



LEGENDARY PRINCIPAL &  
ARCHITECT OF  
GUNTUR MEDICAL COLLEGE  
**Prof D JAGANNATHA REDDY**

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GMC 1958 Batch  
(updated in 2025)







# SOME RECOLLECTIONS

Prof D JAGANNATHA REDDY

(1915 – 1991)

A life with a  
Vision, Mission & a Lesson

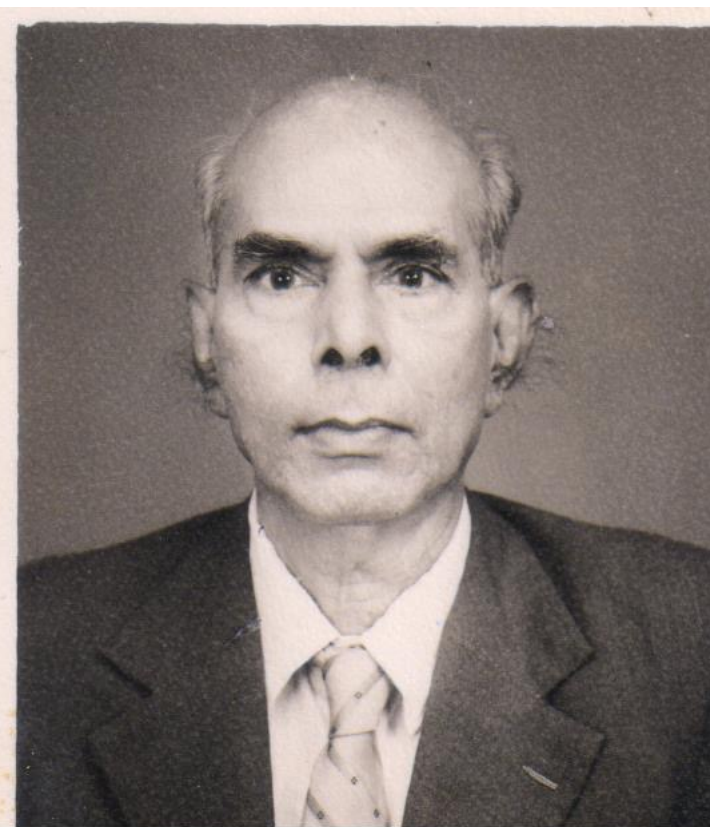
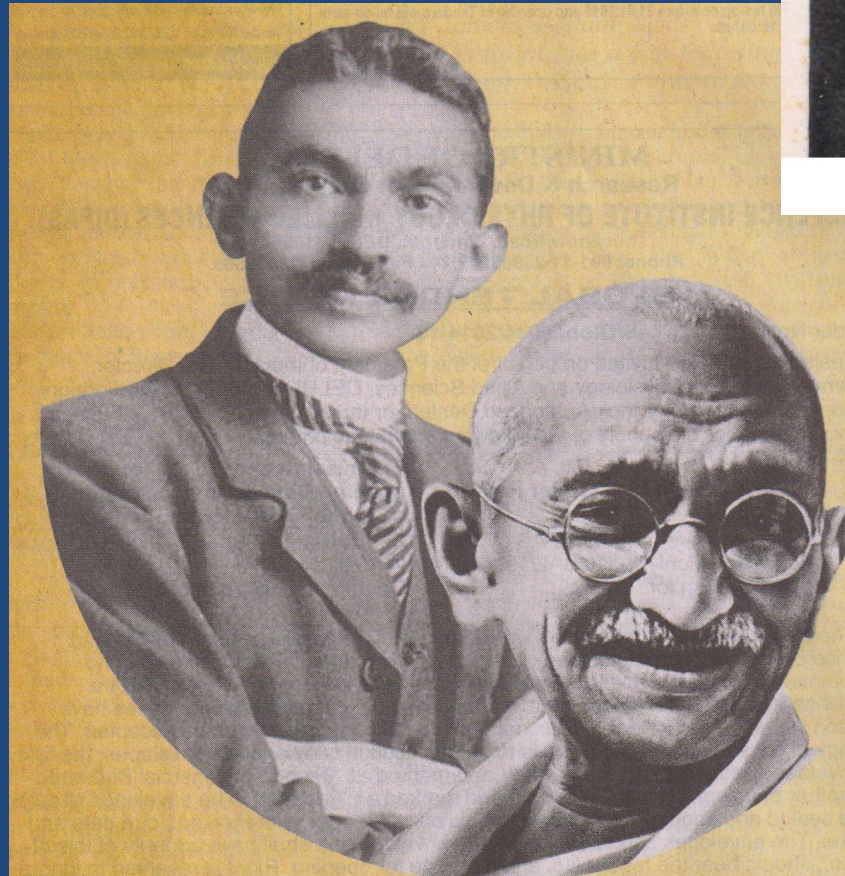




DJR  
born in 1915

Another  
event  
to remember

Mohandas  
Karamchand  
Gandhi  
returned to  
India in  
1915






## Prof D Jagannatha Reddy (1915-91)

- August 05, 1915 : Born in Veeranathoor, Chittoor Dt
- He is the 6<sup>th</sup> of seven siblings
- 2 Elder brothers and 3 elder sisters are no more
- Younger sister, Mrs Vishalaxmamma, was residing in California, with her son Dr V Chandra Reddy, Surgeon, passed away on 29/03/2007
- Schooling : Board High School, Chittoor
- MBBS : Madras Medical College
- MD (Pathology) : Madras Medical College



## Prof D Jagannatha Reddy (1915-91)

- Served as a Captain during Second World War
  - 1941 : Married in Indore, while he was in Army
  - Tutor in Pathology, Madras Medical College
  - 1949-54 : Professor of Forensic Medicine, Andhra Medical College, Vizag
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## Prof D Jagannatha Reddy (1915-91)

- 1954-62: Principal & Prof of Pathology, Guntur Medical College
- 1962-63 : Director, Upgraded Institute of Pathology, Andhra Medical College, Vizag
- 1963-69 : Dean, JIPMER, Pondicherry
- 1969-76 : Vice Chancellor, S V University, Tirupathi
- 1976-1991 : Director of Pathology & Administrator, Vijaya Hospital, Chennai
- Demise : December 13, 1991 at the age of 76





FAREWELL FUNCTION with 1958 Batch - 1962





Prof DJR Statue  
at GMC Main Hall  
unveiled  
by Hon Dr Kodela  
Sivaprasada Rao,  
AP Minister  
for Panchayat Raj  
& Rural Development  
on 23-11-1997

# On the occasion of unveiling DJR's statue on 23/11/1997





Smt Achanta Rukmini Lakshmipathi (former Health  
Minister of Madras Province) Statue  
unveiled by Hon Dr N Janardhana Reddy,  
AP Health Minister on 23-11-1997

CMKR & the GMC PRINCIPAL - 2010





# Statues of Dr Achanta Rukminamma & Prof DJR in the Main Hall of GMC, installed on 23/11/1997 by the benevolence of NRI Alumni



Dr. Achanta Rukminamma



Dr. D. J. Reddy





# The GMC Golden Jubilee Memorial



Thinker in nude  
Can you guess  
what he's  
thinking ?



