

NAPSWI LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2020

(To a Professional Social Work Educator of who has made significant contribution and enriched knowledge base of social work profession)

Prof. K. V. Ramana



Prof. Ramana joined Andhra University as a student in 1954 and became its Vice-Chancellor in 1988. He done his Master in Social Work, then joined the doctoral programme in sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1966. Prof. Ramanawas commissioned Second Lieutenant of the NCC wing of the Indian Army in 1964. He was also entrusted with the onerous task of organizing the National Service Scheme (NSS) at the college and University levels. He also served as NSS Special Adviser and Honorary Director of the NSS Training and Orientation Centre of Andhra University.

Prof. Ramana's contribution to social causes has been remarkable. An ardent admirer of the Rotary movement, he became President of the Rotary Club of Visakhapatnam in 1979. He also became Chairman of the Rotary Committee to implement the child sponsorship programme of the Save the Children Fund (UK) in 1980. Prof. Ramana promoted and strengthened the voluntary sector and associated himself with a number of local, regional, national, and international NGOs. He also facilitated establishment of several institutions and organizations and held key positions including the Shramik Vidyapeeth (Jan ShikshanSansthan) which work for the upliftment of the workers in unorganized sectors, Visakha Consumer Council (VCC) in 1972 which doing a marvelous job in educating and organizing the consumers. Leprosy prevention, treatment their rehabilitation has been promoted by Prof. Ramana in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam in the Andhra Pradesh. The Greater Visakha Leprosy Treatment and Health Scheme were registered as a voluntary organization and Prof. Ramana served as its Chairman for over two decades. This initiative led under the strong leadership of Prof. Ramana resulted in a big decline in number of incidence of leprosy in a period of 25 years.

Prof. Ramana is currently serving the Chairman of the People for India Forum, Visakhapatnam and doing tremendous jobs including launch of several struggles to save the Rhythu Bazars from closure, to prevent the old jail site from being put to commercial use, to ensure closure of stone crushers in residential areas, to protect the Dr. V.S. Krishna College site from land grabbers and others.