



## *Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bangalore*

### *Rajyotsava Award for Sri. Ramanuja, Dr. Murthy and Sri. Dayanand Pai*



*Karnataka Government at the Rajyotsava Celebrations held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010, to mark 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of Karnataka honoured 180 eminent personalities in different fields who have contributed to the growth of Karnataka. Among those honoured were Sri. N. Ramanuja, Chairman Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Karnataka, Dr. A.V. N. Murthy Chairman Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mysore Kendra and Sri. Dayanand Pai, Member Executive Committee Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and Chairman & Managing Director Century Group of Companies.*

*Former Chairman and Managing Director of HMT Limited a major public sector which contributed to the industrialization in the country and aided in the growth of the country as 5<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world, **Sri. Ramanuja** has played a stellar role in his present stint for the development of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan as an harbinger of quality education in Karnataka. Today Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan has several educational projects in Karnataka spanning conventional schools to management institutes. He has championed revitalizing the school which Bhavan has acquired in Garwale Village and providing quality education to the children in rural Karnataka who are deprived of proper facilities for education. Another project after his heart is establishing school in his native Kollegal.*

*A dynamic leader, Sri Ramanuja has been in the board of various educational institutions in the state. Sri. Ramanuja has also served on various committees of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Government of India. A prolific writer, several of Sri Ramanuja's articles were published by Koravanji, Kannada's first magazine dedicated for humour. Sri. Ramanuja who was conferred Engineer's Day award by Institution of Engineers, Mysore this year, has been a recipient of many national and International awards.*

***Dr. A.V.N. Murthy**, Chairman of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Mysore Kendra served Mysore University as professor and Head of Ancient History and Archeology. Dr. Murthy was at Harvard as Fullbright Scholar and also a UGC Emeritus Fellow. Dr. Murthy has scored a double with Kanataka Puratatva Ratna Award by the State Government which is going to be presented shortly.*

*Besides he is also an acclaimed numismatist and has received many awards in the field. Hailing from a family of great scholars, Prof. Murthy is himself a scholar in English, Kannada and Sanskrit with over 20 books on various aspects of history and Indian culture to his credit.*

***Sri. P Dayananda Pai** is a doyen in the field of real estate with over three decades of experience. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science from Mangalore, he did his Bachelor in Engineering and Law from Mysore University. Early in his career, he recognised the potential the real estate sector would*



*hold and gave up a lucrative career in the manufacturing sector to start Century Real Estate in 1973. P Dayananda Pai is one of the founders of the prestigious Vidya Sagar and Vidya Shilp schools and also a Director is various companies engaged in the Hospitality, Education and Healthcare business. He is a recipient of several awards in recognition of his work in the field of Real Estate and Construction as well as for his humanitarian and philanthropic efforts. For his outstanding contributions in the field of Real Estate and Housing, he was conferred with the prestigious Karnataka Udyog Award in 1990.*

*Hearty Congratulations to Sri Ramanuja, Dr. Murthy and Sri Dayanand Pai on being conferred this prestigious award. Bhavan family is proud of their achievement.*

Here are some pictures of Sri. Ramanuja being conferred the award by Sri. B.S. Yedyurappa Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka:





*Hon'ble Chief Minister with Sri. Ramanuja*

*A proud moment for all of us at Bhavan!!!!*