

A Eulogy...

Sri. Vaithilingam Mahalingam - Librarian Extraordinaire!



 **Arvind Yadavalli, Hyderabad, India, 1992-2000**

Dear Sir,

Your ever ready soft smile, humility and understanding, navigating the labyrinth of the PSNC Institute library, self-motivation and innovation in building your own digital library Information system and most important, recognizing the need of the student and helping him in the best way possible. Sir, this is just the tip of the iceberg of the way you touched our lives.

When new books would arrive with content that you understood suited my thinking, or perhaps needed for my evolution, you would draw my attention to them, even hold a copy for me. And these books were not academic or course related, they were for Life Building.


To me you will always be an inspiration to keep the love for reading books, understanding the content, assimilating the knowledge and practicing the learning. I recollect you saying Books will always be your best companions as they only impart knowledge, they do not judge you or your abilities. And your understanding of the world will increase as you read more books.☺

Sir, I treasure your gift of a copy of Leading Consciously by Debashis Chatterjee. I read and re-read the book with each life lesson and the book offers a new meaning. My book collection, each one read, continues to expand, now digitally and I share the love for the written word fostered in me through Mentors like yourself, perhaps my way of paying it forward.


Thank you for fostering the bibliophile in me, Sairam Sir I will miss you!

Love,

Arvind

 **Raghavender G. Raju, Puttaparthi, 1997 to 2003**

The Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning Central Library is in its current form due to efforts of Sri. V Mahalingam Sir. He was the one who has manually digitized the entry of every book in the library. He knew the name and location of every book. He was very loving and had lots of concern to all the students. He never said No. He would go all the way search and find the relevant book that the student was asking for. He was also very...very...devoted to Bhagawan.

 **Sai Prasad P.S.V.S, Hyderabad, 1992 to 1999**

Sairam. I fondly remember sir as a matured person with abundant wisdom but thoroughly grounded. His smile is full of purity and one feels happy to be near him. He is one true individual who is contended within and it is very rare to find such individuals. In Jung's terminology, he has attained self-actualization. He advised me to read few import books and also said about importance of being in teaching profession. By Swami's grace I am in that profession still reading the books sir has suggested. Sairam.

 **Sai Gunaranjan P, Hyderabad, India, 2006 to 2008**

He was a very kind soul. Always willing to help. May his kind soul rest in peace.

 **R, Anand Mehta ,Chennai , India ,1990-1995**

Sir was an epitome of love and patience. I remember going to the library hoping to see him and exchange a few words. Such was his personality. Never seen him raise his voice and always always helpful. He was also a storehouse of knowledge and could discuss any topic with confidence. Take rest Sir. You will be remembered forever by each and every one of us. "


 **Yashpal, Fatehabad haryana, 1995 to 1998**

He was a very humble and down to earth; possibly i think he was from Srilanka. He was always smiling. That was his signature whenever we would enter the library.


 **Sai Roopak, Bangalore ,2000 to 2002**

I had many opportunities to interact with him during my student days and after. During this period, he always looked forward to help any student in an obliging manner. He knew every

book, its placement, project it would be helpful and looked out to get additional references beyond the ask as well. A very polite, kind hearted, noble and inspiring soul - someone we can all aspire to be!

 **Laxmikanth Nagulapalli, Hyderabad, India ,1996 to 2001**


One of the most loving persons I have ever come across. He was the first few who have made me feel how loving Prasanthi Nilayam is. Being a Telugu medium student, I used to ask him for books which are in simple English and help me improve my language. He was always there to guide me on this. Grateful. Sairam

 **Phanindra varanasi, Mumbai India,1982-1989**


Amidst the tall and silent silos of knowledge wrapped and packed in the racks of the library he was one who tried to bring humane touch with everyone and also unwrap to give insights and make us feel and talk with every book we used . Touched and transformed every heart to be its true self - affectionate dedicated flower at Swami's lotus feet- in the all immersive synergy of Prasanthi nilayam and spoke eloquently in its silent fragrance. Sir - May you find bliss in the eternal company of your dear Sai.

