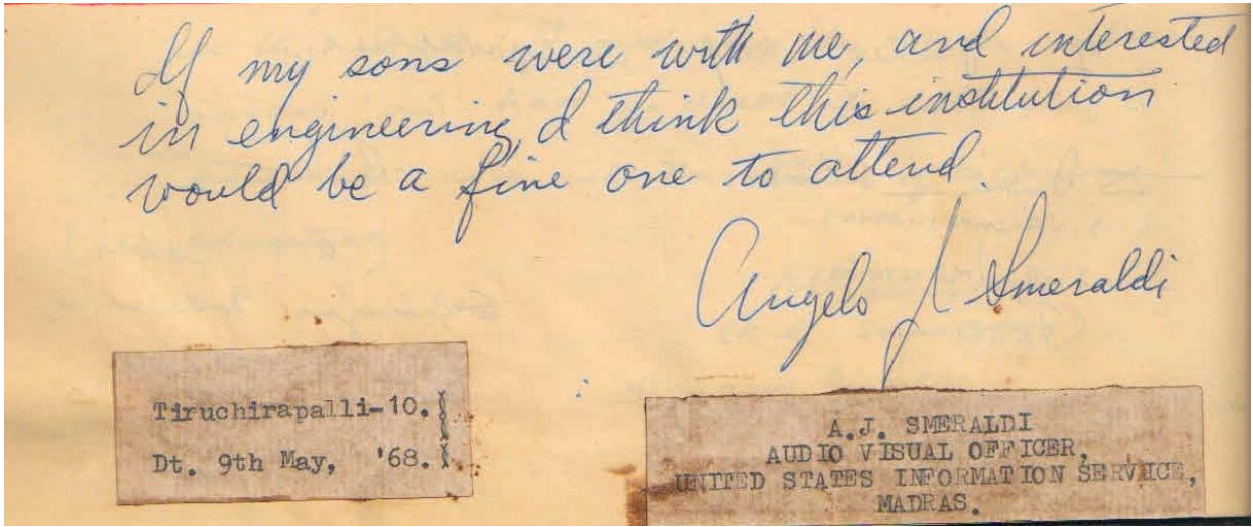
Many of the boys come from very poor families. At the same time some of them are very brilliant. Several philanthropists of this great city of Tiruchirappalli responded to my appeal to extend financial assistance to these poor boys. So far, I have been able to get several thousands of rupees which were distributed to the poor boys for fees, books etc. I am grateful to all my friends who readily contributed substantial sums for helping the poor boys. I do feel overwhelmed by letters from boys offering to contribute some money for the Institution for they know fully well, that the only thing that is in short supply in this Institute is money. I, however, do not fail to tell them that the first charge on their earnings is their families, and the Institute comes only next. I give my whole-hearted good wishes and blessings to all my students.

The boy who learned a skill in 1850 or in 1900 knew that he would use it all his life and the chances were that he would go up in the same enterprise in which he started. But it is not so now in this age of fast-changing technology. Unless the young students are kept very well-informed about the present and future pattern of development, they would not have been properly prepared to face countless and largely unforeseeable technical development. This calls for a new kind of teaching, so essential if creative as well as practical talents are to be developed. The theory of continuous self-education is, therefore, nowhere more applicable than to the persons who are involved in teaching. This is no doubt a challenging task, and I do hope that the staff members will rise up to it and meet the challenge successfully.

I wish this great institution grows from strength to strength.

