# DR. RANGAN RAMAKRISHNAN



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"Shri Ranganji has lived and experienced each verse and has touched the heart of the sage Valmiki. Hence, he is unlike those scholars who hold research alone as their focus of studies and who would have read the Ramayana only for the limited sake of their research." <u>– Shri Ramanacharana Thirtha Brahma Shri Nochur Venkataraman - Vedanta-exponent</u>

"Dr. Rangan has taken upon himself the Bhagirathic task of taking Ramayana into all the people without in anyway diminishing or diluting its values. With Dr. Rangan the deep scholarship of traditional texts along with a vast knowledge of modern narratives, becomes an instrument of Bhakti that in no way compromises the academic rigor. Scholar-saints soaked in Bhakti and traditional wisdom while being well aware of modern narratives are rare. Dr. Rangan is one such precious scholar of wisdom. Today with Indian renaissance happening in many fields, the importance of such persons cannot be overstated." -<u>Shri</u> <u>Aravindan Neelakandan - Swarajya – Editor.</u>

## PROFILE

- Educationalist
- Spiritual and Vedic Guru
- Vedic Gurukulam Founder and Teacher
- Sanskrit Scholar
- Cultural Value Propagator
- Ramayana Exponent
- Poet
- > Author
- > Philosopher
- > Yoga Master
- > Discoverer of the Dharma Model [L-56986/2013]

## **EDUCATION**

**2009 - Ph. D. in Yoga and Education** SVYASA Yoga University, Bangalore, India

2004 - Management Degree in Personal Management and Industrial Relations Symbiosis Institute of Management, Pune, India

2000 - Master of Arts in English Literature Bharathidasan University, Tamil Nādu, India

**2000 – Vedanta** (Prasthana thraya with Shankara Bhashya) from Sri Sivaramakrishna Shastrigal, Tamil Nādu, India

**1997 – Sahitya** (Chandraloka with Kuvalayananda) **& Vyakarana** from Vedanta Desika Bhavanam, Srirangam, Tamil Nādu, India

# **ROLES AND LEADERSHIP**

# FOUNDER PRESIDENT, WEBOLIM (Web Of Life Makers) Trust

1998- Till date

A global movement spanning multiple continents and thousands of followers. Vedic workshops and personality development programs synthesize Indian philosophies and values to spread the Vedic consciousness and knowledge for all, under a single umbrella.

WEBOLIM's components include:

#### 1. SHRUTI RAM GURUKULAM Bangalore, India -

Charitable School of Vedic Studies that include Veda (Rig, Yajus, Saman) (chanting and meaning), Yoga, Ramayana, and Sanskrit. **1** 2014 – Till date

**2. VIDYAVATI VEDA PATASHALA, Ayodhya, India –** Charitable School of Shukla Yajur Veda 2014 – Till date

#### 3. VALMIKI ASHRAMA, Bengaluru, India - 2022 - Till date

A community of spiritual seekers and families of Vedic aspirants with diverse backgrounds to live a life guided by the Ramayana with complete access to Vedic education, Yoga, and Ramayana and an upcoming Goshala in the midst of the luscious and meditative Ragihalli forest area.

## 4. SITALAKSHMI GURUKULAM, Bengaluru, India –

2018 - Till date

Dr. Ranganji sculpts and develops tomorrow's leaders from a variegated background with no distinction on the caste and a deep focus on enhancing Vedic cognizance into the path of spirituality through Yoga, and Ramayana text. The school also blends traditional education & modern studies with boarding and lodging facilities for both girls and boys, identifying their core competency areas and developing a goal to serve tomorrow's society's seemingly insurmountable challenges.

## **OTHER ROLES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### 1. PRAVACHANA KARTHA - SPIRITUAL

DISCOURSER - 1999 – Till date

Dr. Ranganji delivers discourses on the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Ramayana, the Gita, the Mahabharata, and Yoga sutras, traveling across the globe.

### 2. VISITING PROFESSOR –Yoga and Vedanta SVYASA YOGA UNIVERSITY

Teaches Patanjali's Yoga sutra, the Gita, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. He guides Ph.D. candidates.

#### 3. EDITORIAL AND JOURNALING ACTIVITIES:

Author articles on various magazines and journals such as **Yoga Sudha**, **Bhagavatha Dharmam**, **Amman Darshanam**, **Svadeshi**, **Tattvaloka** etc. spanning various topics from the Ramayana, Mahabharata, Vedas, Vedanta and Yoga.

