

# Excellence with a Difference

## Philanthropic Legacy of Late CA. Sadhu Janardhan Lives on...

**CA. Sadhu Janardhan**, born in Cuddappah (Andhra Pradesh) in 1946, completed his graduation in Mathematics from Sri Venkateswara University with distinction. After being our member, he also earned the membership of other two sister institutions, viz. Institute of Cost Accountants of India and Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

He started his practice in Bengaluru in 1970 and later established the branches of his firm in Karur, Trichy, Salem and Madurai. In the late 1990s, CA. Janardhan got the award from Income Tax Department for being the highest taxpayer of Karnataka, in the category of Individual Professionals.



Very early in life after realising his responsibility, he founded two trusts, viz. Sri Venkateswara Trust and Sadhu Foundation to give back to his society. He used to regularly help all students who used to approach him for help,

besides extending regular financial help to women and poor patients. Not only this, to his credit, he has donated lakhs of rupees to multiple educational institutions in his lifetime helping in constructing their library. He also contributed a Hall to the Bangalore Branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

After his demise at an early age of 55 in 2001, his wife **Mrs. Sudha Janardhan** has taken the baton of his noble work and so far, she has already donated to various agencies to the amount of ₹17 crore, in form of construction of primary and high school buildings in Bengaluru, hostels for physically-challenged and girl students in Tirupati, old age homes in Hyderabad, Sanskrit Veda Pathashala in Tiruchirappalli, 35 rooms in Tirumala, and the list of beneficiaries is endless. Mrs. Sudha Janardhan has also donated in the renovation of many temple constructions in Karnataka and Kerala.



Apart from helping in the construction of multiple public buildings, Mrs. Janardhan has also donated towards the cost of treatment and medicines of thousands



of poor patients through Narayana Hrudayalaya, Kidwai Hospital, Sri Sankara Cancer Hospital and Karunashraya in Karnataka, and through Parkinsons Trust, St. John's Hospital in Kerala, among others. She has also contributed to the Swachh Bharat Mission of the Government by constructing and renovating of toilet facilities in more than 25 schools so far.

Honouring the wish of her late husband, Mrs. Sudha Janardhan, came forward to donate their residential property situated at a prime location in Bengaluru, to the ICAI, admeasuring around 3952 square feet and amounting to the cost of approximately ₹10 crore. The donor has been using this residential property since 1982 and after the demise of her husband (our member) in the year 2001, the donor had made a request to the ICAI that a suitable building be built in that place, for the benefit of CA Students. The Council of the ICAI has greatly appreciated the noble gesture and while expressing its gratitude to the donor, has assured her that ICAI will endeavor to fulfill the donor's wishes.

The Council has decided to name the building *ICAI Bhawan* and a signage stating *S. Janardhan Building* will be put up either on the left or on the right side of the proposed entrance of the building. Further, a photograph of late CA. S. Janardhan along with write-up on the brief history of late CA. S. Janardhan, as finalised by donor shall also be installed prominently in the building.

And this philanthropy continues. It continues to inspire many others who are capable of giving back to the society. ICAI along with its CA fraternity salute the kind soul of CA. Sadhu Janardhan and the big heart and kindness of Mrs. Sudha Janardhan. ■