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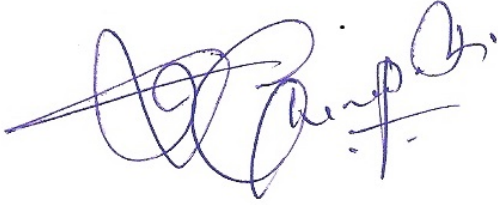
To
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Dear Sri Radhe Syam

Sub: Evaluation of the Project **Database of Veda Scholars in AP ... reg**
Ref: Your letter dated 2nd January 2017

With reference to the above, I am glad to send the Evaluation report on the Project - Comprehensive Database of Veda Scholars and Ahitagnis of Andhra Pradesh, compiled by Vidwan Samavedam Surya Narayana Murty.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.
Warm Regards,



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Evaluation report on the Project - Comprehensive Database of Veda Scholars and Ahitagnis of Andhra Pradesh

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1. Executive Summary

A project named Comprehensive Database of Veda Scholars and Aahitagnis in Andhra Pradesh, was compiled by Vidwan Samaveda Surya Narayana Murty, of SV Vedic University. This contains many details of scholars including the personal particulars, education qualifications, certificates obtained and current scope of activities and employment.

2. Necessity

The database project has two meritorious aspects, which necessitate this project first place.

- 2A) Application for Contemporary Application and
- 2B) Posterior Heritage

A) Application for Contemporary Application

विद्वानेव विजानाति विद्वज्जन परिश्रमम्। न हि वन्ध्या विजानाति गुर्वी प्रसववेदनाम्।।

Certification and evaluation of scholars has more to do with Quality Control and Total Quality Management (TQM), in modern management practices. The age old practice of Certification of Students and corrective measures have been part of the Checks and Balances instituted by our ancient seers, to sage guard the quality of Vedic Education. In the age of counterfeits and fake degrees, it is very much important to compile a list of scholars as a ready-reckoner, for the organisers of Veda Sabhas and Veda Parayanam, who otherwise might be incapable of identifying the right scholar for the right purpose or getting influenced by a biased opinion.

In light of this necessity, the work by a qualified scholar employed by SV Vedic University, a bench mark of Vedic Education in its own right, is highly appropriate.

2B) Posterior Heritage

एतद्देवशप्रसूतस्य सकाशादग्रजन्मनः। स्वं स्वं चरित्रं शिक्षेरन् पृथिव्यां सर्वमानवाः।

Inspiration is often derived by the youngsters, from the legendary works of elders. Therefore Manu has ordained that we should make a conscious effort to know the previous history of elders.

Thus, the project meets the second criterion of necessity, to educate the next generations about such great scholars with so many qualifications; conducting great service towards the community by the way of Veda Education.

3. Work Evaluation

Back Ground - Vidwan Samavedam Surya Narayana Murty, hails from the family of Veda Scholars originating in Srirama Puram of Kona Seema (Coastal Region) in Andhra Pradesh State. He had his higher education at Hyderabad (Telangana) and currently employed at Tirupati (Rayala Seema).

Association with all the three regions and actual residence would qualify him to undertake such survey and compilation better.

1. The data base fields are designed in an imperious and methodical fashion.
2. Data base values are given in Telugu Language, where as the Field names are in English. This will need a bi-lingual person to fully understand the compilation.
3. Addition of the Photo is highly relevant.
4. Continuity of Tradition by the way of Kumara Adhyapakatwa is apt.
5. Listing all the teachers and Aahitagnis (who performed Aadhaana/ Yajna) is commendable, rather than giving out the lateral teachers of post graduation and specialtion, often followed by scholars.
6. Associations and Academic works will help people make use of their expertise and help in academic and communal matters.
7. Information about Books compiled, edited or written, would give a dimension of authorship in Veda Scholars, which is hardly recognised. Lack of this recognition actually stymies the urge to undertake create works.
8. Enlisting the awards, would
 - encourage patrons to institute such awards
 - promote erudition by heartening young scholars to work hard
 - allow organisers to appreciate talent
9. Inclusion of Suggestions by the scholar is a highlight, which is seldom the practice in such surveys. Scholarly opinion and message smacks of their experience, which is invaluable for posterior analysis of living conditions and scope of progress and upkeep.

4 . Scope of improvement

1. Among all the details, only the book works made by scholars would add value to readers and students. Hence, the details about the availability of their book works or papers could be added.
2. Field names should be translated in Telugu Language for Uniformity.

3. Translation of the data in Telugu into English would make this data more valuable to Non- Telugu Speakers
4. Information about performing Aahitagnis, would be apt, as some of the scholars have discontinued the practice of Agnihotra due to a variety of reasons. This information, would kindle the thought about the degeneration of Vedic Practices in this age.
5. Details about the scholars in other regions could also enhance the value.
6. Bringing out periodical revision, on the lines of decennial survey (Survey in each decade conducted by the Government of India), would be useful about the living scholars.
7. Similarly, great scholars of yesteryears, would also be very much pertinent for the current generation to cherish the heritage.
8. The database, if made available online with responsive browsers, would benefit a large extent of users, rather than the print edition.

5. Conclusion

SVVU, deserves a pat for encouraging such works by resident scholars, who should not limit their energies to teaching. Encouragement for creative works along with the publication of the same would lead to all round development of intellect.

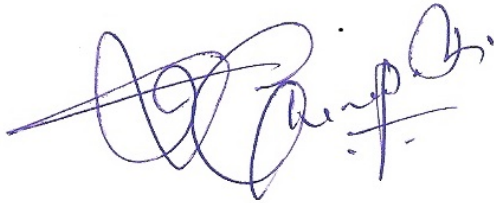
In a way, this work should lead to works of higher calibre by not only this scholar, but also by his compatriots and students of various streams.

Last but not least, it is important to share this information with the scholars who are the subjects of this compilation and acknowledge their cooperation, which is vital for the completion of this work. SVVU would be better obliged to extend such courtesy, to elicit more collaborative works from the scholars. Mangalam Mahat.

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