# State-of-the-art Auditorium built by NRI friends

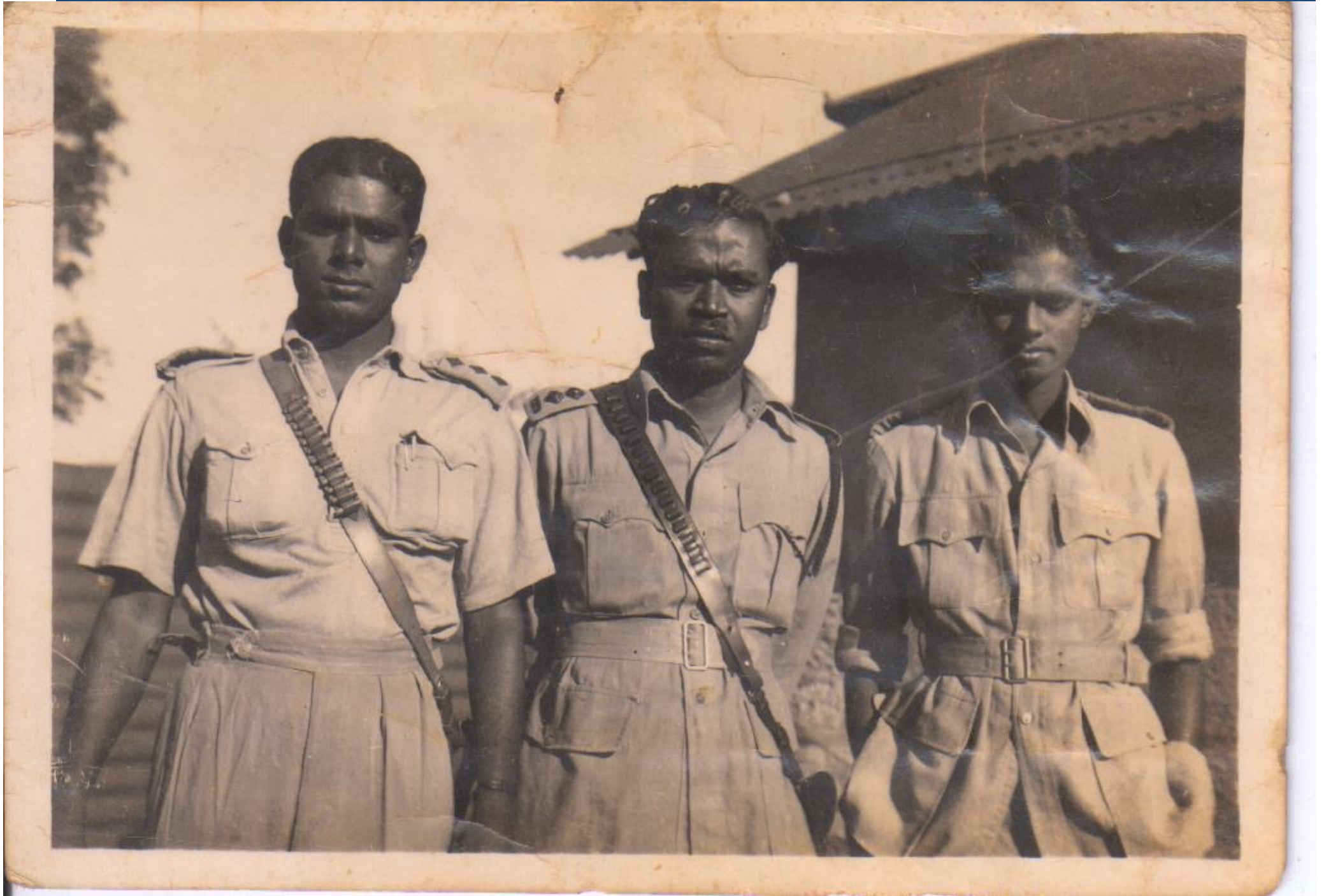


JUST MARRIED  
COUPLE





# With friends in Army - Message



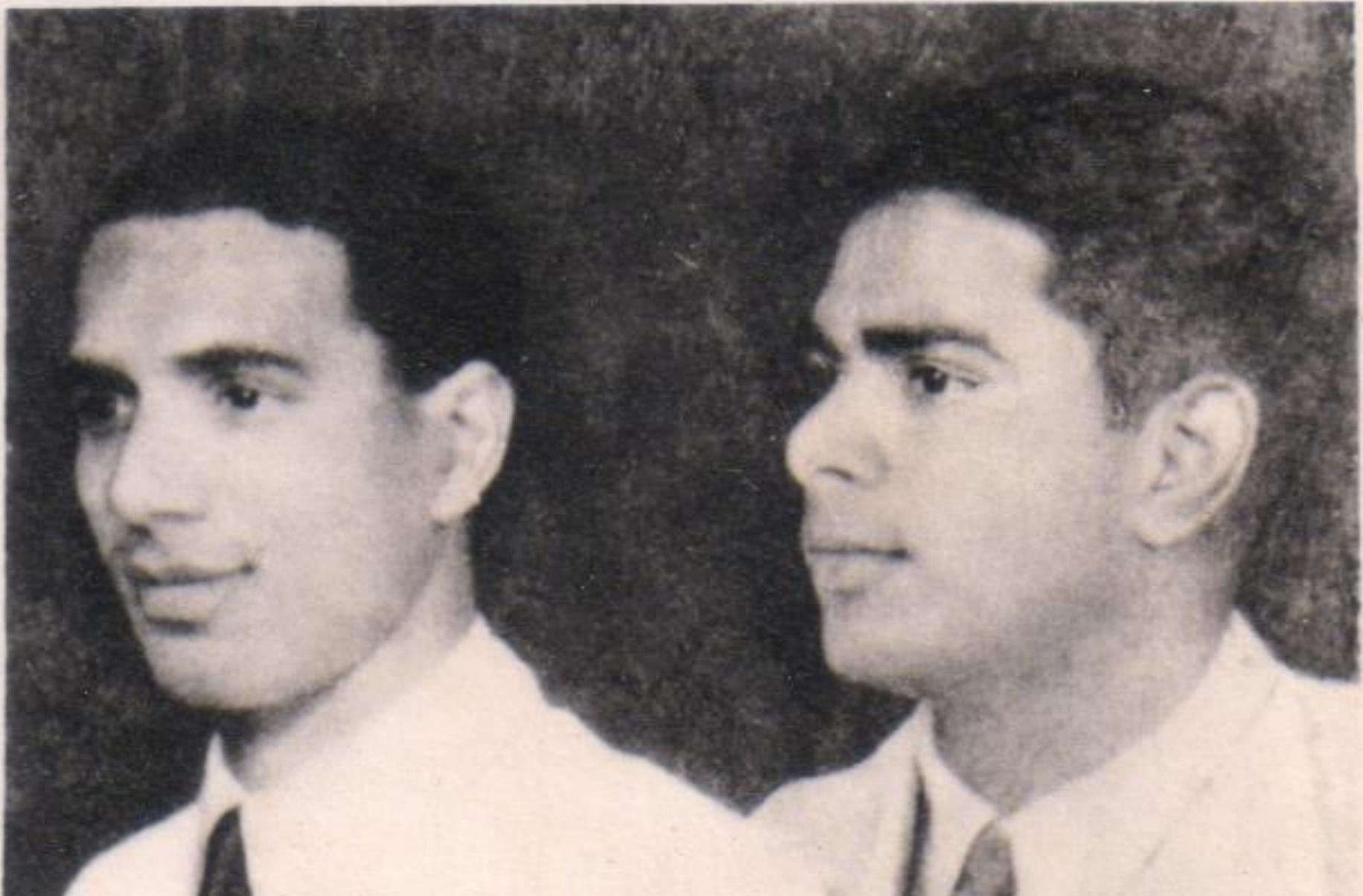


2/10/39 H.L.  
To you  
who is the most  
innocent I have  
ever met in this  
universe. Don't change  
Be merciful and  
cultivate to be  
sympathetic  
Jagan  
8/6/43

