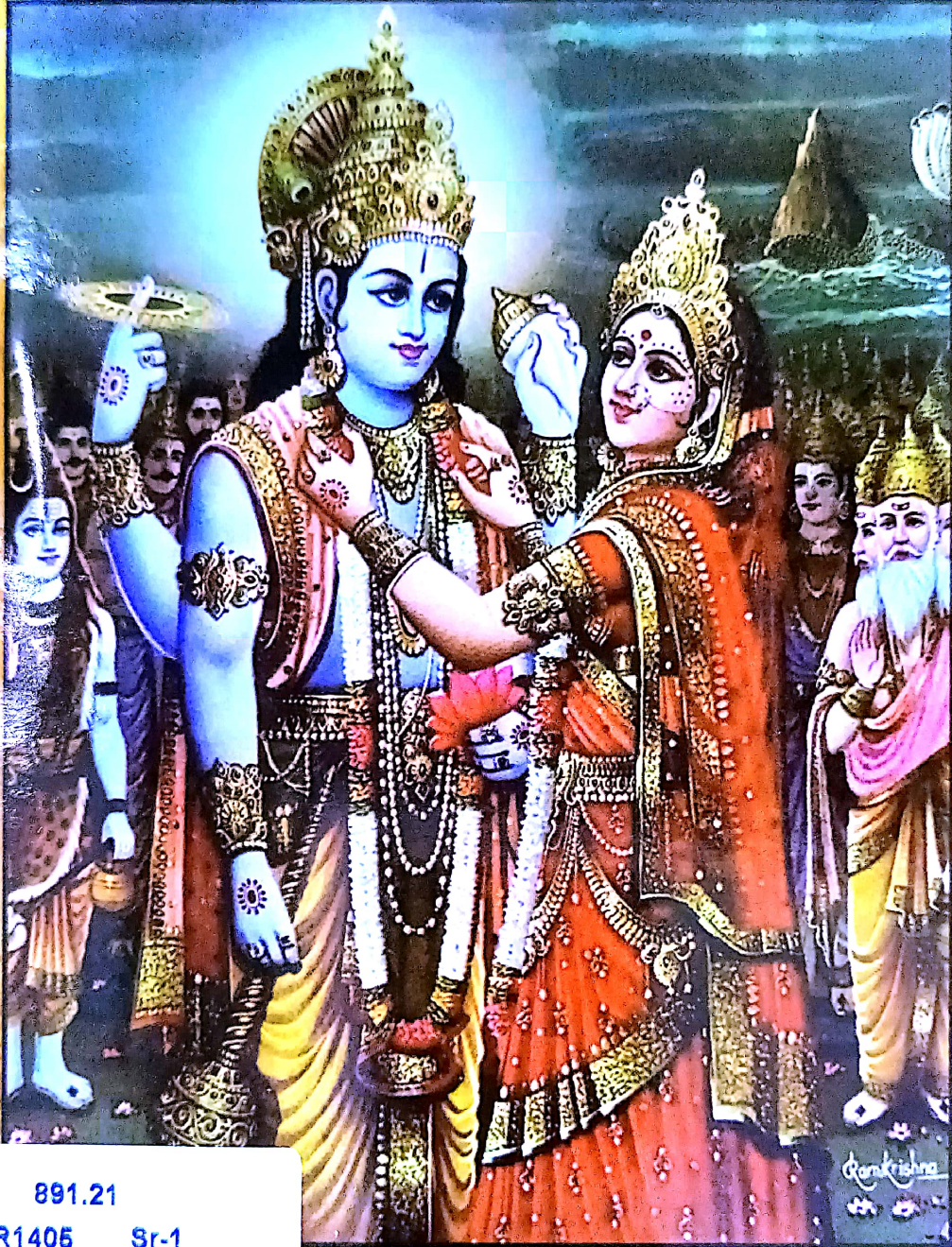


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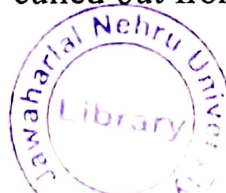
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I deem it a privilege to have been asked to write a foreword for the small but great work "Kavitakanta-swayamvarah" authored by Sriman Telkapalli Ramachandra Shastri. Prof. C. Upender Rao, an eminent Sanskrit Scholar and Chairperson of the Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies at JNU and Member, Executive, Court and Academic Councils of JNU, has presented the true gist of the Sanskrit poetry.

