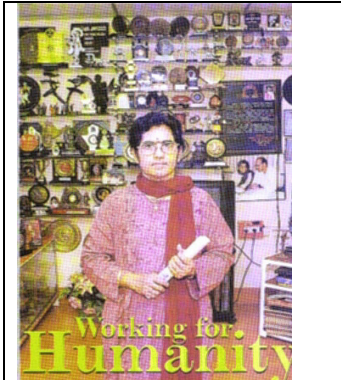


Dr T.SARASWATHI DEVI MA, Ph D
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DrT.SaraswathiDevi
R F AWARDEE 75-76 USA
Founder,Secretary
General & Executive
Director, Lebenshilfe
(regd).Visakhapatnam
Andhra Pradesh India

**R.F.Awardee: Teachers For The Handicapped,
Rotary Foundation of Rotary International) 1975-76 USA**

**Intensive in-service Trainee, Lebenshilfe Germany
(1978-79)In the Field of Mental Retardation**

Honours & Awards

**C -DISES INTERNATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2009
(Division of International Special Education and Services USA)**

**-COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (CEC)
USA)INTERNATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2009**

**-MARY GALE BUDZISZ INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE
AWARD (I A S E) USA**

**-Dy Governor: ABIRA American Biographical Institute
USA with a life long title**

-President: Nippon Carefit Service Association

(NCSA) India

-Past President: Karuna International Visakhapatnam Dist. Kendra

-Vice President: Roller Skating Federation Of India (R S F I) India

-Vice Chairman: Roller Skating Federation Of Andhra Pradesh (R SAAP)

Member at International Organizations:

- 1. IASE (International Association for the special education) USA**
- 2.IASSID (International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities) USA**
- 3.CEC(Council for Exceptional Children) &DISES (Division of International Special Education & Services USA**
- 4.Scientific Committee: European Journal Of Intellectual Disability(EJID) Switzerland.**

Member

- District Cultural Affairs Council, Visak hapatnam. Govt. of A.P.**
- District Alumni Association Rotary International RI Dist., 3020.**
- .Rotary Club Vizag Elite Visakhapatnam Dist.3020.**

Life member:

1. Walkers Club, Visakhapatnam. & Sea Shore Walkers Club VSP
2. FWMR, New Delhi (Federation for the welfare of the Mentally Retarded)
3. APAWMR, Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh Association for the welfare of mentally handicapped.)
4. Junior Red Cross, Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh
5. YMCA, Visakhapatnam. Andhra Pradesh
6. ISKCON-VIZAG(International Krishna Consciousness)

Former President: Roller Skating Association Of Andhra Pradesh (R S A A P)-

-Former Chairperson: Juvenile Welfare Board VSP for 3 revenue districts
-Former District Governor:Y'sMen International Central India region Dist. East II 1997-98

-Former Region Chairperson:Lions Clubs International Dist.324 C1

- Former Zone Chairperson: Polioplus Program of Rotary International R I Dist.3020

ABOUT HER

Academic Achievements: :

-Teachers Credentials 1st Division (St.Theresa's Convent, Eluru 1960-62)

THEATRE ARTS:

-Diploma in Acting (Two years course Andhra University 1962-64)

-Diploma in Play Direction (Two years course Andhra University 1967-69)

-Masters Degree in Political Science (Andhra University 1970-72).

- Intensive Course in English (Washington D.C.USA)

- Special Education SC SC New Haven Connecticut USA 1975 - 76

- Intensive- in -service training in the filed of mental retardation 1978-79 from lebenshilfe , the then West Germany.

-Education Therapeutics: University of Liverpool, U.K., (A quiet place)

-Doctor Of Philosophy, Ph D ,Dept. of Education, Andhra University 2013

Professional Experience

- 49 years of teaching and Administrative services to physically and mentally challenged people till to date .

Awards Received:

-Plaque of Honor:1981 from Lebenshilfe Germany Outstanding Services 1981.