 **Patarla Srikanth, Puttaparthi,1995 - 2001**

One of the most inspiring people with a photographic memory at the age of 90+ years. A tireless warrior in action, a never say dye servant of the Lord. May He remain at HIS LOTUS FEET with ever smiling face. A True Silent Servant of the Lord

 **Ravikanth Jagarlapudi, Hyderabad, India,1993 - 1998**

Being one of the students who used to gorge books during my initial years, i was always found in the library either inside or outside on the cement bench under the trees. Meeting Mahalingam sir was regular and hence i remember his kind words and warm reach whenever i used to ask for extension. He had a swagger that none had and motivated all of us to read more deep and wide, one of my senior used to ask for Shakespeare's voluminous books, sir used to dust them properly before giving it. A kind man and a kinder soul, May he Merge with Bhagawan permanently. Sairam

 **Murari M Mishra, Mumbai,1997 to 2002**

Sir was very thorough in his service. I had always seen him nurturing the library with interest. Many of the rare books were sourced by him and would find themselves in overnight section so everyone could get a share of the reading time. I have fond memories of time spent in library poring over books of my interest and seeing sir move about in between, encouraging students to make full use of the excellent resources. Sairam Sir.

 **Ajith Padyana, Bangalore and India,2002-2009**

Ever grateful to Swami for giving such a noble soul to us! For us, Library means Lingam Sir. Paying my respect to the departed Soul! Sairam

 **Vikram Tiruchanur, Thiruvananthapuram,1995 to 2000**

Moving library. Great gentleman. I have not seen anyone equal to him after leaving SSSIHL. Sai Ram.


 **Swarup Chilumkuru, Hyderabad, India,1995 to 1997**

Dear Sir - I still remember the sparkle in your eyes whenever I reached out for any help in locating a book or journal in our vast library. You left a great impression with your kindness, simplicity and care. You were a chosen gem by our beloved Swami and the service you rendered

is unparalleled. Thank you Sir for being there in our lives and you will always be our beloved Librarian Sir. With deep gratitude and Sairam. (Swarup MFM)

 **Sri Ram S, Bangalore India,1997 to 2004**

Mahalingam sir was super popular among students. Very approachable, organised and knowledgeable everybody loved him and looked up to him. I derive inspiration from him on performing one's duty with love, devotion and dedication. Thank you sir for your service and inculcating love of books and reading in us.

 **Kamesh Janakiraman,Bangalore,1995 to 1998**

I have been a great beneficiary during this time at the library. He would always keep the best selection of text, references and journals for any chosen topic! All I have to do is let him know the topic I intend to refer before starting from college for evening Darshan. I loved our conversation while we walk from Mandir to library loaded with knowledge and many a times with brilliant anecdotes of his Experiences with Swami.

 **Gopal Rao, Mumbai ,1988-1990**


I first met Sir in the Library in May 1988 and till day never forgot the smile with which he greeted me. He and I hit it off immediately as both of us were lovers of Bhagawan Sri Ramana Maharshi. He shared that his son studying in Parthi was named Ramana. I was a voracious reader. I used to borrow other classmates unused library cards and borrow more books than my quota. Mahalingam Sir kept feeding me with the latest books of my interest as he saw in me a hunger for reading. We had many talks. What never left me was his smile, his service and abiding love for students. He was one person who impacted me with who he was BEING more than anything else. I was saddened by his departure from this planet but am clear that his was a life well used up in serving. My love and salutations to his son Sai Ramana and would love it if he could get in touch with me.

 **D. Vijay Krishna, Bangalore, India,1996 To 2000**

He was always smiling and ready to help with regards to any book, information and insights. I particularly liked his English accent and his command over English. During my U.G times, I have read lot of spiritual books ranging from theosophy to philosophy and human psychology. I give this credit to Swami and Mahalingam sir. I do remember his son who was my senior at that time. I used to consider him very lucky and fortunate to be born to someone like Mahalingam sir. I am sure sir would have attained moksha for his selfless service to so many students spanning so many years. I am thankful and grateful to Swami for bringing together so many wonderful people in one place for our benefit and spiritual growth. Jai Sai Ram.

 **Ravi Teja B, Puttaparthi, India,1985-90**

Very soft spoken, always smiling. Man of wisdom and always has something nice to share from his vast experience. Never cared for his own problems and was very empathetic. I am sure he has merged in Bhagawan's lotus feet. Rest in peace, sir. Sairam.

 **Ramakrishna R, Chennai,1997 to 2000**


A Librarian is as important to the academic culture of an institution as the head of any major department. In Sri Mahalingam sir, we had a silent yet dynamic icon for all the values that SSSIHL stood for. To me, personally, he was a silent benefactor who helped me nurture my interest in international relations and military tech by giving me access to the treasured Time Magazine and Scientific American archives. The archives used to be on the first and second floors and needed special authorisation to be accessed. He would just wave me through any day... My ever grateful pranams to him.

