

Dr. Atthreya – An Indelible influence in our Lives

Dr. Atthreya's visits to the Lakshmi Vidya Sangham Institutions, at Madurai for almost a decade has left lasting impressions on students, staff and Leaders of the Institutions. His session on "seeing Excellence" in people was unique and helped us to fine tune the way we needed to look at each and every person who crossed our lives. Dr. Atthreya taught the school to celebrate the goodness and the significant achievements of mankind. Because of his suggestion, in all our Lakshmi Vidya Sangham, "the school topper's felicitation day" is conducted year on year for the students who have cleared the public exam in flying colours, they are recognized and celebrated with their parents.

Dr. Atthreya is a person whose "humanness" can never be compared. In Lakshmi Vidya Sangham Institutions we have six days of summer special leave for the Non-teaching staff. Dr. Atthreya felt that the non-teaching staff of the organization deserve a break too just like their counterparts the Teaching faculty who have 1 to 2 months of vacation. His logic was that the non-teaching staff are the people who work behind the scene and when the summer is hot and the temperatures rise up beyond 40 degrees and when the entire institutions are on vacation, we need to recognize the non-teaching staff and also, that they need a break to spend time with their family too. Based on Dr. Atthreya's recommendations for Lakshmi Vidya Sangham non-teaching staff till today non-teaching staff are fortunate to enjoy the summer special leave institutionalized by Dr. Atthreya.

Dr. Atthreya was like a fresh breath of air, every time he stepped into Madurai to attend a Board meeting. He would schedule a training programme for our Institutions, each time. Fresh from the flight with a smile on his face he would conduct training sessions which are still evergreen in our minds. His training sessions were always brief and crisp and there was always homework to be done. He could handle a training session on any topic and each session was unique. Dr. Atthreya's sense of humour, his subtle wit will always be missed "An Embodiment of Humility" was how he was perceived by all.

Dr. Atthreya has certainly left a legacy behind in Madurai, by empowering every Leader who was fortunate to attend his training sessions.