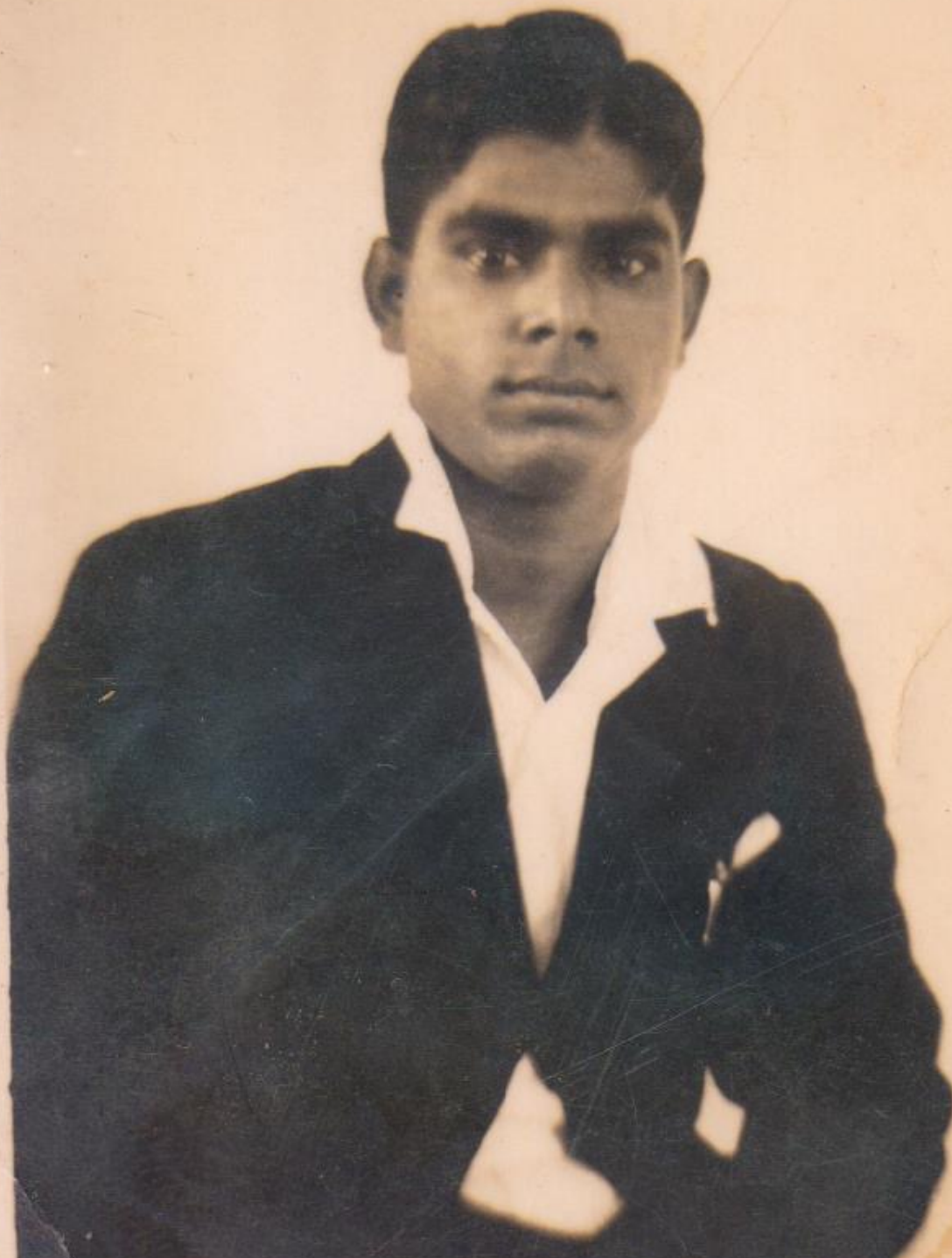
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AND CULTIVATE TO BE SYMPATHETIC. JAGAN 8/6/43



With his brother, late Mr VISWANATHA REDDY  
(Director of Agriculture)



BRAND  
NEW  
FROM  
MEDICAL  
COLLEGE





With Vice President, B D Jatti, AP Governor & Chief Minister, inaugurating a New Complex at S V University, Tirupathi

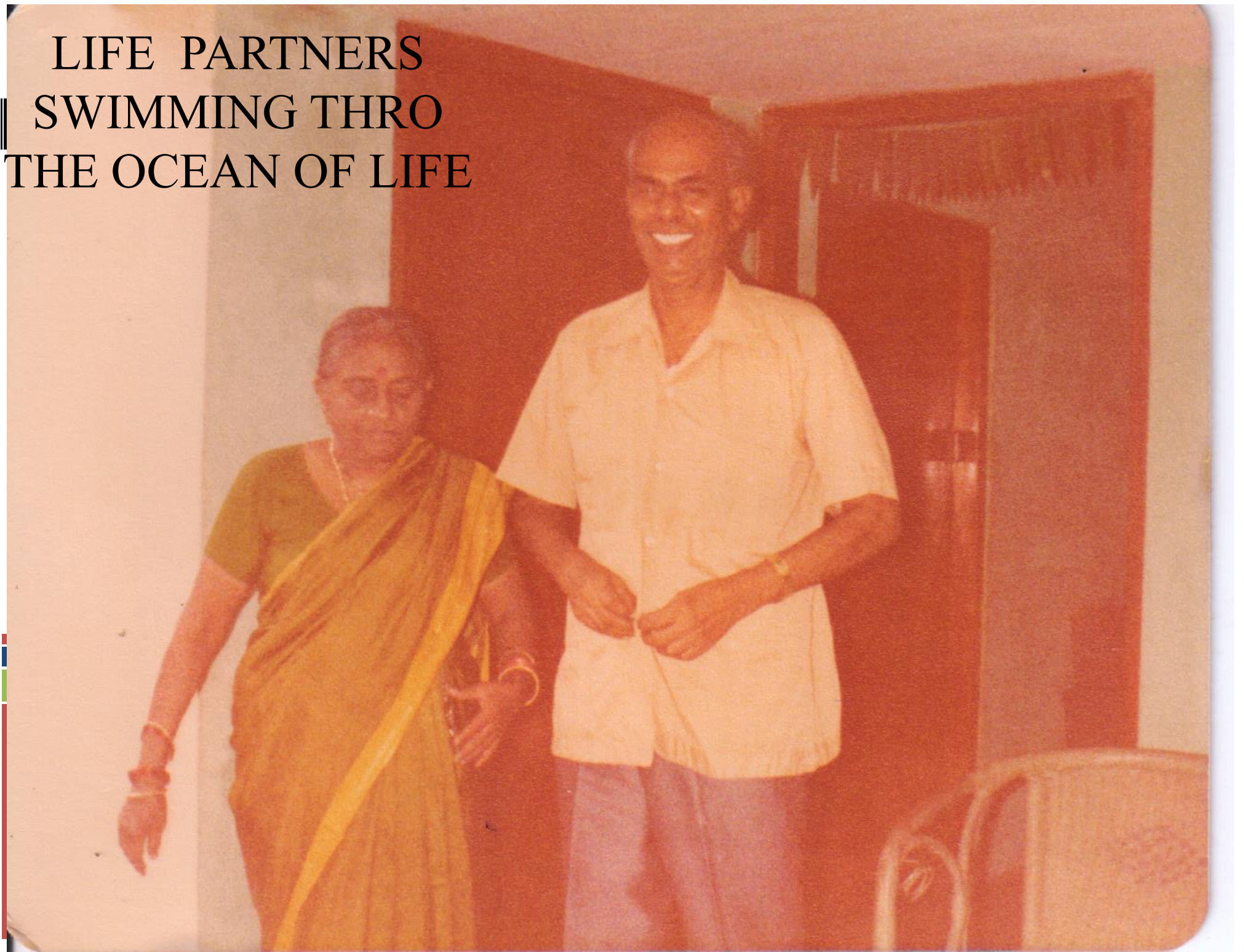


# Discussing the Program with the State Governor





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SWIMMING THRO  
THE OCEAN OF LIFE