Date:- 04-01-1974

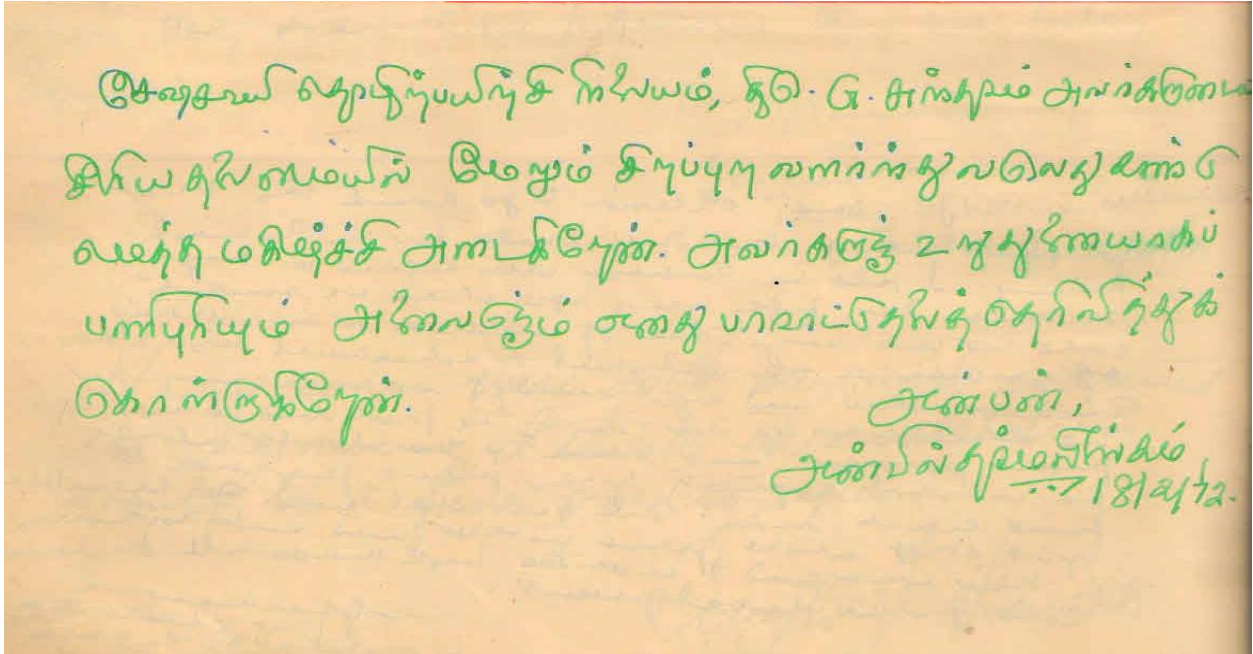
**G. SUNDARAM,
Principal**



Written Message – **If my sons were with me and interested in engineering, I think this institution be a fine one to attend.**

Signed

Mr.A.J.Smeraldi, Audio Visual Officer, United States Information Services, Madras, during his visit to SIT wrote in our Visitors Book on 09-05-1968



Written message சேஷசாயி தொழிற்பயிற்சி நிலையம், திரு.G.சுந்தரம் அவர்களுடைய சீரிய தலைமையில் மேலும் சிறப்புற வளர்ந்து வருவது கண்டு மெத்த மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன். அவர்களுக்கு உறுதுணையாகப் பணி புரியும் அனைவருக்கும் எனது பாராட்டுதலை தெரிவித்துக் கொள்ளுகிறேன் .

அன்பன்

அன்பில் தர்மலிங்கம்

Encomiums by (Late) Sri.Anbil Dharmalingam then Minister for Agriculture, TN Government during his visit on 18-02-1972.

Message of Sri.R.Venkataraman Former President of India, at SIT on 14-02-1977

I am greatly impressed with your tremendous progress achieved by Seshasayee Institute of Technology. The Institute owes its origin to the foresight of VS who realized the value of the value of technical education for industrial growth and development. The Institute has rendered immense service to the youth by diverting them into fruitful channels of technical education and also providing them opportunities for employment. The distinguished leaders like T.M.Narayanaswami Pillai and eminent technician H.K.Ramaswamy who have been heading the Management deserve all praise. Above all Sri.G.Sundaram, the Principal has, by his dedicated service raised the Institute to its present glory. As I said during my Silver Jubilee address I wish the Institute Prosperity and Prosperity.