Outstanding Young Person Award Waltair Jaycees 1981

-Outstanding Social Worker: Jaycees International State Award1982

-Uttarandhra Mother Theresa Award: Coastal Andhra Districts 1985-

-Master M.N.Award:The world Teacher Trust 1992, great humanitarian services
 Andhra Mother Theresa: District Youth Congress Visakhapatnam-
 -Best Zonal Coordinator: national recognition from PolioPlus Committee, New Delhi 1994
 Adhyatmika Ratna Award:Maha Kameswari Peetham1995
 Bharath Excellence Award: from FFI, New Delhi As an outstanding social worker 1999
 -VISAKHA MAHILA RATNALU City Cable Visakhapatnam2001
 -SEVA PURASKARAM Sai Sirisha Foundation 30. 6. 2002
 - Dr B.R. AMBEDKAR PURASKAR: Dr B R Ambedkar 112thBirth Day Celebrations (BEST SERVICE AWARD) 20 April 2003
 World life time achievement award ABI USA for outstanding services to humanity.
 -Janmabhoomi Award:Govt of A.P: Mentally Handicapped Welfare
 -International Book of Honor ABI USA for Outstanding Achievements.
 -Samaikhya Bharath Gaurav Satkar, Madras Telugu Academy2005
 -Women Of the Year 2005: Welfare Group of Companies
 Guardian of Goodwill Award 2006 Chaitanya art Theatres Hyd 2006
 -Samaikya Bharath Swarna Puraskar:Bharath Cultural Integration Committee:Chennai2006
 -Dharmapuri Spiritual Award, International Center for Indian Culture Hyd 2006
 -UGADI PU RASKAR: Visakha Samacharam Daily News Paper2007
 SANKRANTI SEVA PURASKARAM Swati Vasanti Cultural Academy 2007



-International teacher of the year 2009 (DISES) & CEC, USA

Andhra Mother Theresa: City Youth Congress Welfare 2010



DISES Award 2009 USA

CEC Award Seattle USA

WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE: KULAPATI ADDAVI BAPIRAJU MEMORIAL AWARD 2010

SEVA KALA SAMRAT, PACT Visakhapatnam 5.9.2010

SEVA TAPASWI Korada Narasimharao Memorial Award 2013

Initiatives drawing International attention.

1. Tiger dance therapy: Converted Tiger Dance, a folk form of art of Andhra Pradesh into a therapy, translating the irregular movements of mentally retarded into useful gestures. Papers presented in 6 International Congresses have drawn the global attention generating a sense of interest in this therapy.
2. Snoezelen, Dutch Therapy: Introduced for the first time in India at Lebenshilfe to train the Severely Mentally Handicapped, Stimulating five Sensory Organs.

3. "HUG THEM TIGHT" a 4-year research collaboration project between University Hospitals of Geneva, Switzerland (HUG) and LEBENSHILFE, Visakhapatnam with Dr. GIULIANA GALLI CARMINATI as its guide.
2. Organized a two-Day Symposium "Sensory problems and Sensitizing Families" and one Day Workshop "Opening Vocational Doors with Dr. RYO TAKAHASHI, Japan.
3. Organized an International Roundtable on Sexo- Pedagogie with 12 Overseas delegates from 7 countries 2005 at Lebenshilfe
4. Month-long Workshop on Theatre 2005 Marion ,
5. Art Therapy Workshop by Art Therapists of France
6. Workshop on Rhythm:2008 by Eve Neu haus,USA
7. Workshop on Tiger Dance Therapy 2008 by Dr Roxanne USA
8. Academic Workshop :2009 by Dr Matthew P. Janaicki of IASSID, USA
9. Art Therapy Workshop2009: By Aizawa Rutsuko, Japan

Attended and presented papers in 34 International Congresses at countries like Austria, Australia, Germany, United States, U.K., Kenya, Rome, Holland, Switzerland, France, Hong Kong, Poland, Finland, Spain, Turkey, Canada, Namibia etc and the recent such one was IASE's Intl. Conference held in Vancouver, Canada.2013

SPECIAL APPRECIATION RECEIVED from:

1. Mr. Chester Bows USA (2 times Ambassador to India)
2. Mr. .J. N Bhatt, Consulate General (New York, USA),
3. Rotary International USA & Rtn. Jr. PER KLYKKIN USA.1976
4. Hon'ble A P J Abdul Kalam, former president of India
4. A place and a page in LUMINARIES OF VISAKHAPATNAM 1990
5. A place and page in International Book of Honor.



Till now travelled around to 34 countries attending International Conferences, Roundtables, Workshops, Symposia etc and presented papers in most of them.

As an orator :

-Addressed 40 Rotary clubs at USA, 8 in Germany 6 in Australia at global level. At national level, addressed many Rotary and Rotaract Clubs several hundreds in number after her return from USA as an R.F. Awardee. She has delivered several TALKS on invitation at couple of Universities and Colleges in Europe and USA, addressed Service,-oriented, devotional and cultural organizations from local to international level.

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