 **Jai Ganesh , Puttaparthi, India,1995 to 2002**

Very many times during our college days, sir had helped us towards locating books with his precise guidance regarding the floor, shelf, rack in which the book we are looking for is - right from his cabin and straight out of his memory! Also he wouldn't hesitate to walk upstairs to assist us if we aren't able to locate the books ourselves. During my MBA project days and after I had completed the course, sir had been very helpful to me on a topic which I had been working on. Even after he had a surgery in Canada and was moving around in Prasanthi Nilayam with a walker I have noticed him going to the library either in college campus or in ashram to be of assistance. Such was his enthusiasm, dedication and willingness to help. Sir, you were an inspiration to me and so many other students. I am sure you are now with our beloved Swami. My prayers with the family. Sai Ram.

 **Dr Jitendra Sharma, MD & CEO- AMTZ, Vizag, India ,2000-2003**

Book I authored and came on Amazon on Jan 29th 2022, with the Title Made in Lockdown² describing India's progress in medical technology is my offering to Library in remembrance of Mahalingam sir. This legendary librarian showed me the possibilities that today made me an author from a reader that I was, when he blessed me with his love and care in the library. Mahalingam sir, please do read my book and keep it in your heavenly library; bless me to do more service and keep your eyes always on my books, numbering them with your smiles and polished cataloguing.

 **Anchoori Sandeep, Hyderabad, India,2003-2005**

Sir was amazing, he was a perfectionist... He was so loving and caring for students... He used to work with so much dedication and love. .. Your absence will be always felt sir...our prayers to swami...

 **Dr. Naresh K N, Puttaparthi, India,2003 to 2005**

It was always a great learning and joyous experience interacting with Mahalingam sir. There was never a dull moment with him. He was always bubbling with enthusiasm and energy. One thing that I will always remember about Mahalingam sir is his mentioning about the book "SAVITHRI" and a chapter named 'The Vision and the Boon'. He used to tell that Swami Avatic nature and role of Sai Students is very nicely detailed in that chapter. Even now I am overwhelmed reading the chapter from the book. But for Mahalingam sir, I would not have known this. And there are many such nice things which Mahalingam sir used share with us about our Dear Lord Sai. With his Love towards Swami, I am sure Mahalingam sir would have found merger with Swami and will remain an immortal soul.

 **Prasad YTG, Edison, NJ, USA,1992-1999**

Sometimes actions speak louder than words, it is that experience that I have with Sir, We have not spoken much but he did convey through his smile and benevolent actions a lot in my academic pursuit in Puttaparthi, forever and ever I am grateful to him and Bhagawan for introducing us such great souls. May god bless his soul.

 **Sivaram Inguva, Hyderabad, india,1992 to 1997**

Mahalingam Sir is synonymous to a great new book and influence it can bring to a reader. Sir always encouraged us to read new books and understand the essence rather than mere reading. He always guided me to find right book whenever I am stuck. I can't probably find right word or sentence to express his influence on me. When i find a new book to read I always remember his smile and encouragement to grab the essence. The influence of great book always lives on and so is Mahalingam sir's legacy...

 **Tumu Vijaya Kumar, India,1999-2002**

Humble, approachable.

 **M G Nanda Gopal, Bangalore, India ,1977- 81 / 82-84**

He was a Gentleman to the core. Professionally sound yet humanly approachable. He was what we call a Reference Librarian. A walking encyclopaedia and yet when it came to enhancement of knowledge, he was always in forefront. Be it researchers, staff, students he was always doled out the best to them, appraising them of the latest in their field.

In the field of classification he saw to it that Sai Literature got a unique no. of ' 9 ' and implemented it too in the regular scheme of things. And as somebody pointed out he was so good that he would find the books whenever others had the difficulty of getting it. Personally to me and my elderly colleagues Muralidharan Sir and Sekhar Sir he was a mentor and a guide to deal with various aspects in the Library. Ever Grateful for that! He had paved the way to the computerization of library data. Above all he was a very good Human Being, intensely passionate about the Best of his knowledge to be offered at His Lotus Feet. May His soul rest in Eternal Peace at His Lotus Feet with life fulfilled.

He will continue to inspire us ever and ever!

Sairam!

 **M. Sainath, Hyderabad, India, 1985 to 1990**

One of the most pleasant and sincere person I had the good fortune of living with. Epitomised Swami's teaching "Love all serve All". Still use some of the lessons learnt from him in my daily life. Rest in peace sir.


