

Foundation Day Celebration

The Karnataka State Centre celebrated **Foundation Day** on **Tuesday, 24 May 2011**. This event was held to mark laying of foundation for the construction of the building by **Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya in 1960**.

Justice Dr. M. Rama Jois, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Former Governor of Jharkhand and Bihar graced the occasion as Chief Guest and inaugurated the event.

Dr. K. Gopalakrishnan, Chairman, welcomed the members and invitees and **Dr. Wooday P. Krishna**, Council Member, IEI introduced the Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Dr. Rama Jois paid rich tributes to Sir M.V. for his yeoman service to the State of Karnataka. He also praised Visvesvaraya's virtuosity in conceiving, designing and planning the Krishnaraja Sagara Dam. Visvesvaraya is a name that is known not only in Karnataka but every where. Commenting on the corruption prevailing in the country, he said that only Lokpal Bill will not be enough to handle corruption, but changes has to be brought in the thinking of the people. The society will have to educate each and everyone against it and only through education, a change can be brought in.

The occasion was also utilized to honour the following Past Presidents from the State and Past Chairmen & Past Honorary Secretaries of the State Centre in recognition of their dedicated service.

Past Presidents

Dr. H.C. Visvesvaraya
Dr. M.P. Chowdiah

Past Chairmen

Er. P.N. Hiriannaiah
Er. D.V. Nagabhusan
Er. P.K. Shanbhag
Er. K.N. Subba Rao
Er. B.N. Thyagaraja
Dr. L.V. Muralikrishna Reddy

Past Honorary Secretary

Dr. S.B. Ganjigatti

An added feature of the event was Cultural Programme consisting of mimicry by **Sri R. Dayanand**, Kamsale by **Sri Lingaiah & Group**, Nagaari by **Sri Mysore Manjunath & Group**, and Dance & Light Music by **Students of Seshadripuram College**.

The entire event was co-ordinated by Dr. Wooday P. Krishna.