Signed (R.Venkataraman)

Encomiums from few alumni about Sri.GS

Dr.S.Sudharssanam, 1964 DCE – AICTE Director , Dean IIM Indore (Retd)

Remembering this great Soul makes us better. A Principal of principles with no match

R.Manathan, 1964 DME – Chaiman, Manatec Group of Companies, Pondicherry

திரு.G.சுந்தரம் அவர்கள் எனது வாழ்வின் வழிகாட்டியாய் திகழ்ந்தவர்கள். அப்பொழுது நான் SIT யில் முதலாம் ஆண்டு முடித்து இரண்டாம் ஆண்டு செல்லும் நிலை. எனக்கு சிவில் இன்ஜினியரிங் பிரிவை கொடுத்து பெயர்ப்பலகையில் போட்டிருந்தார்கள். ஆனால் எனக்கு சிவில் பிரிவில் நாட்டமில்லை. அப்போது SIT முதல்வராக இருந்த திரு. G.சுந்தரம் அவர்களை அவரது அறையில் நேரில் சந்தித்து எனக்கு சிவில் வேண்டாம்; மெக்கானிக்கல் பிரிவுதான் வேண்டும் என்று கேட்டேன். ஆனால் அவரோ, “நானே சிவில்தான் படித்திருக்கிறேன்; அதனால் நீயும் சிவில் இன்ஜினியருக்குப் படி; உனக்கு நல்ல வேலை வாங்கித்தருகிறேன்” என கூறி என்னை அனுப்பிவிட்டார். அதற்கு மேல் பேச பயம். ஆனால் சிவில் படிக்க துளியும் விருப்பமில்லை. மிகுந்த தைரியத்தை வரவழைத்துக்கொண்டு அவரது அலுவலகத்திற்கு வெளியே பியூனின் ஸ்டூலில் மாலை 6.00 மணி வரை அமர்ந்திருந்தேன். மாலை, பணி முடிந்து வெளியே வந்த திரு.சுந்தரம் அவர்கள் என்னைப்பார்த்து “ஏன் இங்கே உட்கார்ந்து இருக்கிறாய்? என மிக கணீரென்று கேட்டார். எனக்கு உடல் நடுங்க ஆரம்பித்து விட்டது. இருப்பினும் தைரியத்தை வரவழைத்துக் கொண்டு எனது விருப்பத்தைச் சொன்னேன். இதற்காக இவ்வளவு நேரம் இங்கேயே உட்கார்ந்திருக்கிறாயா ?? எனக்கேட்டார். என்னுடைய உறுதியை உணர்ந்த அவர் “ சரி. உனக்கு மெக்கானிக்கல் பிரிவே தருகிறேன்; ஒழுங்காக நல்ல மார்க் வாங்கு” எனக்கூறி எனக்கு நான் விரும்பிய பிரிவைக் கொடுத்தார். அதன் விளைவு, இன்று நான் ஒரு தொழில் அதிபராக உள்ளேன் ! எனது தொழிற்சாலையில் ஏறக்குறைய முண்ணூறு தொழிலாளர்கள் பணி புரிகிறார்கள் . எனது நிறுவனம் இந்தியாவின் ஜனாதிபதி விருது பெற்றது ஆகும். பாண்டிச்சேரியின் மிக சிறந்த நிறுவனங்களில் ஒன்று ஆகும். எனது நிறுவனம் உற்பத்தி செய்யும் பொருட்களை சுமார் நூறு நாடுகளுக்கு ஏற்றுமதி செய்கின்ற ஒன்று ஆகும் . அவர் மட்டும் அன்று அவருடைய கோபத்தை என் மீது காட்டியிருந்தால் எனது வாழ்க்கை திசை மாறியிருக்கும்; இந்த வெற்றியை நான் அடைந்திருக்க முடியாது.

என் வாழ்வு, முன்னேற்றம் எப்பொழுதும் என்னால் மறக்க முடியாத மாமனிதர் . மனிதருள் மாணிக்கம். அன்னாரது புகழ் என்றென்றும் நிலைத்திருக்க இறைவனை பிரார்த்திக்கிறேன்.

A.S.Narasimhan, 1968 DME, General Manager (Retd.) TVS Group, Sundaram Fasteners

உயர் திரு.ஆசான் சுந்தரம் பற்றி எழுத எனக்கு தகுதி இல்லை. ஆனாலும் இவ்வாறு எழுதுவதால் கொஞ்சம் எனது நன்றிக்கடனை தீர்க்கலாமோ என்ற ஓர் அற்ப ஆசை, எழுத வைக்கிறது.

