

## Shri Prasanna Venkata Vijaya

A Kannada novel Based on the Life History on Shri Prasanna Venkatadasaru

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There are many story books are available based on the biography of great Haridasaru like Shri Purandaradasaru, Shri Vijayadasaru, Shri Gopaladasaru, Shri Jagannathadasaru etc., Those story books are read and loved by many Hari bhakathas. Smt Rekha Kakhandaki who is a well known novelist and Story writer in kannada literary world. She has written 35 novels & two Katha sanaklana She won many prestigious awards and rewards for her valuable contribution to the Kannada literature. Presently a serial based on her novel titled “**IDDU ILLAD SAMBHANDAGLU**” is re named for E TV serial as “Mahanavami” and being telecasted in the Eenadu Kannada Television. Having putting a many years of experience in writing Kannada literature. Now She came out with a magnificent novel based on the life history of “Shri Prasanna Venkatadasaru” is a wonderful contribution to the Madhwa community. She also came from the family of the Shri Prasannavenkata Dasarayaru.

The Novel starts with in a small family Lakshmi Bai and Narasappayya with their Two sons living happily. His eldest son name is Raghavendra and youngest son name is Venkatesha or Venkanna. Lakshmi Bai is serving her husband with great respects . She used to clean the “Devaramane” and she used to help her husband in all walks of his wife. Raghvendra completed his sastra pata doing pravcahana and purohitya in Agrahara and near by villages. Venkaanna used to help his mother in house hold works like raring milk and showing love towards the Cows. Taking the cows to the fields for grazing the grass. Venkanna, was born to this couple at their old age. Naturallay Narasappayya and his wife were worried as to how would they raise this son and make him a great Dvaita scholar like their first son Raghavendra The discussion is excellently described the relation ships between the Narasappayya and Lakshmi Bai.

One day Narasappayya lost his beloved wife Lakshmi Bai. He could not control all his emotions. He could not bear the loss of her. He also left this world leaving the Two Sons lonely. Now all the responsibilities fell on the Shoulders of the Raghvendra. Venkanna is used to do gazing of cows and other activities. Raghvendra became very busy he could not spend time with his brother,even he did not bother to admit him to Gurukul for shastraaddhyana. Here Venkanna became lonely. He is used to remember his mother and father and used to cry. When days are passing. Raghvendra advised to get married a girl known as Kaveri. He felt the Kaveri will fill the gap of her mother Lakshmi Bai. He introduced Kaveri to Venkanna saying from today onwards she is your sister-in-law. She will be like your mother. By seeing Venkanna heart is filled with happiness. There is many ideas are creeping in his mind that he could also study Shatra pata by going to Guru Kula. But his dreams vanished when his sister-in-law did not allow him to study.

She used to give dried Joolada Rotis and mirchi powder to eat. While eating that rotis his eyes are filled with tears. From morning after doing house hold works he is used to take cattle for the Grazing . One day he came in the after noon. It was very hot day. His throat is going dry . At that time he requested her sister-in-law for the butter milk to drink. Instead giving to him she scolded him with hard words. He left the house without informing his brother, he saw some people who are going to Tirupathi darshan he also went along with them. He never thought his life is going to change. After reaching Tirupati he prays Lord with full devotion & surrender bhava “O Lord bless me with your divine grace and remove my ignorance ;otherwise, I will give up my life at your feet “. Saying this, Venkanna went into a state of trance and fell unconscious at the feet of lord Srinivasa

In Tirupathi Lord Thimappa after seeing his pure and intense devotion , appeared before him, pulled his tongue out and inscribed the sacred words (beejakshar) - **“Prasanna Venkata”**,on his tongue. He then blessed him saying “Venkanna, you will become Haridasa with this ankita of

Prasannavenkata. Your ignorance (lack of knowledge) is banished now, you are now a Jnani(enlightened) with all the divine knowledge From then onwards he never seen back. Here the author explained neatly and clearly the description of the Lord Sreenivasa. This episode is one highlight for the novel.

After taking the DasaDeekasha. Dasaru visited many ksetharas like Mantralya and other places. The Mantralaya incident is also another highlight of this book. After touring many years he returned to his native place. No body could recognize him. He himself tells the that is the Venkanna. He used to sing devaranamas . The people of Bagalkote started respecting him. The news fell in the ears of Raghvendra and Kaveri. They went and met him and requested to come home and Dasaru went to ancestors home along with them. Kaveri eyes are filled with tears She cursed herself for not respecting him in the past. His brother also in the same position. Simply he goes near to his sister-in-law and did namaskara to her. He praises his sister-in-law for acting rudely against him on those days. He also tells her if you did not act like that time I would not become what I am today. The dialogs are neatly written in lucid Kannada language.

The last stages of the Dasarayau is also explained neatly and brilliantly by the author. She added the Kruthis where ever necessary. This book contains a beautiful photographs of the dasarayaru birth place and deities prayed by him. The discussion between Shri Jagannathadasaru and Shri Prasanna Venkatadasaru is brilliantly described.

On the whole this book adds another feather in the cap of the author This book contains 188 pages. The cover design is neatly designed. Printing is very well. This book is released on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010,the Aradhane day of Shri Prasanna venkatha dasaru by the Vidyavachspiti Dr.Arallu malliage Parthasarathi at Bagalkote. He also written the preface of the book.

She spent Three years in writing this. Being a woman by looking after the Two daughters and serving her husband a great retired DRDO scientist . In spite of her busy schedule she must be praised for bringing this extraordinary work before us .We all should encourage her to write more books on our literature. The press also praised for her great contribution for the Kannada literature.

Every body should read this book and make them to read about one of the great Haridasaru. It is priced at `120.00. and the copies can be had from the author. The author can be reached at [rsk9651@yahoo.com](mailto:rsk9651@yahoo.com), Phone :080-26665398,9448011954.

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