## **PAPERS**

- <u>Effects of Yogic education system and modern</u> <u>education system on sustained attention</u> (July 2009-International Journal Of Yoga)
- <u>Effects of Yogic education system and modern</u> <u>education system on memory</u> (February 2009-International Journal Of Yoga)
- Planning ability improves in a yogic education system (February 2008-International Journal of Yoga)
  Comparative study of the main teachings of Sanathana dharma and the doctrines of Christianity
- Yoga based Bhakti in Muthuswami Dikshitar's compositions(Jan 2022 – Jun 2022 – KUTAP journal – a peer reviewed refereed International Journal – ISSN number 2582-5356
- <u>A Study of Samples of Indian Classical Music as</u> <u>Emotional Valence – WISDOM speaks (Indian national</u> forum of arts and culture) UGC care list, lingual multidisciplinary peer reviewed journal – ISSN-2456-5121
- And several other research papers

# **BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS**

#### **RIG VEDA BHASHYAM (Commentary) in 10 Volumes**

"The task that cannot be easily accomplished by any other person". <u>Pujyashri Shankara Vijayendra Shankarayacharya Swamiji –</u> <u>Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam</u>

"Your contemplation on Rig Veda has got fulfilled" - <u>Jagadguru</u> Bharati Thirtha Mahaswami -Sharada Peetam Sringeri

*"May this type of commentary emerge for other Vedas as well" <u>– <i>Ahobila*</u> <u>*Mutt Jeeyar Swami*</u>

"In this commentary due to the style of the simplicity of the explanation of every word, the purport sparks effortlessly; here and there spiritual tone also is conveyed. – <u>Vyasa Raja Mutt Swamigal</u>

THE RAMAYANA OF VALMIKI in 10 Volumes (The original text & translation with research) - "...is the extensive analysis of various recensions available for Valmiki across India, which forms the seventh volume of this well researched compendium." – <u>Dr. Ramachandra G.</u> <u>Bhat,(Kotemane), Chairman, Veda Vijnana Shodha Samsthanam,</u> <u>Bengaluru, Vice Chacellor, Svyasa Yoga University, Bengaluru,</u> <u>INDIA</u>

WHAT IS DHARMA? - A book that deciphers various dimensions of Dharma (Righteousness) serving as the backbone to interpret all ancient Vedic texts. "... Through the pages of this volume, the author takes us on a smooth ride into the meaningful verses of the Vedas and Upanishad and into the beautiful select verses of Ramayanam." <u>-Shri. S.</u> Ramachandran, I.A.S

**DARSHAN** – The True Vision of Dharmic Life "Sri Angiras (pen name of Dr. Rangan) teaches the essence of Dharma and the true vision of Dharmic life ...in a wonderful and engaging way...reawakening the soul of India in the modern age." – <u>Dr. David</u> <u>Frawley, Founder, American Institute of Vedic Studies</u>

**BLISS** – The ninth cycle of Rig Veda (a translation) – *This book has* many deep insights through one can go to spiritual ecstasy in one's life making the whole life a divine sadana" – <u>Sri. T. Mohan, Registrar of</u> <u>Svyasa, -Yoga University, Bangalore, INDIA</u>

MARAYIN MARAIPORUL – Tamil translation of selected Vedic verses

**TOZHIL DHARMAM** – A Tamil book on professional righteousness with the values and concepts brewed from the spiritual texts of Vedas and Ramayana.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL HISTORY OF INDIA – The work of Rangan is so remarkable in its comprehensive presentation of what identified and defines a nation like Bharatam, many schools may like to use the work as a text book to teach about core cultural values. - Sri. S.

Kalyanaraman, PhD. Director, Saraswati Research Centre, National President, Rameshwaram Rama Setu Protection Movement RAMAGAANAMRUTHAM – A musical treat of the story of Rama.

**RAMAYANA INSIGHT** – 1 – "This book brings out the Dharma-core of Shri Rama must read for every devotee of Shri Rama and also for every student of Indian culture. Darwin is freed of social Darwinist slur and made into a visionary for embracing all life as one family through Valmiki." - <u>. Shri</u> Aravindan Neelakandan, Senior Journalist

UTTARA RAMAYANA? – "No doubt this book will be a torch bearer in the history of India. With the light shed by this book, one's doubts about the Ramayana will vanish. This book will enhance one's devotion to Valmiki Ramayana, it is packed with such evidence. Indians are indebted to Shri Ranganji throughout their lifetime for the amount of positive outlook this

book is going to bring to the Indian society." <u>Shri MA. Venkatesan</u> chairperson of the SAFAI karmachari commission of India

# **TITLES & HONORS**

**"Rama Kathamrutha Varshi"** title conferred by the Hon'ble Thirukkoviloor Jeeyar – interpreted as the expert in down pouring the divine nectar of "Ramayana".

"Yoga Vidhya Varidhi" by Svyasa Yoga Vishwa Vidhyala

"Samanvayacharya" from Lakshmi Amma of Svyasa University

**"Yogaarama"** from Shri. Raghuramji – Founder and Guide of Yoga Bharati

"Ramayana Pravachana Virat" from Shri Ramamoorthy Shrouthigal of Sringeri.