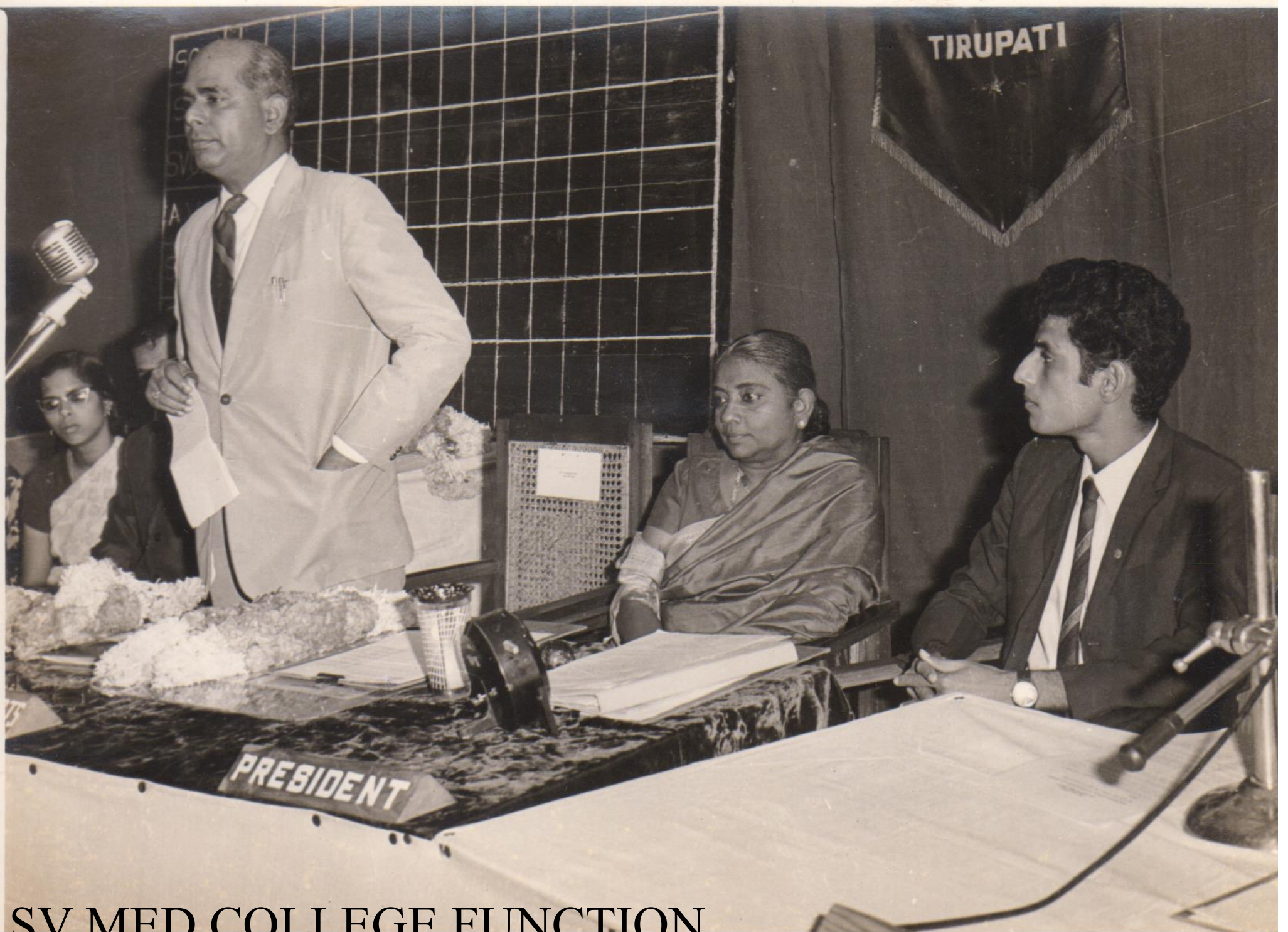




AS VICE CHANCELLOR  
SVU, TIRUPATHI







SV MED COLLEGE FUNCTION





MARCHING TO INAUGURATE A COMPLEX AT SVU



FORMAL  
INAUGURATION  
AT SVU



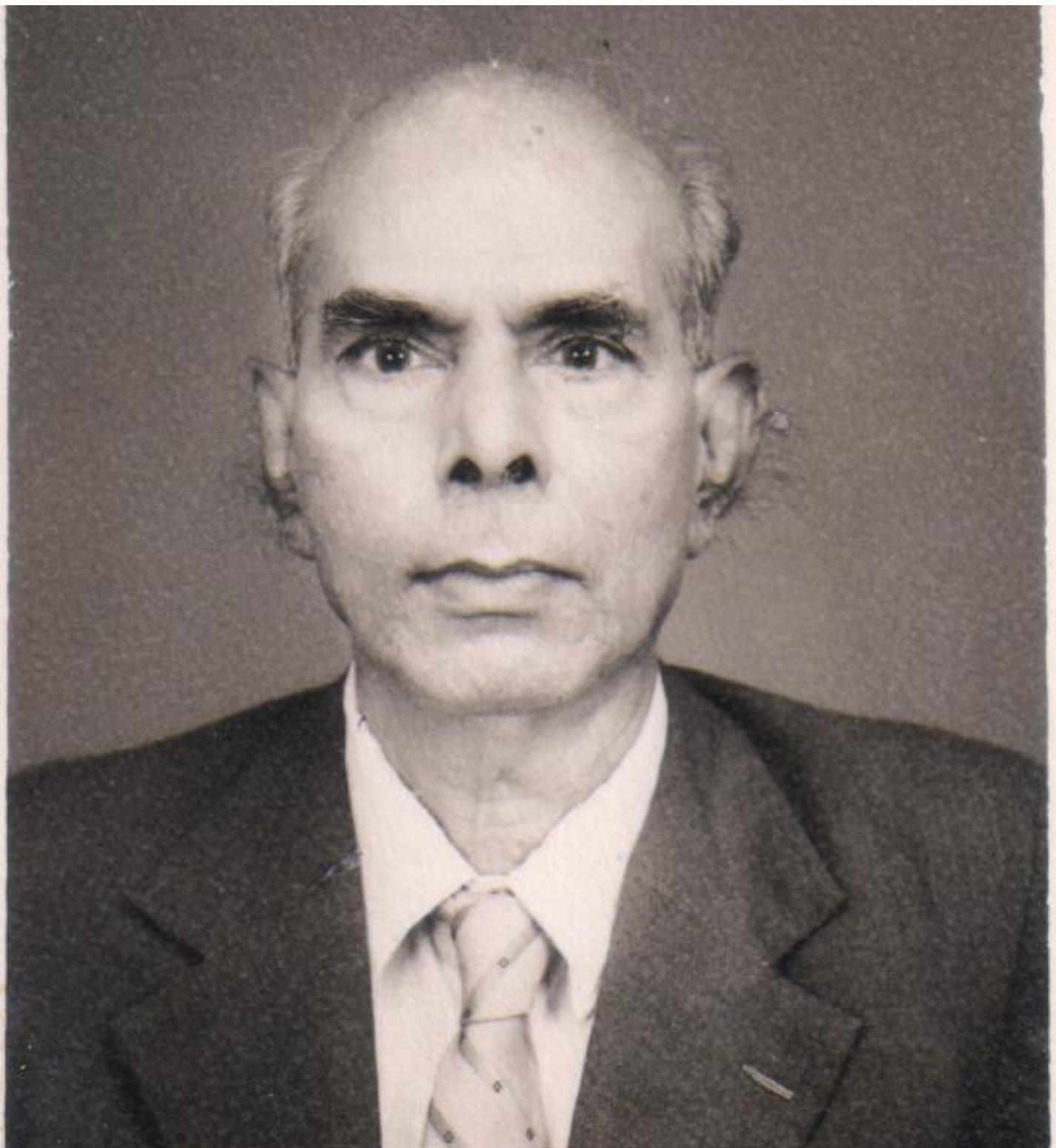




DJR<sub>s</sub> WITH THEIR  
ONLY SON TO CARRY  
THEIR FAMILY TORCH



TYPICAL  
SHARP  
LASER  
LOOK





UNUSUAL  
EXPRESSION





# Grandson Prasanth B'Day



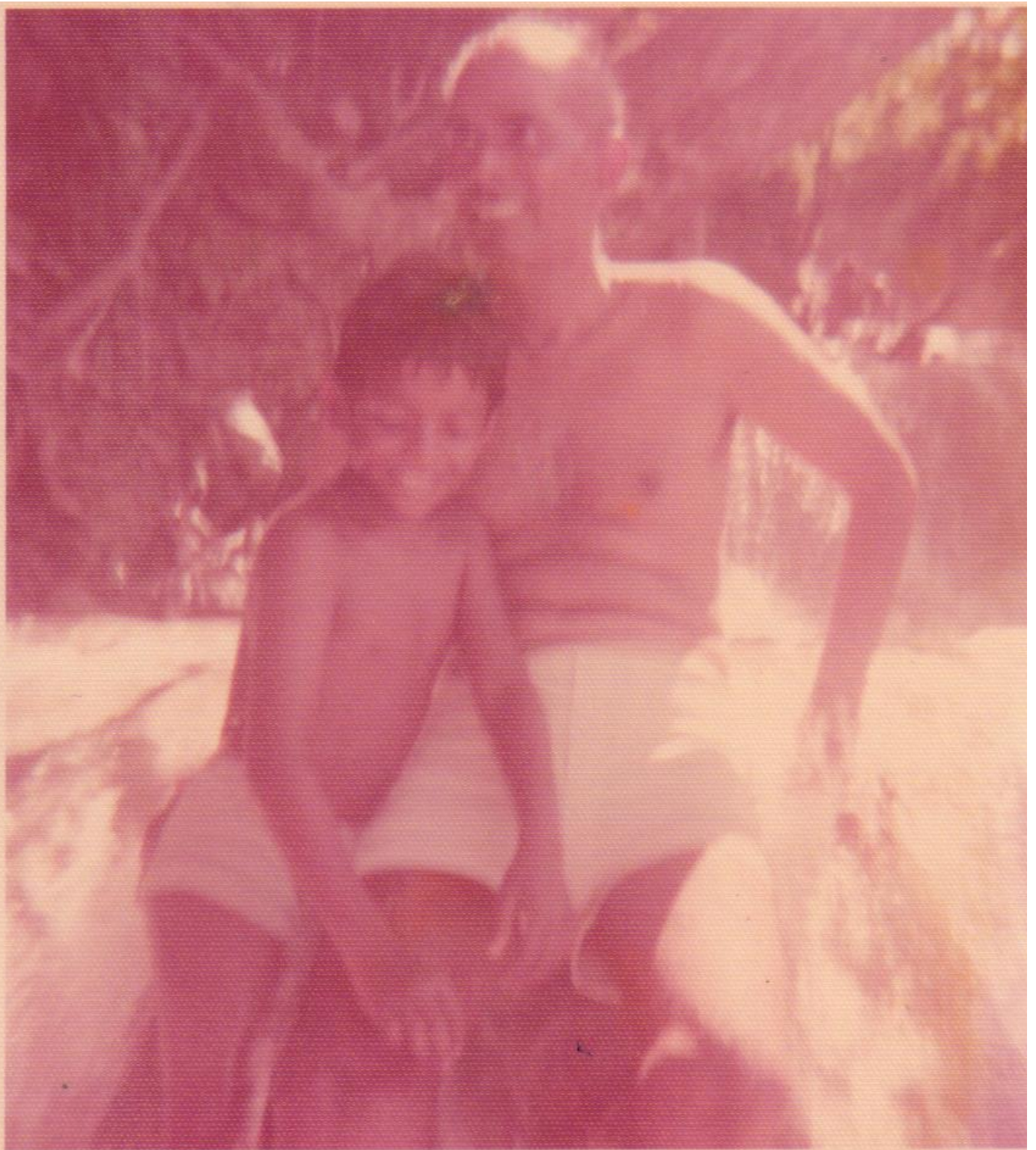




