

Kengal Foundation: A daughter's tribute

IT was a daughter's tribute to her father—her friend, philosopher and guide. Vijayalakshmi Thimmaiah, daughter of former chief minister Kengal Hanumanthaiya, established a foundation in his name in 1994, with the sole aim of pursuing his ideals and mission. A non-profit organisation, the foundation's agenda includes organising programmes that deal with national and international issues related to women, children and youth.

"Our objective is to create awareness among people about various national and international issues and problems faced by women and children in different parts of the world, especially in the Third World countries. We organise seminars, conferences and symposiums to make people aware of the objectives of UN, UNESCO, UNICEF, etc.," Vijayalakshmi says.

As citizens of the future, the foundation tries to involve students from various schools and colleges in all its programmes. In 1995, the foundation organised a seminar on 'United Nations for a Better World' to mark the 50th anniversary of the UN. A unique children's awareness programme was conducted in New Delhi in Nov 1999, titled 'UNICEF's Passport to the Future'. The foundation also organised a symposium 'Culture of Peace' for college students to commemorate the 50th year of UNESCO. Several students took part in the Model UN General Assembly, organised by the foundation in association with the Law School of India at the Indian Institute of Science in Sept 1996.

And now on Jan 11, 2003,

the foundation—in association with the John Templeton Foundation, USA, Bangalore University, Art of Living Foundation and the Golden Valley Education Trust—is organising

her father's spirit. An active social worker, she has attended the UN Social in March 1995 at Copenhagen, Denmark as a delegate from peace and food commission, California.

world education conference held in Oct 1996 at Geneva. She coordinated the international conference on emerging telecommunications and information technologies sponsored by the European Commission and more. The seminar on science and spirituality is her latest venture.

"The public event will provide a unique experience for Bangaloreans. Experts in the field including Sir Roger Penrose, Prof of Mathematics, Oxford University, nuclear scientist Dr Raja Ramanna and founder of Art of Living Foundation Sri Sri Ravishankar will take part in the event," she said.

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the Science and Spiritual Quest, a public event, at the KSLTA stadium in Bangalore.

Vijayalakshmi embodies

She visited the Paris UNESCO office to discuss educational programmes to be launched in India and has attended UNESCO's

Statesman with a vision

HE was instrumental in building one of the greatest architectural marvels in Bangalore, the Vidhana Soudha. And, as chief minister of the erstwhile state, he pioneered the unification of Karnataka. The man in question is none other than the Late Kengal Hanumanthaiya, leading visionary and statesman.

Born in 1908, Hanumanthaiya passed out of the Law College, Pune in 1932. Zealous and courageous by nature, he plunged into the freedom struggle during his student days. As his daughter Vijayalakshmi Thimmaiah remembers: "My father spent several months in jail during my childhood days. I used to go to the jail to meet him... sometimes, I even insisted on staying back with him." The spirit of freedom ran through his veins. "My father was the first person to hoist a national flag at Shivapura in Maddur," Vijayalakshmi says.

Tougher times were soon followed by the good ones. One of the founding members of the Mysore Congress in 1937,

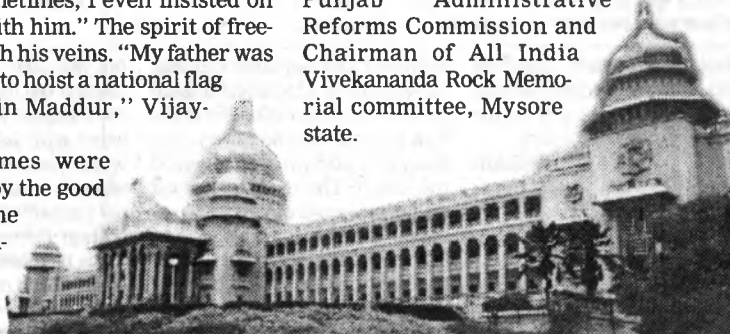
Hanumanthaiya was made the president of the Bangalore Congress Party. From 1950-52, he was the leader of the Mysore Legislative and President of Mysore Pradesh Congress Committee. Then, at the young age of 44, he took over as chief minister of Karnataka.

His tenure (1952-1956) was marked by significant reforms in the education and literary sector. In fact, his administrative acumen was evident in the report he produced as the chairman of the administrative reforms commission. Hanumanthaiya was also the Union Railways Minister and Law and Social Welfare Minister for a short tenure. Besides, he

donned the roles of Chairman, Punjab Administrative Reforms Commission and Chairman of All India Vivekananda Rock Memorial committee, Mysore state.



Kengal Hanumanthaiya



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Sir. Roger Penrose
Prof. of Mathematics,
Oxford University, U.K

Dr. Jane Goodall
Primatologist, environmental &
animal rights activist, UN
Goodwill Ambassador, U.K

Pooja Sri. Sri. Ravishankar
Founder, Art of Living Foundation, India

Dr. Raja Ramanna
Nuclear Scientist, Former Director,
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