 **Raghavendra A, Bangalore, India, 1981 to 1995**

I have had the privilege of interacting with Sri Mahalingam during 1990 to 95, when I studied in SSSIHL, PSN. Sri Mahalingam stood out and made a strong impression on everyone who came across him. His warm persona and a smile always on his face, he was ever eager to help everyone who went to the library. His eagerness to help find a book, his compassion to say a kind word or his love in greeting with a sweet smile was the qualities that endeared all. I haven't sat in classroom taught by Sri Mahalingam. But I have learnt the precious lesson of ABC of life. Always be cheerful. By his conduct, he has chiselled the minds and hearts of every soul, who interacted with him. Sairam


 **Rajkumar Jain, Bangalore, India, 1983-85**

The ever smiling and eager to help face of Sri Mahalingam is etched in my mind forever. A thorough gentleman who was keen to help any student or faculty member from any campus at any time would naturally leave behind hundreds of admirers praying for his eternal rest. I just loved watching him enjoying Swami's Darshan and that was an eye opener for me. Duty with love was embodied by Sri Mahalingam.

Thank you Swami for making us contemporaries of Sir Mahalingam.

 **Ashok Sundaresan, Trichy, 1990 to 1995**

When we enter our SSSIHL library, Mahalingam Sir was an effervescent presence on the right side of the entrance, acknowledging your entrance with a friendly nod. Always smiling, a pat on the back, ever eager to help in the knowledge acquisition of the Student, you can approach sir for any help about any book. His beaming smile ensured that you never felt unwelcome. He is an integral part of our Vidyarthi phase. We pray to Swami for his Satgati.

 **N Sivakumar, Bangalore, 1982-1989-1994 (PUC to PhD)**

Sairam. I was blessed to do research at Prasanthinilayam at a time when Respected Mahalingam sir was most active. He was a walking Google. He knew so much about every conceivable subject and we depended on him completely. Sir, your presence was a great strength to us. You served Swami so wonderfully. Continue blessing and guiding us always. We will miss you sir. Sairam.

 **R Prusty, Prasanthi Nilayam, 1996 to 1998**

Your love for books and your eagerness to help others find books was contagious. Your smiling countenance attracted me. You increased my love for books. You will for ever be in the stories of His students."


 **Sateesh Tador, New York, NY, 1990-1995**

He was always helpful and his knowledge on a broad range of subjects expansive. A true gentleman. He went out of his way to help students including going out of town to procure a book for me. Even after Moved out, I would make a point to visit and speak to him. Sad to hear the news of him passing away. May his family have the strength to get through this loss.

 **Arnel Ramdath, Trinidad & Tobago, 1991-1994**

Our families reached the doorsteps of the various Sai Institutions at the same time. Appa & Amma took on the roles as our adoptive parents/guardians. Their home became our home. Their meals became our meals. Their time was our time, taking care of us, showering us with so much love that words will never suffice. Your selfless love has filled our hearts with gratitude. You have personified Swami's words: "*Seva lo palgonandi, anni gunaaloo vachi cherataayi* - Do Seva, and all virtues will follow".


Thank you Appa for all the wonderful memories. We were fortunate to have met you along our Sai journey. May you enjoy serving Bhagawan directly now. Sai Ram."

 **Abhimanyu Kaul, Markham, 1985 to 1990**

Very soft spoken, loving and caring fatherly figure. Blessed to be associated with him in Toronto, Canada too. He was always gracious in blessing and shared love by his devoted presence. I am sure he has reached his final destination, the lotus feet of Bhagawan Baba.

 **Haresh Mirpuri, Bangalore , 1980 to 1993**

There are some members of our institute who are the silent angels of our beloved Swami. A disciplinarian yet had so much patience. He didn't talk much but he helped us look for the right sources when asked. I remember Swami teaching me during my MBA "Speak when asked, not otherwise". Sir is a true personification of the same. Blessed are we to have them as Swami's angels to guide His students.

 **Chandrasekaran C, Chennai, India, 1992 to 95**

My habit of reading books started from the time I joined our University in 92. The warmth and the genuine smile he had on his face when you greet him are still fresh in my memory.

Seeing my interest in learning, beyond my academic topics, in brief discussions in the Librarian room he used to help me with books.

The world famous book that created a lot of controversy 'Lajja' by Taslima Nasrin, I still remember him giving it to me even before it was made available for rest of the students.

Then there was a time - when I fought over a book that had limited copies. I remember him calling me and suggested not to extend but to give it to another classmate. When I refused - he advised me why my approach is not in good spirit.

There was a time when I was looking for a book. Without referring to any records, he mentioned not just the rack - but also what would be the other books adjacent to it. No guess - yes I traced in a matter of 5 minutes in the 2nd floor of our Library.

Swami's love for all and students in particular was expressed in many ways. One such way was to have such noble souls be around us - so that we can get inspired by them.

Thank you sir - for being a teacher - without being one - in the real sense.

