

### **7.3.1 –The performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust**

Sri Ramachandra son of Dasharatha Maharaja is the darling of all Indians. The great son of Kanakanahalli has idolized Sri Rama all his life. Like the Mahatma, S.Kariappa adored him. Sri Rama for sake Kingship and worldly pleasures for 14 long years. S. Kariappa too shunned fame and wealth and position. He has chanted the mantra of rural education till the last breath of his life.

S.Kariappa had been in a way ordained by Sri Rama himself to be born on Sri Rama Navami, and as destiny would have it, S.Kariappa shed his mortal coils on Sri Rama Navami day. The Vanvas that Sri Rama undertook did not in the least dim his greatness nor his timeless qualities. In the same manner S.Kariappa's lasting legacy he left for the people he loved, stands, testimony to his Sri Ramachandra like qualities.


Sri Rama, Mahatma Gandhi and S.Kariappa had become synonymous with one another. As the Mahatma's goal was achieving the dream of establishing a Rama Rajya, S.Kariappa's only goal was to eradicate poverty. He believed that education was the only known panacea for all the evils of society including poverty. But the odds were too difficult to conquer. He knew that it would take decades of struggle and perseverance to create access to education.

S.Kariappa bore with trials and tribulations. Like Sri Rama who wandered in the forests to carry out Dasharatha's promise to Kaikeyi, S.Kariappa single mindedly pursued his goal to make the RES the hub of education. The Mahatma's austerity had inspired him to lead a life of simplicity, ethics and values. he followed in the Mahatma's footsteps and he never forgot nor deviated from his

resolve to establish literacy. Like Sri Rama, S.Kariappa had to endure countless challenges. But they vanished like clouds in the face of his strength of personality. The universal values to which he had subscribed and undiluted application of mind to the goals that he had set.

Sri Rama Navami at the RES is not only a tradition but also the celebration of the noble qualities of Sri Rama and the apparent significance of the events in S.Kariappa's life. S.Kariappa was born on Sri Rama Navami and also bade farewell to life on earth on the same day. The day is the celebration of the great qualities of educationist, his concern for his fellow beings, his plans for the upliftment of his poor brethren. His model life is worthy of emulation. Sri Rama Navami is the day on which thousands of S.Kariappa's admirers throng the RES to mark time with the Bhajans, prayers and songs the children would sing in praise of Sri Rama and S.Kariappa. Several speakers reverently recall their association with the great man and scores of students reverentially go through their student days and of their glimpses of S.Kariappa and their occasional brush with his admonitions.

This distinctive practice connotes the vision, priority and thrust of our institution through values.

  
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