WITH WIFE, D-I-L, GRANDSON, PRASANTH  
AND GRAND NIECE, RACHANA



AS  
EKAMBARAN  
WITH  
GRANDSON  
PRASANTH  
IN  
JAMAICA





# Prasanth's Birthday at Chennai





# Dr DRR with Parents & Mother-in-law Mrs Pushpaveni





With D-i-L, Dr Vasanthi &  
her mother, Mrs Pushpaveni



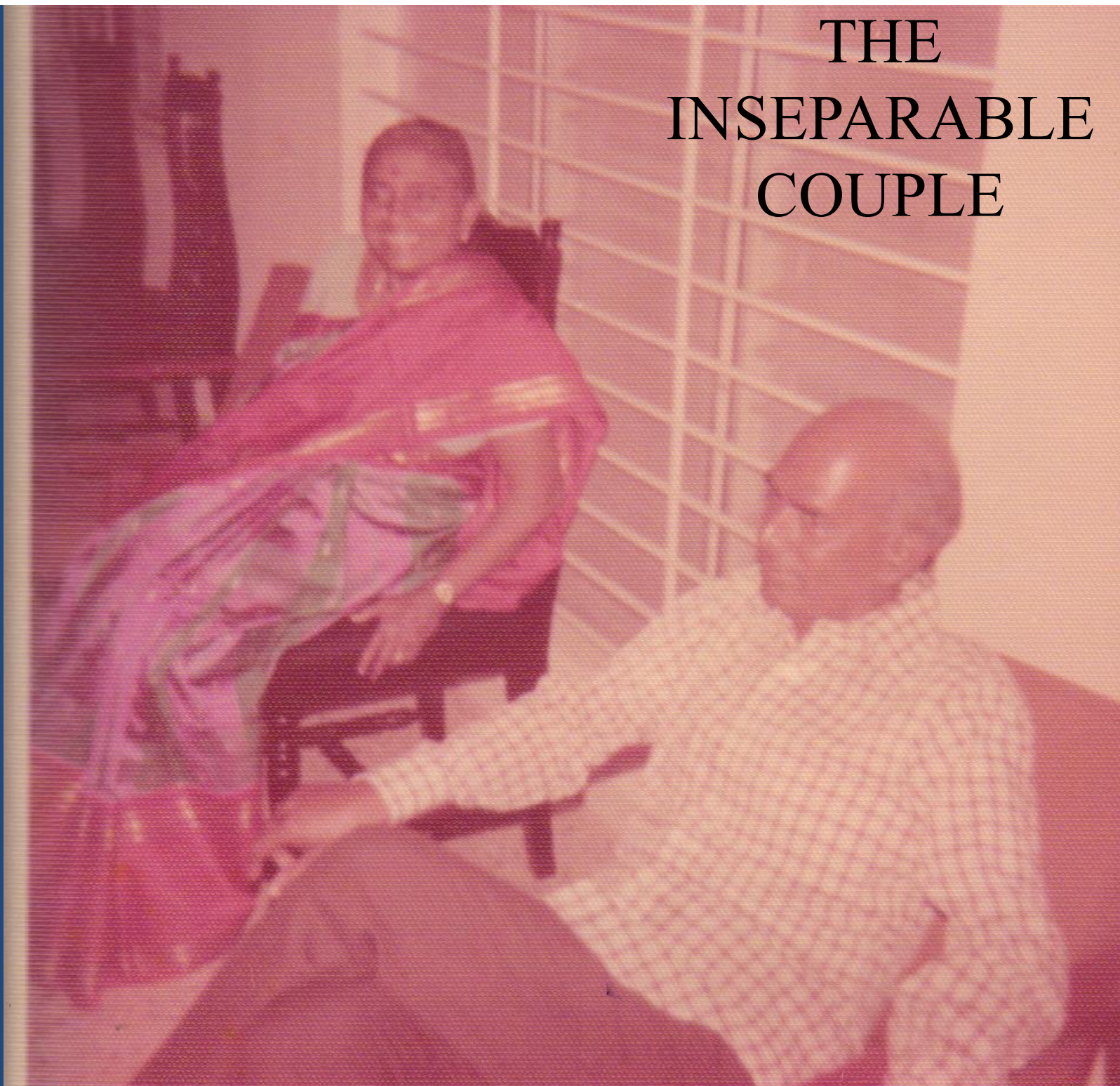


THE INTEREST  
(PRASANTH)  
MORE VALUABLE  
THAN  
THE PRINCIPLE



