

Dr. Chukka Ramaiah

Lifetime Achievement Award

He raised his voice against the feudal social structure of the times, questioning the injustices heaped on the hapless poor. He invited the wrath of the elders in the village when he stood by Dalits and the most deprived sections of society. He was rebuked for keeping the company of Dalits while being a Brahmin.

He rose against the tyranny of the Nizam's rule and the atrocities of Razakars and spent long years in jail prison after being summarily imprisoned by an intolerant Nizam's establishment. He is none other than Chukka Ramaiah who needs no introduction in the Telugu states. An educationist of eminence who imparted IIT coaching to thousands of poor students and came to be known as IIT Ramaiah. His singular ability to simplify the most complex of mathematical problems and equations turned Chukka Ramaiah into a legend in the field of education.

Driven by a zeal to spread the light of learning, Chukka Ramaiah started the IIT study circle in Nallakunta in 1985. Today his name is synonymous with quality IIT coaching across the country. Ramaiah was born to Narsamma and Anantaramaiah in Guduru of erstwhile Warangal district in 1925. He retired as the principal of AP Residential School at Nagarjuna Sagar in 1983.

When some students aspiring to clear the IIT/JEE examination approached him seeking help, Ramaiah's guidance enabled them to pass the exam in flying colours. That was but, a modest beginning. Legions of students have since benefitted from his mastery of the subject and his unique method of simplifying the most advanced and complex mathematical problems.

Interestingly, several coaching centres have sprouted across the city guiding students seeking entry into Ramaiah's IIT institute. Over 2000 students have gained entry into the prestigious IITs across the country benefitting from the guidance of Ramaiah.

A multi-faceted personality—Chukka Ramaiah is a social reformer, educationist, writer and an MLC, Sakshi recognises his versatility and his outstanding contribution to shaping the careers of thousands of students by presenting him the lifetime achievement award.