

Programme on ANNAMACHARYA KEERTHANALU

Resource Persons: Smt.B. Durga Bhavani, Radio Artist and Smt.V. Durga Bhavani, Violinist, Singer of Annamacharya Keerthanalu

Report:

A Seminar was arranged on Annamacharya Keerthanalu on 28-06-2016. The guests encouraged and educated the students on the Literature and culture of Telugu. They explained the story of Annamayya to the students. Tallapaka Annamacharya (22 May 1408 – 4 April 1503) was a 15th-century Hindu saint born to Narayana Suri, who is the earliest known Indian musician composed songs called *sankirtanas* in praise of the God Venkateswara. Annamacharya is remembered for his saintly life, and is honoured as a great devotee of Vishnu. He is widely regarded as the Andhra **Pada kavita Pitamaha** (Grandfather of Telugu song-writing). Annamayya is said to have composed as many as 32,000 sankeertanas (songs) on the Lord Venkateswara of which only about 12,000 are available today. He is also the author of musical treatise called "*Sankirthana lakshanamu*". Both the guests sang Annamayya Kirthanalu.

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