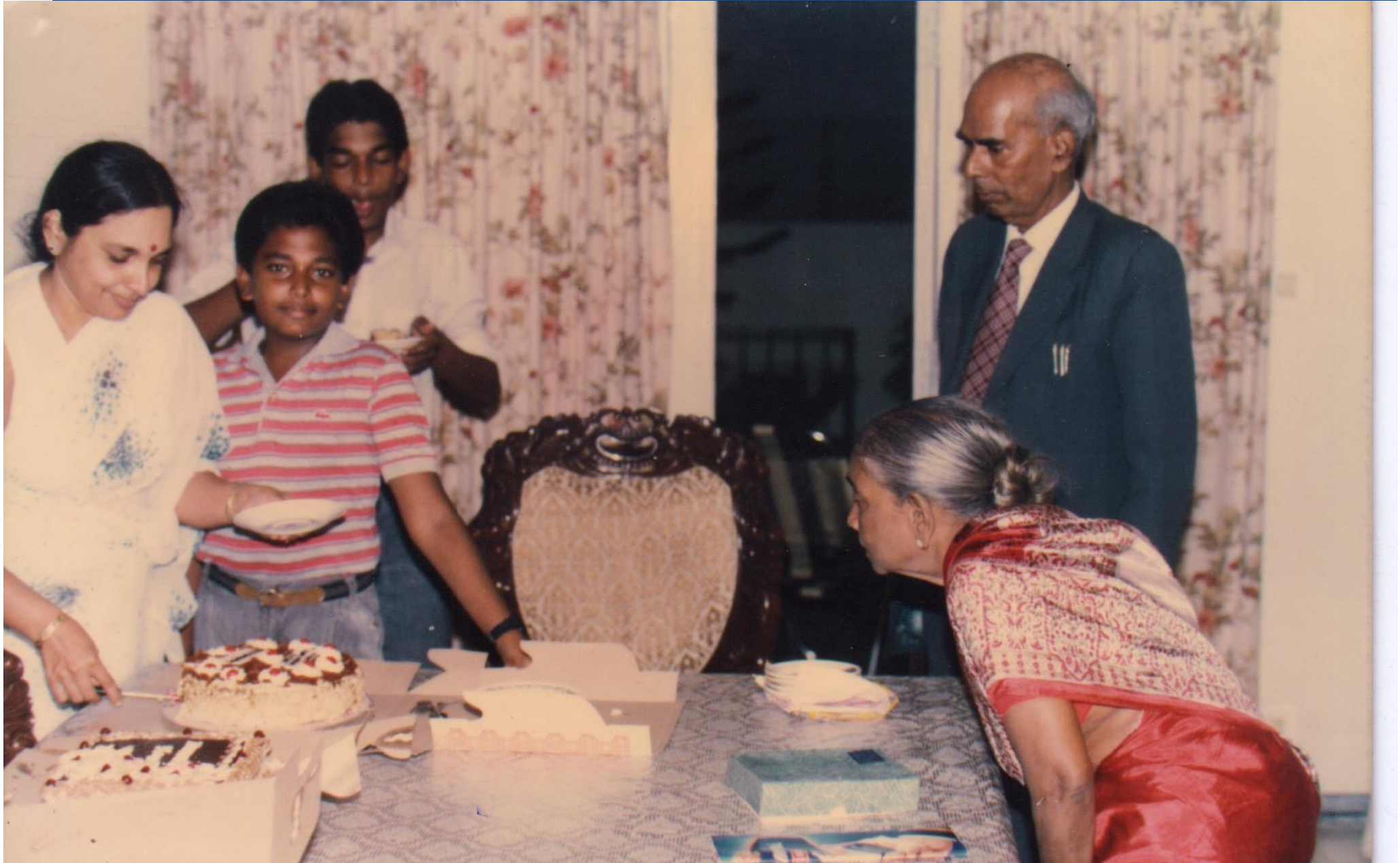


# THE INSEPARABLE COUPLE

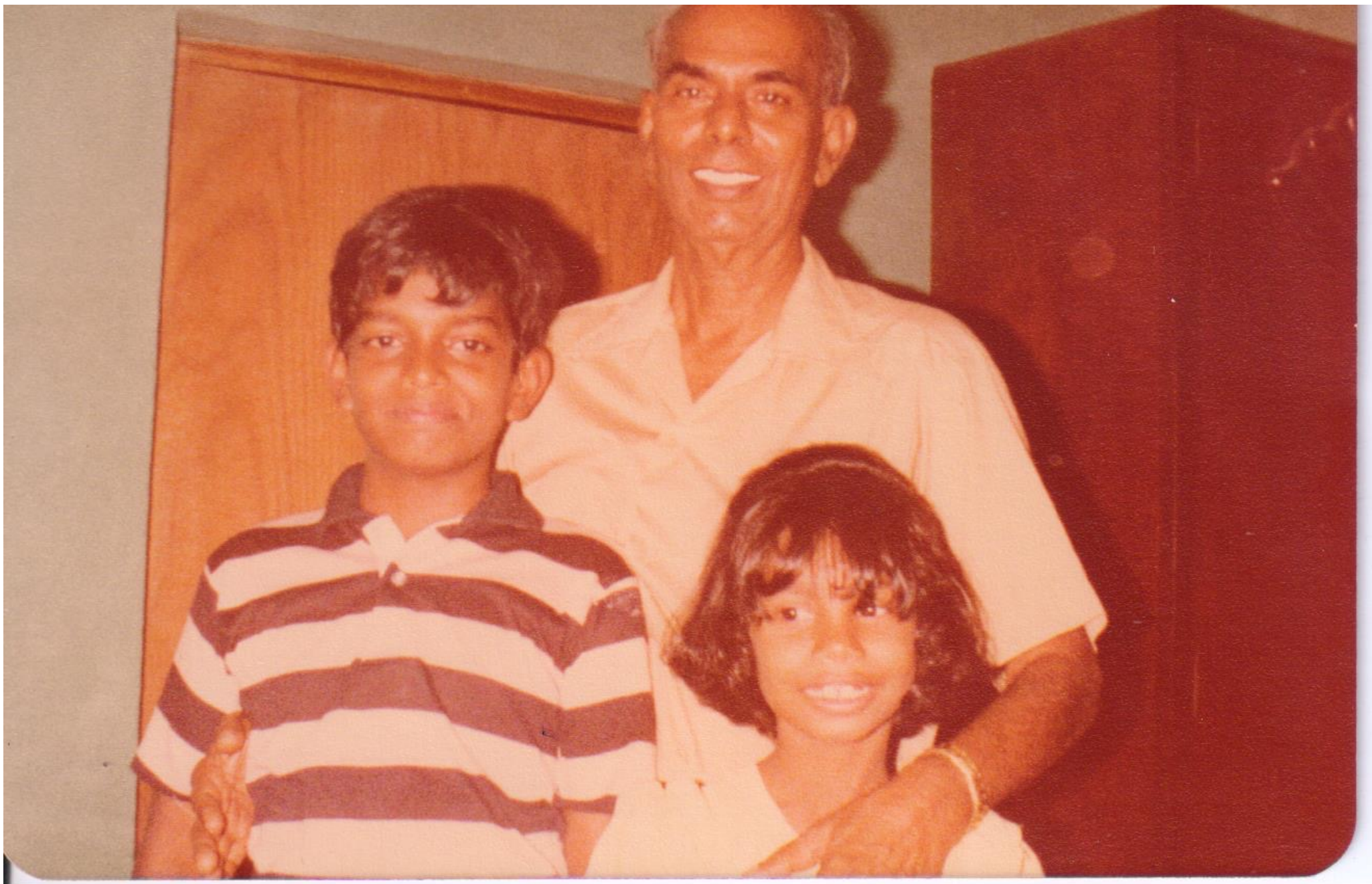




# Prasanth & Akilesh in former's B'Day function at Chennai







With Grandson, Prasanth & Grand Niece, Rachana



WITH AKILESH  
& PRASANTH





Prof DJR honored in AITF Ugadi function in 1991  
Seated next to him : Sri P Ramachandran, Kerala Governor  
Actors Krishna & Vijayanirmala and Director Jandhyala seen





