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SOCIO -RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF SRI SIDDHAROODHA SWAMI MATH IN OUR HISTORY

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ABSTRACT

In the history of the Karnataka maths have goat a special position due to the nature of the work,religious toleration thoughts. The maths plays very important role in the making society in the path of the humanity. The principle of the sharanas ,saints of the maths will always enhance the society to go in to the direction of civil society . In19th century & the first half of the 20th century political & spiritual renaissance in india sri siddharoodha swami math was the for most.

KEYWORDS :Socio -religious Contributions , maths plays ,humanity.

INTRODUCTION

Sri siddharoodha swami math is the eminent religious institution . a centre of advaita philosophy as preached by swami siddharoodha .the math is located at the south west indian state of Karnataka near outskirts of hubballi . this math was established by sri siddharoodha swami, in 1877 A.D in memory of sri siddharoodha swamiji. (1837-1929) who accepted Samadhi in1929.Sri siddharoodha swamiji served the society till his last breath. He appointed shri gurunatharudha swamiji after his death sri gurunatharoodha swamiji reigned supremeas parabrahma in form abserving silence.. he expired in 1962. the matha is being administred by a trust now.

SOCIO RELIGIOS CONTRIBUTION:-

The social and religias blind belife inequality & social evils are the dangerous to the society. This type of



society will be purified by the maths . the contribution of maths led the human society from darkness to light.

• sri siddharoodha swami math spread the message of unity:

The math spread the philosophy of advaita and had innumerable devotees belonging to all castes,creeds and religions, the math is spiritualism and universal brother hood . its never discriminated his divotees on the bassis of caste, creed ,colour, gender ,language, religion and economic status. The matha spred the message of unity.

• the matha tried to build the republic of spiritualism, with more focus on the less fortunate people.:-

Advaith chakravarti, sri siddharoodha swamiji told all are children of good , all have to better themselves by chanting the mantra "om namah shivaya" this adherence to social justice

was quite an outstanding contribution of shri siddharoodha matha to the humanity.

• **disregarded the cast system:-**

In our society traditionally we adopting the caste system. Only Brahmins have the right to study and listen to Vedas ,Upanishads. But siddharoodha swami politely refuted and explained the meaning of the Words Upanishad and Brahman tread bare. He went to say that all those who have the capacity to understand, Brahman have the right to study Vedas and that a Brahman is one who knows Brahman. Caste and body would not be the criterion.

• **god is one and same for all**

Whether he is ashiva,a worshiper of shiva abrahman,the follower of veda, parsi who worships the sun god . a christion or a muslim all become the devotees of sri siddharoodha math. God is one and same for all . the essence of all faiths is the same .and the god being upliftment of mankind, the differences of cast etc are artificial creations.all are forms of supreme, feelings of superiority or inferiority would not do. All are entitled to pursue the path of liberation,

- The spiritual works of sri nijaguna shivayogi, which are like veda in kannada language, become popular by the efforts of sri siddharoodha swami matha.
- The Sanskrit works like Upanishads , bhagavadgeeta, brahmasutras, bhagavata, and kannada works like kaivalya paddhati of nijaguna shivayogi,were the basis for teachings.
- The brahmajnani siddharoodha swami philosophy and character the siddharoodha matha stands to day like a light house, guiding the humanity to moksha.
- Simple way of explanation of advait philosophy , enthralled audience, moksha or the final liberation was made to appear so attainable by siddharoodha swami, that common people felt that they could achieve it.

The work for the all round welfare of humanity espeiacilly for uplifel of the poor and the downtrodden.his endless efforts in establishing peace, justice, equality and individual freedom made him Out standing contribution to humanity and social refoms

• **Koudi pooja and saptaha two programs created an altogether new path.**

The worship of the devotees in matha practicing the koudi pooja and saptaha . Koudi pooja indicates the firms stand of the matha . symbolized the impermanence of worldly pleasures and hance they should not be relied on and only renunciation is of lasting value.

- There are hundreds of sri siddharoodha maths in Karnataka ,andra, tamilnadu, goa and Maharashtra, every year devotees congregate on shivarathri,on shri ramanavami, siddharudha jayanthi is celebrated in the month of shravana, the sacred day of his mukti is observed and jalaratostava is conducted. Importance is being given to discouses onsri nijaguna shivayogis Vedanta. Tere are no priests in any of these mathas.
- Hundreds and the thoyasands of the devotees benefited from his religious discourses. And the devotees would fed dasohas.
- Sri siddaroodha swamiji significance and signified his simple living ,he preached oneness off all religions and equality of all human beings. The matha is amodel of Simple living and high thinking,
- Devotees from all walks of life from kings to common man approached him for spiritual guidance and blessings.

• **Patriotism:**

The daring contribution of matha was patriotism. In the late 1920s when lokmanya bala gangadertilak and mahatma Gandhi visited hubli and public speeches were arranged . on both the

occasions sri siddharoodha volunteered himself to preside over. he said "I may be a sanyasi, but I am immensely filled with love for my country. Even though I am arrested, so far, so good. For a sanyasi, his math or prison, both are immaterial. He even put on khadi, for some time, abandoning his clothes, the matha spiritualism came first, but nationalism was also not far behind.

CONCLUSION:

Renunciation, simplicity, consoling the suffering and guiding the fallen, the sri siddharoodha swami math led the human society from darkness to light. The math spread the message of unity, and universal brotherhood., philosophy of the math inspiration to the people and model code of conduct for all human beings, in cordial relations with the moral and metaphysical conditions. It reform and renaissance the society to provide a social, political, economic and cultural justice to the all the sections of the society.

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