அவர் தனது தொழிலை தன் மாணாக்கர்களுக்கு பாடம் கற்பிப்பதை காட்டிலும், அவர்களது வாழ்கையில் முன்னேற்றம் அடைய வேண்டும் என்பதிலேயே கவனம் கொண்டிருந்தார். இதை அவர் எனக்கு எழுதிய கடித்திலிருந்து யாவரும் புரிந்து கொள்ள முடியும்.

அவரது முனைப்பின் காரணத்தினாலேயே எனக்கு முதல்வேலை REC Trichy ல் Laboratory Mechanic ஆக கிடைத்தது. ஒன்னறை ஆண்டுகளுக்கு பின் அதை விட்டு, சென்னையில் முன்னேற வாய்ப்புகள் அதிகம் என்ற கனவில் சென்னையை வந்தடைந்தேன் (அவரிடம் சொல்லிக்கொள்ளாமல்). ஒரு வருடம் திருச்சியில் கிடைத்த சம்பளத்தில் பாதி சம்பளத்தில் சென்னையில் வேலை செய்தேன். இது முட்டாள் தனமானதன்றோ!

நமது ஆசானின் ஆசீர்வாதத்தால் (purely his blessings and not recommendation), TVS நிறுவனமான, Sundram Fastenersல் Store Keeper வேலைக்கு 1972 Feb,நேர் கானல் சென்றேன். அவர்கள் Material Managementஐ பற்றி என்ன தெரியும் என்று கேட்டதும், நமது ஆசான் தான் பதில் கூறினார் என்றே சொல்வேன். ஏன் எனில் அவர் மூன்றாவது வருடம் IOM (Industrial Organisation and Management) என்கிற பாடம் எடுப்பார். அதிலிருந்து கூறிய எனது பதில் திருப்தியாக இருக்கவே எனக்கு வேலை கிடைத்தது.

கடைசியாக 2007 நவம்பரில் ஓய்வு பெறும் போது, General Manager - Marketing என்கிற பதவியிலிருந்தேன். பின்பு GM- Business Development என்கிறபதவியில் 2012 ஜூலை வரை பணியாற்றினேன்.

2002ல் SITயின் வருடாந்திர விழாவிடக்கு என்னை அழைத்து , நமது ஆசான் கௌரவித்தார். அதில் அவர் கண்ட மகிழ்ச்சியை எனக்கு வர்ணிக்க இயலாது. வள்ளுவன் தனது மகனை மற்றோர் "சான்றோன் எனக்கேட்ட தாய்" என்றான். வள்ளுவன் கூறியது தவறோ என படுகிறது ஏனெனில். அந்த (எனது) தாயை காட்டிலும் அவர் அடைந்த மகிழ்ச்சியே பெரிது என்பேன்.

நமது ஆசானின் பங்கு எனது வாழ்க்கையில் மிக மிக அதிகம். அவருக்கு நான் என்ன கைமாறு செய்வேன். மாறாக எவ்வளவோ பொருள் உதவி SIT க்கு அளித்தாலும், அத்தெய்வத்திற்கு செலுத்தும் கடனே அன்றி வேறு எதுவும் ஆகாது

Dr.K.Venkatrao, 1969 DME – Scientist ISRO (Retd.) - Thank you for remembrance of our beloved Principal, I still remember his teachings on Principles of Management so dedicatedly to us. I still remember few of his tips even today. I was garlanded by him at all his classes with imaginable flower bouquet-

A.Viswanathan, 1971 DEE, Sr Manager BHEL (Retd) - மனிதருள் மாணிக்கம்

S.Rangarajan 1972 DEE – DGM BHEL (Retd) - We remember our beloved GS for his service with devotion and we show our sincere regards on this day. He is ever remember able person who has got mingled with our life

M.Shanumuganandam, 1972 DME – DGM BHEL(Retd.) - YES. We are very proud to be his student. He was our Guide, Well Wisher than a Principal

R.Selvaraj 1973, DME – SDGM BHEL (Retd) - He is one my GODs. Will be recalling him frequently. I believe that without him my life could not be in this level

K.Rajavel, 1974 DME – Additional General Manager (Retd) BHEL, Corporate Adviser Mitsubishi Corporation, Osaka Japan - My pranams and Prayers to him. A Great Soul who made the difference

N.Raju, 1979 DME – Vice Principal Retd, SIT – Mr.G.Sundaram was a coveted personality and visionary. He always had the habit of motivating the young budding teachers at SIT to explore the update in their fields. He kindled both the teachers and students to have reading skills.