# Same function of All India Telugu Federation - Dr DJR couple (1991)





# Same function of All India Telugu Federation – Dr DJR couple





Prof DJR at dinner at CMK residence.  
AP Min Sri NJR & TN Min Dr Hande seen





# Prof K Anji Reddy, Plastic Surgeon, (GMC 1959 Batch) delivering Prof DJR Memorial Oration at KIMS, Hyderabad (2005)





# DJR Family

- Wife : **Smt Lakshmi Reddy**  
(From Malaysian Christian family,  
originally from Tanjavur)
- Her maiden name : **Mrs Helen Prakasam**
- She was the cousin of DJR's classmate in medicine
- She took Hinduism & changed name after marriage
- She was living in Chennai with her son
- Passed away on 31-10-2008, at the age of 94



CMKR with Dr DRR & Smt LAKSHMI  
at CHENNAI

On 01-08-2008  
before our first  
Reunion  
3 months before  
her demise



01/08/2008 19:38:09



# DJR Family

Son

**Dr D Ramchandra Reddy**, Surgeon

- MBBS - 1<sup>st</sup> year 1961-62 at GMC

Completed rest at AMC, Vizag

MS (Gen) – AMC, Vizag : 1968-71

Worked as Asst Prof of Surgery at S V Medical College, Tirupathi, 1971-74 before leaving to Jamaica

Since 1984 : Consultant at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai  
After being bed-ridden with Neuro problem for 7 years, he passed away on 19/07/2023





# DJR Family

Daughter-in-law

**Dr D Vasanthi**, Ob&Gyn

MBBS – AMC, Vizag : 1961-67

MD (OG) – AMC, Vizag : 1968-71

Worked as Asst Prof of OG in Maternity Hospital,  
Tirupathi – 1971-74

1975-84 : Both worked in various Hospitals in  
Jamaica in their specialties

Since 1984 : Consultant at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai  
She is a colleague of Dr C Swarnakumari







# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



## Special Guests

for our Reunion in 2015 at Chirala  
to celebrate Prof DJR's Satha Jayanthi

**Dr D RAMACHANDRA REDDY**

Surgeon

**Dr D VASANTHI**

Obstetrician & Gynecologist

Apollo Hospitals, Chennai



# DJR Family

## ELDER GRANDSON

- **D V Prasanth** (60), Software Engineer
- Studied BE : University of Minnesota
- MS : MIT, Harvard University
- Working as Database Manager,  
General Dynamics, Lawrance, Kansas, USA
- Wife : **Lakshmi Reddy**, Nephrologist



# DJR Family

## ANOTHER GRANDSON

- **D V Akhilesh** (58), Software Engineer
- Studied BE : University of Minnesota
- Working as Managing Director,  
Cloud Services, IBM, Atlanta, GA, USA
- Wife : **Mrs Zeena Reddy**, Software Engineer

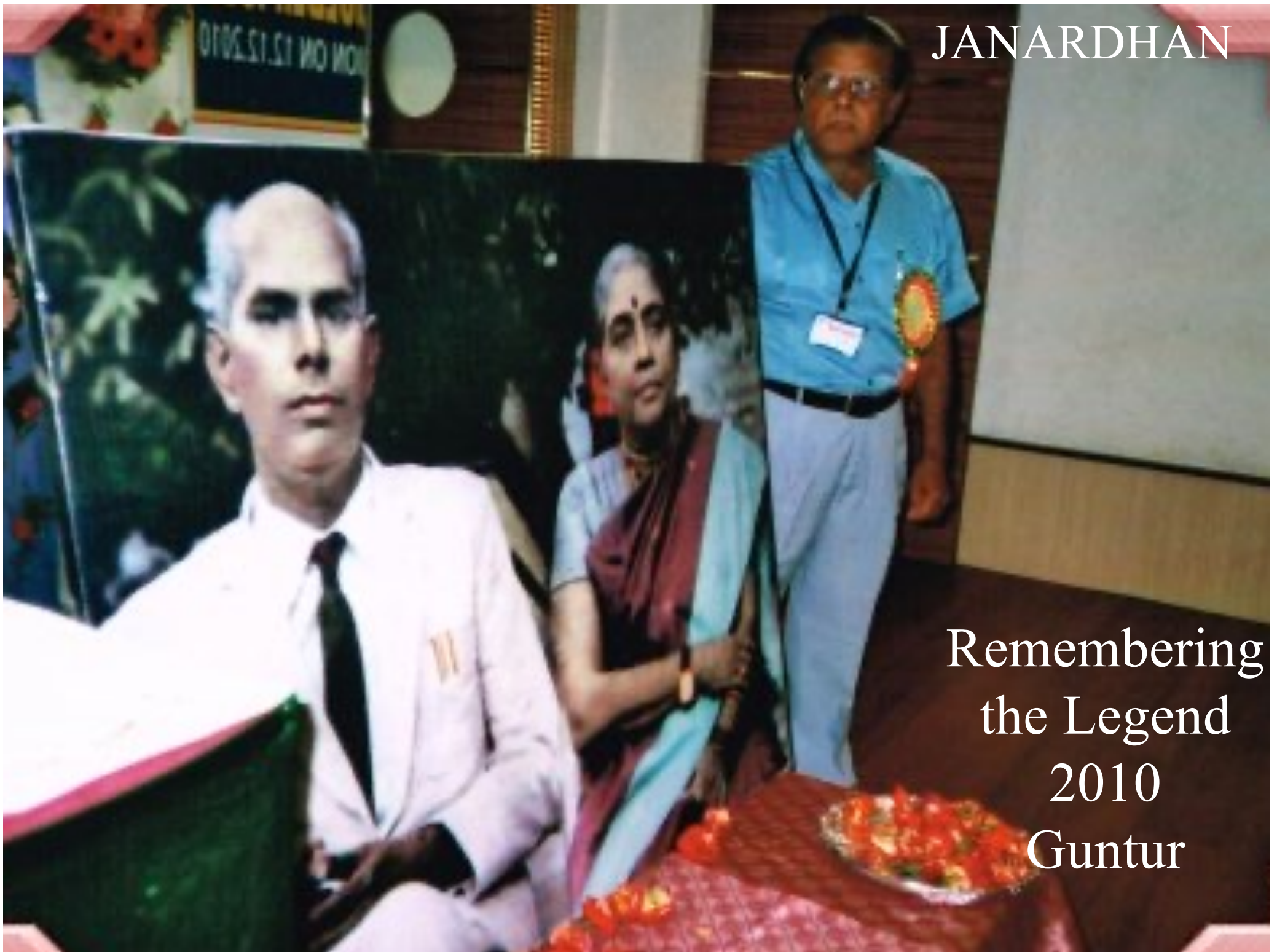


## Prof D Jagannatha Reddy (1915-91)

- His favorites : Pathology Museum in GMC  
& Autopsy Room in Guntur General Hospital
- Always well dressed with a 'Military' gait
- No smoking, drinking, gambling
- Humble, straight forward, uncorrupt
- Authoritative, very helpful, totally harmless
- Very student-friendly examiner
- Punctuality
- Discipline
- Cleanliness
- Tidy appearance & Sharp look
- Car in Guntur : Morris Minor, APG 10



