

## **Smt. Bhargavi Rao**

**14 August 1944 - 23 May 2008**

It is with great regret that we announce the untimely passing away of Smt. Bhargavi Rao, well known author, in the early hours of May 23 in Hyderabad, India.

Dr Bhargavi Rao, Sahitya Academy Awardee, retired as Professor of English from Osmania University, Hyderabad. She is a well-known multilingual creative writer of poems, short stories, plays and novels. Her work has been featured in several magazines and won several prizes.

She has translated several works into Telugu and English. Her Noorella Panta, a compilation of one hundred short stories by women writers of twentieth century is acclaimed as a landmark in Telugu literature. Her translation of Girish Karnad's plays won her the Central Sahitya Academy Award in 1995. She is also a recipient of Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University Award (1999), Sakhya Sahiti Award (2000) and Grihalakshmi Award (2001).

A prolific writer, her publications in English include Pebbles on the Sea Shore (short stories), Hiccups (poems), and Meru Kanchan (Novel). She has translated several works into English and also has academic works to her credit. Her publications in Telugu include Album and Needala Godalu (Poems), Gundelothadi, Chukka Navvindi and NaaPeru (Short stories) and Abhisarika (Novel). Her translations of Girish Karnad's Kannada plays are: Naagamandala, Hayavadana, Taladandam, Tughluq and Agni Varsham. Her other translations are Siri Sampengaand Kathaga Maarina Ammayi. Among her anthologies, other than Noorella Panta, are Mudra (women poets), Nooru Varshalu (short stories) and Inkaanaa! Ikapai Saagadu (Dalit stories).

She has used her trips to the US as inspirations for recent novels like "toorpu gaali" and her most recent novel "Puthrakamishti" (which just the first prize (Anil award) and will be published in the SWATHI monthly shortly). More details about her are in the Wikipedia article at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhargavi\\_rao](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhargavi_rao)

Many Telugu literary fans in the area have met Dr. Bhargavi Rao at the sadassulu by TELUSUNA last year. Her lecture about modern Telugu stories (<http://telusuna.org/audio/03-25-2007-2-bhargavi.mp3>) deserves to be heard by any serious writer or enthusiast. Her stories and novels, written in simple and effective Telugu, with an ear for dialogue and a feel for the essence of a character, have captivated us all. Mrs. Bhargavi Rao was also honored by the TLCA on June 17, 2007 <http://www.tlca.com/events/bhargavi-sudha-movie/index.html>

She has been an active and effective member of the ATA 2008 Souvenir team, and was to have visited the US for the conference in July if things had gone differently.

Mrs. Bhargavi Rao will be deeply missed by her husband Prabhanjan Rao, daughters Mithravinda, Sharvani and Sushmitha, her six grandchildren and her many fans.

May her soul rest in peace.

The literary society TELUSUNA (<http://www.telusuna.org> for details) will have a Shradhanjali for her at their next regular meeting on June 8 at 2:00 PM at the residence of Sreenadh Jonnavithula.