FROM LINKEDIN

Dr. Shashank Shah

JN Tata Scholar'15, Harvard Business School | SAI Fellow'17, Harvard University | Author 'The Tata Group' & 'Win-Win Corporations' | Top 200 Global Thought Leader

I was a direct beneficiary of his kind services as a Librarian during my MBA and PhD years. He inspired the passion for reading and research, and provided all possible help with books despite his advanced age. His humility and warmth were infectious.

Through his life he exemplified how the job of a librarian can be transformational.

My prayers for eternal Divine Grace on the being embodied as Mahalingam Sir!

Vadan Kumar

Chief Strategy Officer & Co Founder at KR4ALL Health Care IT

Sir you were a great inspiration to us.

Dr. Ramakrishnan Ramani

Senior Faculty at School of Design Thinking

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Kamesh Janakiraman

Connecting People to Scientific Insights & Actionable Outcomes - Digital Transformation, Informatics Sales Leader

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Ramesh Srinivasan

Head of Global Banking Operations & Wealth management Operations at BNP Paribas CIB (BNP Paribas India Solutions private limited)

Raman not met you for long bro I am not even going to try what Arvind has done. He is gifted by Swami to be super articulate and is capable of emptying his heart and feelings wrapped up in words. We cannot but many of us have memories of Sir whose presence in the Library made a difference to us. This marks an end of era where your strength and sense and humour needs to. Hang in there. Heartfelt condolences

Karthik Srinivasan, MBA, DTM

Senior Vice President, Small Business & GWIM Executive

I never had an opportunity to interact with him as librarian but definitely on the veranda of Sai Kulwanth Hall. Always smiling, gentle and kind. Amazing human being

 **D.R.K Rao**

AGM | Sri Chaitanya - C.O | IIT-JEE, Medical-IAS | Sr Admin | Strategies | Projects-Expansions | Academics | Marketing | P.R, H.R & Staffing | Edtech

I was Student of 1992-94 M.Sc. Chemistry batch. Used to spend daily 2-3 hrs. in Library. Recollect the conversations had with him

 **Vijay Kapur**

Former Adjunct Faculty,IICA; ; Member Board,PG Studies Tezpur Univ.; Former Director,ICAI & Lecturer,SRCC,DU.

During our olden days, libraries always had a special place and of course, a passionate librarian is key to shaping several lives. In Delhi University, Ratan Tata Library in Delhi School of Economics is must visit for any academic oriented person. My humble tribute.

 **Vaidyanath Balasubramanian**

Speciality Lines Sales at SBI General Insurance

Humble, full of energy & with encyclopaedic knowledge, he was an inspiration to many of us. Prayers to the departed Soul & @ Ramanan, May God grant His Choicest blessings to You & family to overcome the moment of grief

 **Somasundaram Lakshminarasimhan**

Assistant Professor at Bharathidasan Institute of Management; Area Chair - General Management; Mentor - BIMPreneur (The Entrepreneurs Club at BIM)

An amazing personality. Committed service and always supporting the students and helping them. It was indeed a wonder that he was able to lead students to good books whatever be the subject.

 **Anil Kumar T.D**

Senior Lead Auditor and Trainer at Bureau Veritas India Private Limited

Dear Mahalingam Sir we are always inspired by your enthusiasm and support by giving us latest books for our thesis work. We pray Swami to bless you sir. Regards Anil Kumar TD

 **Raghu Seelamonthula**

Growth Hacker | Futurist | Strategist | Innovator | Solution Architect | Marketing & PR | Product & Portfolio Management | Technology Management | Partnerships | Ventures | Aviation | Automotive | Digital Transformation

He was a luminary and a walking encyclopaedia. He has touched lives of thousands of students....and everyone remembers him very fondly. RIP Sir....

 **Kapil Jawa**

Vice President and Senior Global Operating Leader, Banking and Capital Markets at Genpact

Dear Arvind, you have so beautifully summarised the life of one of the best librarians and teachers which any university in India can ever have. We were truly fortunate to have grown up amidst such teachers who were not just treasure houses of knowledge but were equally passionate about sharing the same wisdom with us.

I will always remember Sir as someone who was so well read, passionate about his role as a librarian, impeccable and inimitable style of speaking which exuded sophistication, ever helpful to guide his students where we can find the right book and extremely humble.

Back in 90's, we didn't have the luxury of an advanced Google search engine but with Sir around - searching the right books and doing our research was so easy with his counsel. My condolences and prayers for his soul to lovingly merge in Our Master ❤️☐

Pasupathy Krishnamoorthy

Technical Lead IPDO Reddy's laboratories

Ever smiling personality. He was Very genuine to help students. He would cheerfully climb multiple floors to locate the books when we struggled. He would do that to each and every one of us. Would stay till 7.30 PM to support students. I can never forget Mahalingam Sir. My deepest condolences.