SITAA organized a meeting to pay rich tributes to the revered former Principal (Late) Sri.G.Sundaram on 4th Sep 2015. The meeting was presided over by Dr.S.Sudharssanam, then President, SITAA. The decennial Memorial Lecture was delivered by our Senior Alumni and President Emeritus of SITAA, Sri.R.Palaniappan, Chairman, Jothi Malleables, Trichy Sri.G.R.K.Raju, alumnus 1964 DME, Sri.V.Nagarajan, Former Principal and SITAA EC Members shared their memories with Sri.GS

Sri. P.A.Balasubramanian, an alumnus of 1963, Former Lecturer in Civil Engg. SIT, who could not attend the meeting, had prepared a write up and sent to The Principal, SIT, with a request to read the contents in the meeting .

The contents of the write up in next two pages.

TRIBUTE TO LATE SRI GS 4th Sep 2015.

Respected President, Respected Emeritus President, SRI R.PALANIAPPAN, Dr SS, GMR, Principal SRI Sangapillai, Vice principal Raju, Sri GRK RAJU and other dignitaries on and off the dias, Staff and Students,

I am extremely happy to hear that SITTA will be organising a meeting, today, to pay our homage to our former Principal and Guru Late Sri GS and the dicennial Memorial Lecture will be delivered by our senior Alumni Sri R.Palaniappan.

Though i am very much eager to participate in the meeting and pay my respects and homage to our Guru, i could not make it today, due to some domestic compulsions. Hence i have taken the option of preparing a note and sending it to SITAA and this may please be read in the meeting.

SRI GS was my Principal during my third year of studies in SIT in the year 1962-1963. I did not have any occasion to meet him, during my student days.

Somehow based on my performance in Quarterly and Half yearly exams (in those days), he prepared a very lengthy note on my achievements and it was put in the Main Notice Board, in Dec 1962, wishing me all success in my endeavours.

Since both SRI GS and SRI ANC were very much impressed with my performance, they decided to take me as a Teaching Staff in SIT, much before the declaration of final year Diploma exam results. As a staff, i had quite a lot of occasions to meet him and get his guidance.

He was very much impressed with my teaching assignments and gave a lot of encouragement to achieve more heights.

We can talk many more of his noble service to the student community and i will restrict myself to highlight two or three of his noble service. During his period, every year after the declaration of final year results, he used to spend only a short time in SIT and spend more time in BHEL, TRICHY, to get employment for the final year passed out students. His quota in getting employment every year would be 25 to 30 MECHANICAL, 15 ELECTRICAL and 5 TO 10 CIVIL. In that way he had helped quite a lot of our students to get an entry into BHEL. He also did his best to get employment with other companies like METTUR CHEMICALS, SESHASAYEE PAPER AND BOARDS, SESHASAYEE INDUSTRIES, SIMCO METERS and other Govt Depts like PWD, HIGHWAYS, ELECTRICITY BOARD etc.

During the years 1965 to 1971, there used to be ANTI-HINDI AGITATION, during DEC-JANUARY every year, leading to the closure of all educational institutions, including polytechnics. Our Polytechnic students, at the behest of other students from neighbouring institutions, would resort to boycotting of the classes and would stand in Tanjore Road, opposite to SIT. Our Principal SRI GS used to go to them and advise them to attend Classes for which they would be willing. He would then entrust the job of driving the students to SIT AUDITORIUM, by picking up one staff from each department. Myself from CIVIL, SRI SSR from MECH, SRI SP and SRI MM would be the choice. After all the students had assembled in the AUDITORIUM, Sri GS would again appeal to them to ignore the strike call and turn up for classes. Even then the students would only be interested in boycotting the classes. So the Principal had to reluctantly close the institution sine-die and the Hostel would also be closed. Students who were unwilling to head his advice, would probably from HOSTEL also, and they would not have requisite money to go home. So they would come and stand before the Principal's room and request the Principal to pay some money. SRI GS

