



## President confers 'Padma Shri' on Mathoorji

Dr. Mathoor Krishnamurtiji was honoured by Government of India with Padmashri Award. Smt. Pratibha Patil, Hon'ble President of India conferred the award on Dr. Mathoorji, at a glittering ceremony held in Rashtrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 conferred the citation.

Dr. Mathoor Krishnamurtiji, Director of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bangalore Kendra, has been a household name in Karnataka and a synonym for Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. He has been active in propagating Indian culture and values through his writings and television programmes.

A prolific writer, Mathoorji has also authored a number of books in Kannada and English. A Bhavanite since over four decades, Dr. Mathoorji is widely remembered for his efforts in setting up Bhavan in London. His inspiring programmes on the universality of Indian schools of thought and way of life, on the TV Channels in UK have earned him a permanent place in the hearts of Indians in UK and India.

Dr. Mathoorji being honoured with Padma Shri by Government of India is an honour not merely to him, but a recognition of Bhavan's activities towards promoting Indian culture and values.

An octogenarian with abundance of love and affection towards every one, Mathoorji's humility and simplicity are reflected in his views expressed in Times of India:

*"I honestly feel such awards are given not just in appreciation, but also as a warning that we continue the service we are doing to society. We are surely not the best. There are hundreds and thousands of people in our fields who are doing very good work. It is certainly not something you should be arrogant about. But at the same time, I take pride in the fact that I am serving India and its culture. I will work till my last breath to keep up the expectations from me."*

Bhavan's Bangalore Kendra wishes Padma Shri Dr. Mathoor Krishnamurtiji a long life and many more laurels.

Bhavan has organized a felicitation programme for Padma Shri Mathoorji on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009.