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CA R Sivakumar

First Memorial Lecture



(30th June 1953 - 14th December 2023)

on the theme

**Is ethics, honesty and integrity
an impediment to professional
growth?**

By Shri. S Gurumurthy

Editor, Thuglak



SATURDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2024



6:00 PM to 07:30 PM



Hotel Palmgrove

13, Kodambakkam High Road, Chennai 600034

Programme

5:30 PM	Meet and Greet
6:00 PM	Floral Tribute and lighting of the Lamp
6:15 PM	Welcome Address
6:30 PM	Introduction of the Chief Guest
6:35 PM	CA R Sivakumar Inaugural Memorial Lecture By Shri. S Gurumurthy Editor, Thuglak
7:20 PM	Distribution of Scholarships
7:25 PM	Vote of Thanks
7:30 PM	Dinner



About CA R Sivakumar

Sivakumar was a distinguished Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant, and Corporate Professional with a career spanning over four decades. A Fellow Member of ICAI and ICWAI, he made significant contributions as a faculty member at prestigious institutions such as ICAI, ICWAI, LIBA, and the Vivekananda College.

As a professional, Sivakumar held notable positions, including Senior Accountant at Ashok Leyland, Audit Manager at Karra & Co., and Partner at Karra & Co. from 1985 to 2023. Teaching was however his biggest calling. Starting with the 1980s, he became renowned as a faculty for professional courses, especially the CA and CMA programmes. Costing and management accounting were his forte. His style of teaching was aimed at developing an in-depth understanding of the subjects, more than just an academic pursuit to pass the examinations. He adapted problems from renowned foreign authors such as CT Horngren, often adding his own twist to them, thus encouraging students to think out of the box to arrive at solutions. Known for his expertise in marginal costing, he was celebrated for creating legendary problems like ‘Kalyan University’, ‘The Barber Shop’, and ‘The Flower Shop’, which continue to inspire students. He was also an examiner, moderator, and paper setter for ICAI.

Beyond his professional achievements, he was a passionate mentor to numerous students. He was a founder member of the D Rangaswamy Academy for Fiscal Research, a body setup to promote research in various aspects of finance, accounting and taxation. He held The Society of Auditors, one of India’s oldest institutions for the accounting and audit profession close to his heart and served it in various capacities.

A man with a tremendous philanthropic bent of mind, many a social and religious cause greatly benefited by his commitment towards their objectives. He was a staunch devotee of the Ramakrishna Order, besides being involved with several other religious institutions such as the Kanchi Mutt and the Shakatapuram Mutt. His call to support any cause resonated with several of his colleagues and well-wishers, thus creating a larger impact for the society at large. With his tireless work ethic and spirit, he rose above personal challenges to leave a lasting impression on all those who had an opportunity to interact with him.



About Shri S Gurumurthy

Shri S Gurumurthy is one of India's most prominent public personalities. He wears many hats, that of a chartered accountant, corporate and economic advisor, journalist, and public speaker with ease. Born in a small village in Villupuram in 1949, S Gurumurthy graduated with a degree in Commerce from the RKM Vivekananda College, Chennai. He then went on to qualify as a Chartered Accountant.

Introduced to the intricacies of journalism while pursuing his CA training at M/s Gowrikanthan and Co (who were then auditors for the Indian Express), S Gurumurthy came into close contact with Ramnath Goenka. A detailed plan prepared by S Gurumurthy on how to tackle various legal issues that the newspaper faced at that point in time (thanks to the Emergency) came to the notice of the newspaper baron, who took a liking to him. Thus was born a legendary association, as the newspaper became the ground for his write-ups on matters related politics, economy, business and other issues of public importance. As an investigative journalist, he relentlessly pursued the Bofors arms deal, one of post-independent India's most high-profile corruption cases.

Constantly named by various journals as one of India's most powerful personalities, Shri Gurumurthy is a visiting faculty at institutions such as IIT Bombay and SASTRA University. He was appointed a non-executive director on board of the RBI in 2022. He has however kept away from taking any official positions in governments or pursued active politics on the advice his spiritual guru, the Paramacharya of Kanchi. He took over as the editor of the Thuglak magazine following the demise of his close friend and founder of the journal, the multi-faceted Cho Ramaswamy in late 2016.

Shri Gurumurthy is one of the founders of the Vivekananda International Foundation, an independent, non-partisan institution that promotes quality research and in-depth studies and is a platform for dialogue and conflict resolution and he is also the chairman of its board of trustees.