would be having RS 5/- and RS 10/- bundles(in those days) in his table drawyer. On getting the information to one way fare to go home, he used to give DOUBLE THE FARE, one for going home and the other for returning to SIT as and when it reopened.SRI GS would not maintain any account given to the students and it was only charity.

I want to say something more about his sincerety and generacity. Any Hosteller, who was unwell, would have to come to Principal"s room and and make an entry in the dairy kept for that purpose. The concerned student should be present at the Principal"s office at the closing hour 5 P.M. He would be taken in PRINCIPAL"car and while going ,he would collect information reg. the nature of illness .On reaching the clinic, he would himself brief the Doctor about his ailment and get medicines etc. The student need not have to pay any money, including his bus fare back to Hostel and everything would be borne by SRI GS.

In another occasion, a student (hosteller) by name BILAVENDRAN of ELECTRICAL BRANCH , Had to be hospitalised, immediatly, during late night hours, for some problem in his rear head. Sri GS on getting the information, came in his car, eventhough it was late night and took him to GENERAL HOSPITAL G.H. He also ensured the presence of the DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER(DMO), at that late hour. On his request, the student was given due care and very good treatment. Even with all these things, the student could not survive and he passed away after struggle for two days. Sri GS was present in the hospital, for most of the time of the student"s hospitalysation. Sri GS then made all arrangements for the body to be taken to his home in VALADY.

Immediatly, on reaching SIT, SRI GS called for a condolence meeting. He actually WEPT and words were unwilling to come out of his mouth. He only said " I HAVE LOST MY SON" and he wanted SRI VN to address the meeting, on his behalf. Such was the sincerity and generosity of our GURU LATE GS.

I can bring to your notice, about some more incidences also. Since i do not want to take much of the time, I will conclude by saying that it is very difficult to see and get a PRINCIPAL of the nature of SRI GS.

I thank one and all of you for giving me an oppportunity to share my feelings.

PABalasubramanian

The following letter written by Sri.GS to Sri.PAB exhibits how much interest he had in getting an employment to one, who is not a product of SIT. (Late) Sri.GS not only helped the students of SIT but also others in getting employment.



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Date : ..16-03-2005.

My Dear Sri P.A.B,

I trust this finds you in good health and cheer. You will be happy to hear that our 53rd Annual Day followed by Alumni Day was really very fine . Our old student Mr. S.Prabhakar was Chief Guest for both. He passed DME in 1985, followed by Degree in BITS, Pilani and a special Diploma in Sweden. He is presently Vice-President of Industrial & Marine Power Systems, Volvo India Private Limited, Bangalore, with annual emolument of rupees ten lakhs plus share in profits. This is a case of very steep career rise of our student. He is most modest and he mingled freely with our students. He spoke very well and this should have had a good impact on our students.

I seek your assistance in a matter, if possible. One Mr. M.Narasimha Rao, General Manager, Tiruchi Distilleries, is my good friend. His wife M.Vasundhara is permanently stationed at Chennai. Perhaps the husband also may shift to Chennai. Vasundhara appears to be a top class Civil Engineering Designer, and is looking for a good placement in a big Company at Chennai. I enclose her RESUME. She is available on the phone also and you can speak to her to get more information if needed. She is not interested in a teaching assignment.

I believe that Nilakantan Brothers still have an Unit at Chennai. If so, you can put this to them also. You need not bother too much, or spend too much time on this. You can have her case in mind, and when you come across any opening, you can assist her.

The RESUME need not be returned to me, as I am not familiar with any company at Chennai.

Wishing you all the best and with kind regards.

Encl:- One RESUME.

To Sri P.A.Balasubramaniam,

Yours sincerely,

G. Sundaram
(G.Sundaram)

Honorary Secretary.