Aravind K

General Manager Asia-Pacific

Such well-articulated Arvind Bhai, your impeccable style as always. Prayers to this amazing soul, Swami bless the soul, OM SHANTI.

Dr. Manohar Rao

Passionate Scientist & Business Manager, Driving Technological & Business Solutions at PerkinElmer (India & South Asia)

Beautifully articulated, books don't judge just impart independent of one's nature...

This philosophy was reflected in every teacher at SSSIHL...

Mahalingam Sir was no different....Om Shanti...

Avinash Mangipudi

Sovereign Realtime Blockchain Metaverse Developer :)

Sir, i have many memories of walking behind you multiple times to multiple floors as you pick up books on a particular topic so meticulously from those innumerable racks that always made me fill with wonder, how you used to do that. Thanks for all your guidance and your love for books will live forever in our hearts, and thanks Arvind bro, i could see his photo after 20 odd years. :)

Dr Arun Kumar

Lead Business Architect at Aaseya IT Services Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad

Sairam. God Bless. Mahalingam Sir was always a treat to interact with. You always come away richer after every conversation.

Sai Srinivasa Raghavan Parthasarathy

Senior Manager at Verifone India Technology Private limited

Personification of calmness and composure. His contagious smile and eagerness to serve and childlike enthusiasm is something I take as a great lesson. Sir we love you for what you are. Keep blessings us as always. Our prayers.

Reading through the obituary, I realise how fortunate we were to have lived with saints like Sri.Mahalingam at Prasanthi Nilayam for such a long time. His life was a complete expression of fulfilment as much as when he passed away on a day when the doors of heaven open. When I met him in Arun Uthayan's house in Canada I found him radiant robust and lively despite physical discomforts of advancing age. In fact Bhagawan took me to Arun's place to learn true

sthitaprajnata, Sthairyam and Arjawam. For sure Sri Mahalingam has merged with Beloved Sai. Jai Sai Ram

Vivek Gondi

Team Lead at Legato Health Technologies

I echo Arvind thoughts. Mahalingam sir was very energetic person, looked after needs of students with an open mind & he had amazing knowledge of books. My prayers to Baba to give strength at this time of loss.

Keshava Devananda

Growth Strategy | Brand Positioning | Market Research & Analysis| Start-up Mentor | Explorer |

Simple, Heartful and yet very unassuming - God bless the Pious Soul with Peace, Bliss, and Love

SaiKumar Gudipati

Staff Program Manager at Qualcomm

I remember the days he guided us to digitize the Prasanthinilayam Library during summer holidays (back in 1993). Always looks pleasant and always greets with a smile whenever you bump into him ever after many years. May his soul RIP.

Lakshmikanth Darbha


Digital Head Delivery at Infracore Technologies Ltd


I will never forget Mahalingam Sir, a great personality, always cheerful, studious and any book, any topic he would walk along and show the rack and suggest alternate authors, would explain the biography of the authors and their achievements, gist of the book too.


Condolences to the family for the loss.


WhatsApp Tributes


Rhythmic Energy

 **Sai Srinivas Raghavan:** Sairam sir. We love you. Ramanan mahalingam please take care. Our prayers

 **Jayaram Balabhaskaran:** Sairam. Ramanan bro. Very sorry to hear about sir's demise. May Swami receive him at his lotus feet. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Pls take care.

 **Shyamkumar Sunderkumar:** Sairam Lingam! Heartfelt Condolences! He has been an inspiration to many of us! Even till date whenever I buy a new book, I think about him! I'm sure he has reached Bhagawan's Lotus Feet!

 **Gururaj Rai:** Sairam brother heartfelt condolences: sir was a fine kind gentleman: who was instrumental in guiding me about Hospital management books whenever I sought his help. Will miss his smile and energy.

 **Sriram Sreekumar:** Condolences, prayers. Sir was popular among students because of how he carried himself and interacted with us. Certain he's with Swami now. Pranams to sir. Love to you Lingam bro.

