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C P Brown’s Legacy Inspires Duty To Uphold Telugu Literature

Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu

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USPA NEWS - Former Vice President of India and Padma Vibhushan awardee M Venkaiah Naidu said that the tireless efforts of Charles Philip Brown, who revived Telugu language and literature during a time of decline, should serve as an inspiration for everyone to take responsibility for preserving and promoting linguistic and literary heritage. He made these remarks during his visit to the C P Brown Language Research Centre in Kadapa on Sunday.

Speaking to scholars and officials, Naidu praised Charles Philip Brown as “the pinnacle of English scholarship who rewrote the glory of Telugu language.” He said Brown’s dedication to documenting and systematizing Telugu grammar and literature at a time when the language was losing prominence remains a model for contemporary scholars and citizens alike.

Visit to the C P Brown Language Research Centre

As part of his two-day tour of Kadapa district, Naidu visited the C P Brown Literary Research Library and Janumaddi Sahithipeetham, where he explored various departments and reviewed rare manuscripts, palm-leaf records, and research works. He was accompanied by Dr. Justice Venkata Jyotirmayi Pratapa, Kadapa District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri, Yogi Vemana University Vice Chancellor Prof. Bellamkonda Rajasekhar, and several eminent scholars.

Naidu paid tribute to the statue of C P Brown, installed by the Janumaddi Sahithipeetham, and viewed a gallery of photographs chronicling Brown’s contributions to Telugu literature.

Brown: The Beacon of Telugu Literary Revival

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He expressed his satisfaction at the functioning of the C P Brown Language Research Centre, describing it as a “gem in the crown of Telugu literary heritage.”

Call for Collective Responsibility

Naidu urged people to view language preservation not merely as an institutional task but as a shared civic responsibility. “Our linguistic and literary wealth is a national treasure,” he said. “Every generation must ensure that it is passed on intact and enriched to the next.”

He also lauded the Yogi Vemana University for supporting the centre’s mission and encouraged similar initiatives across India to strengthen regional languages.

Distinguished Attendees

The event was attended by Jammalamadugu MLA Adinarayana Reddy, Sahitya Akademi Award winner Acharya Rajapalem Chandrasekhar Reddy, Shatavadhani Dr. Medasani Mohan, Revuri Anantha Padmanabha, noted collector Anke Gowda, former AIR Director Gummadi Gopalakrishna, and SBI Deputy General Manager Hema.

Kadapa RDO John Irwin, KMC Commissioner Manoj Reddy, Brown Library Director Dr. G Parvathi, and members of the Janamaddi Sahithipeetham also participated.

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