The theme of the poetry, though imaginary, is about the naming ceremony of two daughters of the Creator of the universe, **Brahma** and goddess of learning Saraswati. They are named as 'Kavita' and 'Geetha'. Thereafter, comes the Swayamvarah, for the elder daughter. Instances are not lacking where the poets treat poetries as their daughters and dedicate them to eminent personalities.

It would be possible to discern the actual theme of the present poetry in that context. A close and careful analysis of the relevant Slokas of the work makes one to understand as to what, the purport of any poetry should be and equally, what should be the characteristics of a typical poet. As to the first, the indication is that one should accept the supremacy of the Vedas and the other scriptures, but must not indulge in Tarka or Mimamsa i.e. argumentative process.

Coming to the second aspect, the characteristics enlisted by Kavitha, for a poet, comprise of all attributes of a learned man, who, at the same time is of valour, but polite in approach. This is only a small part of it. Another ideas that can be culled out from the work is that a



poet would acquire fame, if he has at least some acquaintance with the Music or is capable of reciting melodiously, his works.

The work reaches climax when, the would be bride i.e. Kavitha finds of the characteristic propounded by her, only in Lord Krishna.

Though the work may appear to be some what removed from reality, it presents almost a challenge even to the learned people to discern the ultimate message. Far blessed would be those who can imbibe at least some of the characteristics mentioned herein.

I am confident that the work would evoke deep thought within the Readers and may help to mould their approach towards poet. I once again applaud the noble efforts of Prof. C. Upendra Rao for bringing out this beautiful poem by a talented Talangana poet.



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संस्कृतकाव्यविमर्शविदग्धानां परमानन्दजनकं "श्रीकविताकान्ता-स्वयंवरः" इत्याख्यं काव्यं प्रथमवारं प्रकाशितं मत्प्रियसुहृदाचार्येण श्री चौडूरि उपेन्द्ररावेणेति विज्ञाय महान्तं मोदमनुभवामि। तेलंगाणाराज्ये शतवर्षेभ्यः पूर्वं काव्यमिदं प्रतिभाशालिना काव्यशास्त्रमर्मज्ञेन, कविना श्रीमता तेल्कपल्लि रामचन्द्रशास्त्रिणा प्राचीनतेलुगुलिप्यां प्रकाशितम्। काव्यस्य नाममात्रेणापि संस्कृतसाहित्यरसिकेभ्यः नितरां मोदो जायते। काव्यमिदं पूर्वं तेलुगुलिप्यां प्रकाशितमासीत्, यतोहि स्वातन्त्र्यात्पूर्वं संस्कृतकाव्यशास्त्राणि तेलंगाणाराज्ये तेलुगुलिप्यामेव प्रकाशितान्यासन्।

सरस्वतीमातुः प्रतिभासमन्वितमद्भुतं पुत्रिकाद्वयं जातम्। अतिप्रसन्नेन ब्रह्मणा तयोः नामकरणोत्सवः, पश्चात्स्वयंवरश्च समायोजिते, कविताकन्या तस्मिन्स्वयंवरे व्याकरणादिशास्त्रकारान्सर्वाधिकृत्य केवलं सत्कविमेवावृणोत् । मधुरमिदं हि काव्यमाशुकृतं कविप्रतिभाविशेषद्योतकम्।

कविना, आचार्येण श्री चौडूरि उपेन्द्ररावेण न केवलं काव्यस्य सम्पादनं कृतम् अपितु देवनागरी-रोमन्-लिप्यन्तरणं विधाय काव्यस्यानुवादोऽपि संस्कृत-हिन्दीभाषयोस्सुहृचिरं समनुष्ठितः। चौडूरीयमिति हिन्दीव्याख्यानमपि लिखितम्।

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