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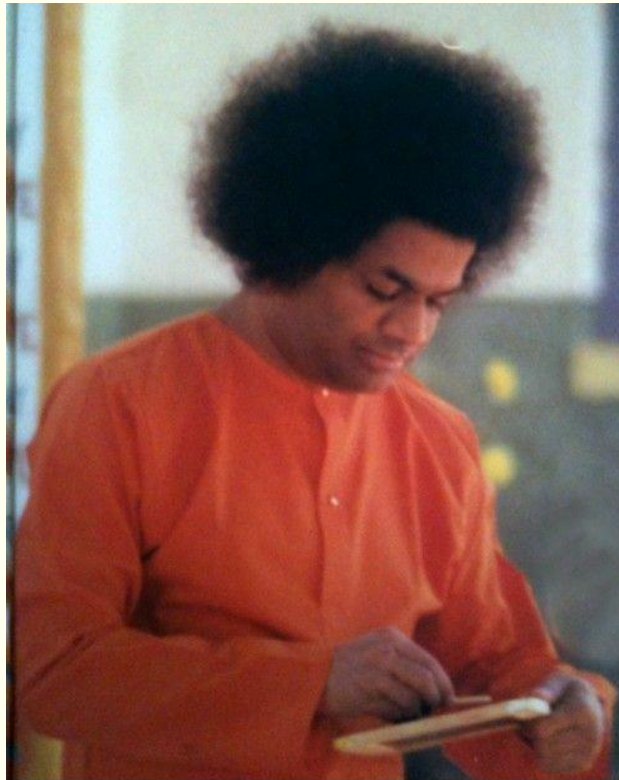
- 🌀 **Vedanarayan:** Sairam! What a gem of a person Sri Mahalingam who served as librarian. All students will ever remember him His helping Nature. Sir, rest at Bhagawan Sairam's lotus feet for ever
- 🌀 **Amitabh Dasgupta:** Another Legendary devotee of Bhagawan who was embodiment of love and humility merges back to the ocean
- 🌀 **Abhimanyu kaul:** Om Shanti... he was really an epitome of love and affection... We were blessed to enjoy his presence even in Toronto... pray for his sadgati... om Shanti
- 🌀 **Gopalakrishnan :** My highest regards... may he attain sadgati. I remember once when I was searching for a book up and down the 3 floors of library, he came up to me and assured the he'll find the book and keep it ready next morning. And he did. I can only imagine how much time he spent looking for this. His dedication was unparalleled. 🙏🙏
- 🌀 **Ramesh Agraharam:** A noble and pious soul we all would miss. Pray may his soul merge at the divine lotus feet of our beloved Swami. Sairam
- 🌀 **Dinesh Periwal:** We pray to Bhagawan to keep Sir with him forever. A very gentle character with a sweet smile, he is etched in our memory. Heartfelt condolences to brother Ramanan.
- 🌀 **Rameshwar prushty:** A nice soul. Kindled the love for books with his ever smiling countenance. Rest at His Feet Sir.
- 🌀 **D.J.Rao:** Sairam. Om Shanti. An ever smiling gentleman.
- 🌀 **Raj Kumar Jain sir:** Praying to Swami for his eternal rest.
- 🌀 **M. Sainath Sir:** Very sorry to hear he has departed from amidst us. What a gentle soul and a perfect gentleman! His love for books and the way he handled then were just too good. I remember the innumerable number of times we needed to borrow books and he would come at odd times to open the library and let us take books. He and Jogi Raju sir made the library truly a memorable place to go to. We will miss you sir. May you rest in peace with our beloved Swami.
- 🌀 **S. Kumar:** Omg Sairam - Epitome of Love and Service
- 🌀 **Sunam Gyamtso Tenzin:** A living rishi. For sure Beloved Bhagawan has granted him liberation. Rest in peace dear sir at His Lotus Feet.
- 🌀 **Kapil Java:** I will always remember Sir as someone who was so well read, passionate about his role as a librarian, ever helpful to guide his students where we can find the right book. Back in 90's, we didn't have the luxury of an advanced Google search engine but with Sir around - searching the right books was so easy with his counsel. My condolences and prayers for his soul to lovingly merge in Swami
- 🌀 **Nandagopal mg Sir:** Last year on Birthday I managed to have a good chat with him. And, as usual he was so boisterous and enthusiastic about our library developments here. He will be an Eternal inspiration to all of us here. Sairam!

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- 🌀 **Sathya Pramod:** Sorry to hear dude.... Take care...
- 🌀 **Srinagesh:** Stay strong Ramanan, My sincere condolences and May his soul rest in peace. Sairam
- 🌀 **Sai Nandan:** My heartfelt condolences. He led an amazing pious life in Swami's service. 🙏🙏
- 🌀 **Sai Prasad:** Very sad to know. My heartfelt condolences. Mahalingam sir always remains an idol for me. Sir has reached the heavenly abode. Om Shanti.