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Sri PAB, who took voluntary retirement in 1985 from SIT ,wrote a detailed letter in 2004 to SRI GS pouring out what he had in his mind, about his study period and later on taking an employment in SIT itself. For this SRI G.S had sent the following note to Sri.N.Srinivasan, the then Principal of SIT:

22/4/2004

Mr. N.Srinivasan.

PAB's letter is fine and exhaustive. It is a good piece of reminiscence. He has poured out every bit of his association with SIT in which more than teacher-student ideal relationship, a family type element prevails. We should avail of his offer to address our students. But I do feel sad when a person does not get compensated in proportion to his merit. PAB is one such. But he has the virtue of contentment. Kanthimathinathan is another such student. He could have waited for VRS in BHEL. But he resigned abruptly. But I am glad he is now G.M. in ~~BHEL~~ G.B.Industries with car.

PAB's brother P.A. Jagannathan (Elec) is careering very well. His other brother Krishnamurthi (DMB) is moderate. I wish all of them very well.

S. Sundara
22/4/2004

Obituary Special Correspondent

TIRUCHI: G. Sundaram (86), Secretary of the Seshasayee Institute of Technology (SIT) and Treasurer of the Tiruchirapalli Productivity Council, passed away here on Sunday following a brief illness. He had also served as the Principal of SIT from 1963-76. He was associated with several educational institutions and was the vice-president of the Srirangam High School Committee, Member of the Seva Sangam School Committee and E. R. Higher Secondary School Committee. He was the recipient of the 'oldest reader award' presented to him during the 125th year celebrations of 'The Hindu' organised by the citizens of Tiruchi recently.

The Hindu dated 05-09-2005

“Capital management vital for enhancing productivity”

Stress on in-depth knowledge of management

Staff Reporter

TIRUCHI: Small and medium scale industrialists should be wary of the nuances of capital management for enhancing their productivity and consequent profitability, the Executive Director of Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited, Tiruchi, S. Satyanarayanan, said.

Delivering the Founder's Day address in memory of G. Sundaram, who established the Tiruchi Productivity Council (TPC), here recently, Mr. Satyanarayanan said to attain greater heights, industrialists in general, and the small and tiny sector entrepreneurs in particular, should possess an in-depth knowledge of management in '5M' — manpower, machinery, material, money or capital and mind or intellectual productivity.

Inability in capital management is one of the main factors contributing to the small and tiny scale industries going into the red, he said, appealing to the office-bearers of the council to address the issue.

Referring to the starting of the 'Experimental English communication training module' by the former Director of the Academic Staff College of Bharathidasan University on the occasion, Mr. Satyanarayanan termed the council's efforts in this regard as a relevant and timely. India could emerge as a cen-



IN REMEMBRANCE: S. Satyanarayanan, Executive Director, BHEL, right, unveiling the portrait of G. Sundaram in Tiruchi. — PHOTO: R. ASHOK

tre of attraction for major multi-national companies, because of the intellectual capability of its engineers and technocrats. The module, he hoped, would further enhance the employability skill of a large number of youths in and around Tiruchi.

The president of the TPC, S. Sridharan, who outlined the activities of the council, pleaded with Mr. Satyanarayanan to establish exclusive chairs in the council to take up special studies on industrial productivity and other allied areas. The council had revived the release of the monthly newsletter, 'TPC news', to cater to the needs of

industrialists.

The secretary of the council, Raja Mutthirulandi, said the council's jurisdiction was spread over Tiruchi, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Cuddalore, Villupuram districts besides the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The Managing Director, Vessons, Energy Systems, V. Ramakrishnan, spoke. Earlier, Mr. Satyanarayanan unveiled the portrait of the late Sundaram and also declared open the 'Sundaram Hall' at the council premises. The Managing Director, GB Engineering Enterprises, B. Patabhraman, declared open the 'Dalmia Hall'.

Sri.S.Satyanarayana, Former Executive Director, BHEL, Trichy complex unveiling the portrait of GS in his remembrance at Trichy Productivity Council

The Value of life is not based on how long we live, but how much we contribute to others in our society.

Buddha