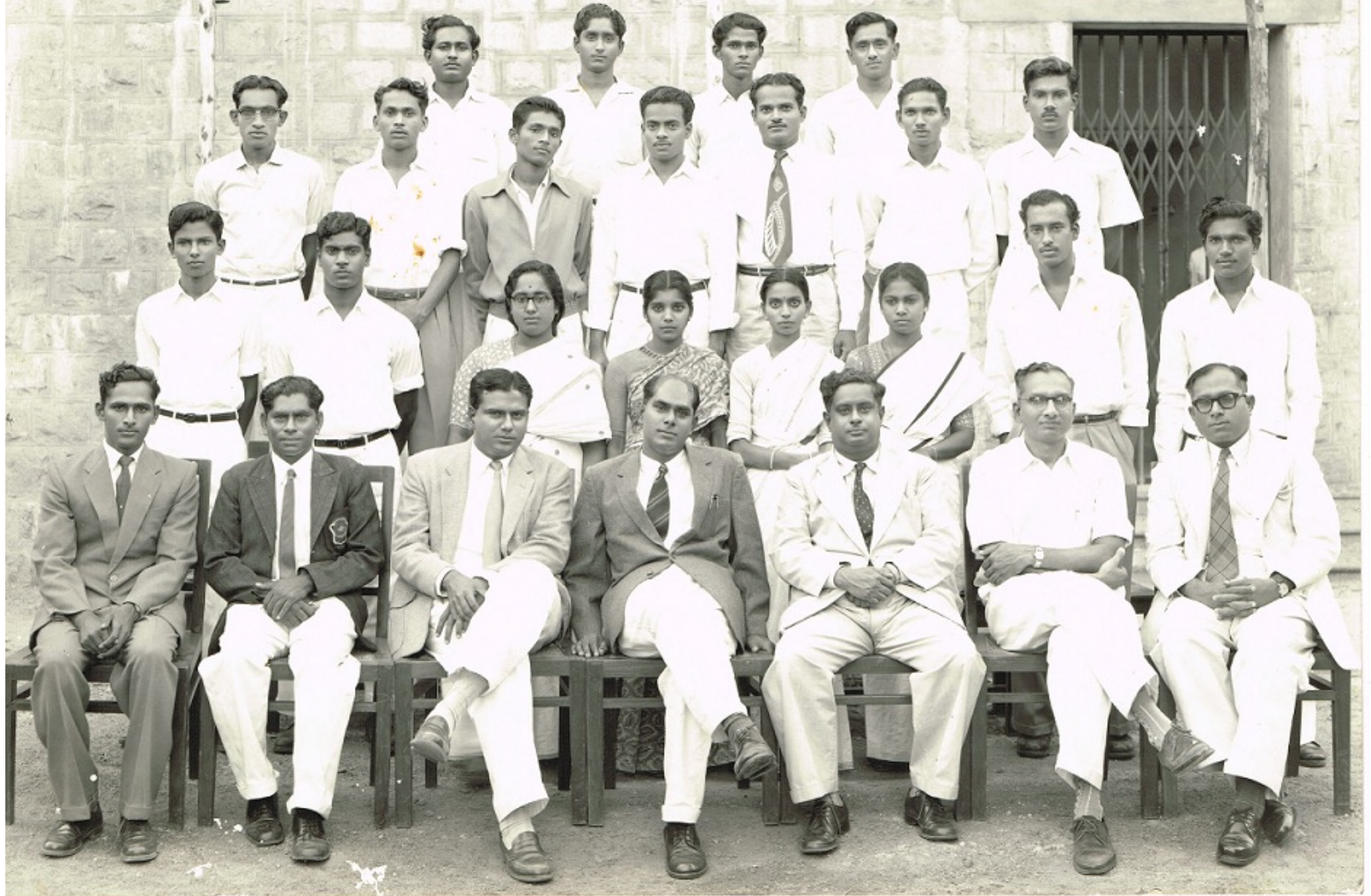
JANARDHAN



Remembering  
the Legend  
2010  
Guntur



# COLLEGE COUNCIL





**SPORTS TEAM WITH PRINCIPAL**  
**Dr I C NAIDU et al**  
1963



# DJR Anecdotes

1. He finds student walking on grass. He calls & says :  
Do you know where you're walking ?

You're walking on my heart. Gurumurthy fine him 50 paise

2. Student comes without shave or haircut. He calls him & says : Gurumurthy give him 50 paise. Ask him go to a barber shop

3. All seats in class are numbered. Attendance is marked by noting the vacant seats. Next class, he asks the absentees for explanation or he says : I saw you in railway station ? What were you doing ?



4. In the class he asks : What is transplantation ?

If the student doesn't answer, he asks where are you from ? Student : Tenali sir

DJR : Tenali is not London not to know transplantation. Go and ask your grandfather, he'd tell you what is transplantation of paddy

5. He'd say : King Dasaratha had 4 wives


Some student : No sir, only 3 wives & 4 sons

DJR : Who's that ? I don't care how many wives Dasatatha had. Take the moral from it. Dasaratha had 4 wives, sit down !


6. As 2<sup>nd</sup> yr students we were busy ragging the juniors & in the process we also assaulted one student from Ghana, who was overacting. The matter went to Ghana High Commission, Govt of India, to DMS & finally to our Principal to submit a report. He simply warned the students & wrote to the Govt that nothing serious had happened & closed the case.

7. When were 3<sup>rd</sup> yr students, one night some of our girl students went to a late night movie. On return they got into some trouble and were taken to Police Station (don't remember details). When they identified as Medical students, Police informed the Principal. He immediately rushed to Police Station, got them released to took them to the Hostel.






8. In the farewell function (1962), he revealed the secret why he never allowed other person to talk, while scolding him. He said the other person may make a valid point & he might have to stop shouting




9. On my return from US, I met him in Tirupathi (1970) (Vice Chancellor, S V University). He was happy that I decided to settle down in Madras & advised me : if you're building something, build hospital first; from its revenue, you can build a house, because house doesn't generate any income


- 10. When he was the VC of SVU (1975), he built a small house in Washermenpet, Madras. The contractor after receiving full amount, started giving him trouble & sent him a Lawyer Notice demanding more money. DJR was shaken up & requested me to some how settle the matter. I was then Asst. Prof at Stanley Medical College. I found out that the contractor was a Teacher in a Govt School. I wrote a letter to him that if gives trouble to our teacher, I'd take the matter to TN Education Minister. Knowing my background, he immediately surrendered, met me & withdrew the case, without further claim.




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- 11. Prof DJR visited Stanley Med College in 1989, as MCI Inspector, to grant permission for new PG courses. As soon as he came to the College & met our Dean in his Office, he expressed desire to meet me. I was with him for two days during the Inspection & attended the Dinner hosted by the College in his honor. I prevailed upon him to grant permission to all the Courses, for which the College applied for. This gesture elevated my reputation in the College circles.

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- 12. Prof DJR recommended my name to the Pondicherry University in 1989, for setting the question papers for their Surgical PG Exams. On receiving the request from the University, giving me some guidelines, I'd set Theory Papers for MS (Gen) Exams for two years.
  - I conveyed my gratitude to him for giving me such an honorable assignment.
  - He never forgets any one who helped him, especially his students





13. In 1990, New Building of my Hospital in Kilpauk, Chennai, was to be inaugurated by the Chairman, Sri Ramachandra Medical College, Sri NPV Ramaswamy Udayar. Prof DJR also graced the occasion.



As Sri Udayar was about to cut the ribbon, I pointed to him that my teacher was in the audience. He promptly invited him to stand by his side and cut the ribbon. Then I touched the feet of Dr DJR, to invoke his blessings, which was appreciated by Sri Udayar.

- REQUEST : You may share your interesting experiences with Prof DJR with me. I shall include them during the next edition. CMKR



**Thank you**  
**for the**  
**kind attention**

**Prof C M K Reddy**  
**C H E N N A I**  
**(GMC 1958 Batch)**