- 🌀 **Venkatnarayan:** I guess he lived a beautiful life...for Swami and His students...just by his presence and just by his smile and without much ado, he has touched many young minds...he would always live in the hearts of all of us he has touched...prayers to Swami...Sairam
- 🌀 **Sundar:** Sairam Ramanan Bro, Our heartfelt condolences. Pray to Swami to be by your side during these difficult times. Om Shanti
- 🌀 **Suresh:** So sorry to hear this Ramanan. My condolences. I am sure he has merged in Swami.
- 🌀 **Chandru:** Dear Ramanan, My heart grieves. This is an irreplaceable loss. Our prayers for the **departed** soul. May you and your family have the strength to overcome this.
- 🌀 **A V S Kishore:** Deepest condolences Ramanan. Stay strong
- 🌀 **Anand Nichani:** Heartfelt condolences to the family May his soul rest in peace. Sai Ram
- 🌀 **Sai Diwakar:** Sorry to hear brother...
- 🌀 **Venkat.G.V:** Very sorry to hear this. May Sir be blessed by Swami to attain Atma Shanti. Memories with Sir are an indispensable part of any student of Parthi campus. He was always there guiding us to make use of the library.
- 🌀 **Sanjay:** Om Shanti...Ramanan...pls take care.
- 🌀 **M A Prashanth:** Sorry to hear this. Let his soul merge in SAI.
- 🌀 **Suryanarayana:** Sorry to hear the news Ramanan. Pray Swami to give you all the strength to bear the loss. My condolences to you and your family. Sairam
- 🌀 **Manoj:** Shocked to see this sad news. So sorry for the loss brother! Please take care of yourself, stay strong. Heartfelt condolences. Om Shanti🙏
- 🌀 **Neelakanta Gupta:** Sairam Ramanan. He has etched his presence in every student of the Institute's portals. We love him from the bottom of our heart. A pious soul who will be remembered forever. May Swami give you and your family the strength to sail through this.
- 🌀 **Charanjay:** May his soul continue to find peace. Always in our hearts. Such a simple man and always with a smile.
- 🌀 **Mehta:** No words to express my feelings
- 🌀 **Ranga:** Noble soul merged with Swami. Heartfelt condolences.
- 🌀 **Phani Kumar:** Sorry to hear this...
- 🌀 **G V Praveen:** Dear Ramanan, heartfelt condolences for your loss. Always remembered Mahalingam sir as a person with always a smile on his face and one of the most approachable people I have known. The library building always reminds me of him each time I am passing by the Institute campus when I am visiting Parthi. God bless his soul...
- 🌀 **NVP Srinivas:** God bless his soul, very sad news brother...
- 🌀 **I Sivaram:** My heartfelt condolences, Ramanan. God bless his soul. For me every new book I pick up is synonymous to his inspiration and encouragement
- 🌀 **Subba Rao:** Dear Ramanan Brother, Sorry to hear. My heartfelt condolences
- 🌀 **Chandrasekhar Sharma:** Sairam Ramanan bro...Heartfelt condolences. Your Dad touched all our lives. Will remain forever grateful to him a true Karma Yogi. Praying for his soul to merge with Swami and strength to you and family.
- 🌀 **Swaminathan.J:** Sorry to hear. Stay strong. Take care.

- 🌀 **Bipin Kumar:** Sad to know brother. We remember his smiling face at the SSSIHL library. May Swami give you and your family the strength to bear the loss.
- 🌀 **Natraj:** Heartfelt condolences Ramanan may his soul rest in peace
- 🌀 **Satish Noorera:** May his soul rest in peace at lotus feet of Bhagawan
- 🌀 **C.Sathya Narayana:** Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family
- 🌀 **Rajesh Grover:** Very very sorry to hear this sad news Lingam and sorry for your loss. Losing a parent at any age is a very difficult thing...Our thoughts & prayers are with you & family. We pray for strength in this difficult times let us know if we can be of any help!
- 🌀 **Prashanth:** Heartfelt condolences Ramanan
- 🌀 **Jyoti Ramalingam:** Lingam - I am sorry for your loss. Your Appa had touched so many lives and have been an idol to so many students that he will ever live in their hearts. I will always remember him. May he Rest In Peace.
- 🌀 **YTG Prasad:** So sorry for your loss Ramanan, May his soul rest in peace. We will certainly miss his energy with smile to help Sai Students will always be remembered.
- 🌀 **Srikanth:** Heartfelt condolences to you and your family members Ramanan. Om Shanti
- 🌀 **Amit Chollur:** Very sorry to hear about your loss. My deepest condolences
- 🌀 **Shiva Prasad:** Deepest condolences Ramanan!! Stay strong...
- 🌀 **Raju A A:** Sorry for the loss Ramanan. Heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May his soul RIP.



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