

## Brief Profile of Sri Pydah Krishna Prasad garu

Pydah Krishna Prasad, Chairman of the Pydah Group of Colleges is a recognized and respected name among the citizens of Visakhapatnam. He was born in Kakinada in the year 1954 in a well known Zamindari family to Sri Pydah Seshagiri Rao and Smt. Kanakadurga. His grandfather Sri Pydah Venkatanarayana was widely known for his selfless service in the Indian freedom movement and he also earned a name in Indian politics as Municipal Chairman of Kakinada, MLA in the combined state and also Member of Rajya Sabha and Member of Legislative Council for two terms. Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Acharya Vinoba bhave and Babu Rajendra Prasad were famous dignitaries who stayed in the house of the Pydah family during their visits to Kakinada.

Pydah Krishna Prasad migrated to Visakhapatnam in the year 1980 married to Smt. Rama Devi D/o Sri K. Rosaiah, former Governor of Tamil Nadu and has a son who is also a reputed businessman. He continued the family business in automobiles as a distributor for the Popular Fiat Car. Continuing the line of distribution, he used his business to expand to other fields like fishing, construction and finance. To conduct a survey and study for the fishing industry, he traveled widely to Japan, Korea, Hongkong, Philippines, Singapore and Malaysia. He even visited South Korea and Taiwan in 1984 when there were no diplomatic relations between our two countries.

His philanthropic and devotional inclination has made him steer the establishment of **Kaushik** Charitable Trust and Sri Saranya Venkateswara Swamy temple. The trust organizes various programs like summer camps, Blood donation camps, free training programs for the underprivileged children, free books for engineering students and sponsors education to the needy.

Apart from the above, he was Member of the Executive Council, Andhra University in 1994, Chairman of AP Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation, Visakhapatnam Zone, Vice President of Mini Trawler Owners Association, Secretary of Visakhapatnam Automobile Dealer Association for 5 years, Treasurer – Waltair Club for 2 years, Trust Board Member for Santhi Ashram Committee and Trustee for Srimath Upanishad Acharyapeetham, and will shortly take over as President of Prema Samajam, Dabagardens, Visakhapatnam.

He was also nominated as Special Invitee to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams.