

## SRI SIDDHARUDHA SWAMIJI LIFE & ACHIEVEMENTS OF IN OUR HISTORY



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### ABSTRACT

**V**irakta siddharudha swamiji ( 1837-1929 A.D) is an Indian hindu mystic of the advaita Vedanta stream widely regarded as one of the greatest saints of Hinduism who lived a nomadic existence in the south west Indian state of Karnataka.

His hailing from hubli city of Karnataka state devoted & dedicated his entire life fo the noble cause of soui-stirringdynamic. Spiritualism & universal brotherhood . .inthe galaxy of his followers & disciples stand out the names of enlightened maharaja's of the erstwhile states(samsthans). Such as sandur ,kollhapur, akkalkot, etc. National leaders of freedom movement viz,lokmanya tilak & mahatma Gandhi had sought his

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### BIRTH:-

The great saint &exponent of advaita philosophy, swmy siddharudha is a rare person of merit that this land has seen .he was born on 26th march 1836 Saturday of the auspicious "godhuli lagna" of navami-tithi.(shalivahan shake 1758 durmuki nam samvatsara chaitra shuddha navami day). The same day on which shri rama was born. The place of birth is chalkapur ,balki taluk,bidar district. Guushanthappa his father ,& devamallamma is mother.who belong to lingayat banajiga.community,but he was such a godly person that thing like cast &creed never influenced him.

### EDUCATION:-

When siddharudha was about seven years he left home in search of guru. He became the disciple of shri gajadanda swami of amara gunda (devara bhupur). Llinsaguru taluk in raichur district & started his studies. His spirichual menter named his disciple saint as "shri siddharudha Bharati" &blessed with initiation of avadhootashram diksha &guided the saint to intiате shiva panchakshari mantra to his disciple to lead them towards the path of self realization.

### JORNEY OVER THE COUNTRY:

Blessed by the guru, he undertook journey through out the land . he moved from place to place covering the entire journey by foot for a period of a 20 years. He enlightend the devotees wherever he went,against ignorance, superstition and blind belief and directed them to realized divinity in themselves . after completing the country wide tour he arrived at hubli during 1877 then he was 41 years old. First he stayed thoravi bhavi and forest . it was used a grave yard also .still his persanolity attracted people even there in the begning it was a cottage . then it grave in to a matha.and it as become a grate sacred place now.

### GROWTH:-

Shri siddharudha swamiji did not become great all on a sudden. He had to face hundreds of hurdles usually he kept himself away from people of worldly interests who took him. For a lunatic & even thrashed him. Some people, who could not tolerate lingayats becoming the disciple of shri siddharudha swamiji,,who wore no linga himself . tortured lin in several way they poured fire on his head. Those who did not like him harassed him in many ways .yet shri siddharudha swamiji did not lose heart. He did not change his stand .he accepted everything asfate,with composure.

### THE CHARACTERISTICS FEATURES OF SHRI SIDDHARUDHA SWAMIJI:-

- Limited speech,renunciation ,simplicity,solitude,sporting with children,discussion of scriptural subjects with the learned,consoling the suffering &guiding the fallen,these are the characteristics features of swamiji.
- The selfless young saint swamy siddharudha mingled with seekers of knowledge of all hues & cries .he never discriminated his devotees on the basis of caste,creed,colour, gender,language,religion & economic status.
- He was a great teacher,philosopher &guide to million of people who approached him for solace & happiness.
- Whether he is a shiva,aworshiper of shiva, abrahman, the follower of veda,parsi who worships the sungod, a christion or a muslim all become the devotees of shri siddharudha swamiji.
- They spread his greatness wher ever they went revan siddha of akkalakote proclaimed his reputation in Karnataka & Maharashtra.the king of jamakandi,&baroda became his disciples, brahma chaitanya, maharaj of godavale, saint nagalinga, shivayogi of navalagunda,thesharif of shishunal, shivananda swami of gadag, swami armadas of kanhangad,freedom fighter balagangadhar tilak &mahatma Gandhi, were among the prominent persons who visited matha, &sai baba &shri siddharudha swamiji met eachother during the journey.
- Sri gurunatarudha,shri shivaputra maha swamiji,kabiradasa, shri muppinarya,shri nagabhushana, shri symananda ,govinda ,etc ,were his leading direct disciple.

### THE TEACHING & CONTRIBUTIONS OF SHRI SIDDHARUDHA SWAMIJI:-

- God is one & the same for all. The essence of all faiths is the same & the god being upliftinent of mankind
- The differences of caste are artificial creations. All are forms of the supreme.
- Feelings of superiority or inferiority would not do, all are entitted to pursue the path of liberation.
- This is the substance of his teachings.
- The Sanskrit works like Upanishads,bhagavadgeeta. Brahmasutras, bhagavata&kannada works like kaivalya paddhati of nijaguna shivayogi were the basis for his teachings. The spiritual works of shri

nijaguna shivayogi which are like veda in kannada language, become popular by the efforts of shri siddharudha swamiji matha itself was like a gurukula.

• In his childhood life one day one by name subbha shastry, the asthanavidwan of surapura sanstan, round about that place, came there & presented. The traditional argument that only brahmins have the right to study & listen to Vedas & Upanishads. The boy siddha politely refuted the argument of subbha shastry & explained the meaning of the words Upanishad & brahmin thead bare.

He went to say that all those who have the capacity to understand Brahman have the right to study Vedas & that a Brahman is one who knows Brahman, & caste, body would not be the criterion. The guru gajadanda swami was immensely pleased & initiated him into saintly order under the name "shri siddharudha barathi".

• At that time shri siddharudha removed the linga from his neck & surrendered it at the feet of guru . that he did not need a second linga when he was himself of the form of linga.

• Salvation is to know thyself . human body is the vehicle for liberation by practicing right conduct is the holy message of the spiritual master swami siddharudha.

• Siddharudha bharati teaches a scholar about the true meanings of Brahmin & Upanishad , he whoever is wise, without a cast, not bound by kama-krodha lobha-moha-mada-matsarya. has realized the self who is consciousness, has established himself in brahman & in one in him is a Brahmin according to the Vedas.

• Another daring contribution of our history from siddharudha was his immaculate patriotism. Generally, saints are averse to politics . in the late 1920s when lokmanya tilak & mahatma Gandhi. Visited hubli & their public speeches were arranged . people were raring to listen to the great national heroes . but who should preside over the function ? the british rulers would not have taken it so kindly . on both the occasions shri siddharudha volunteered himself to preside over. he said "i may be a sanyasi, but i am immensely filled with love for my country, even though i am arrested, so for , so good. For a sanyasi, his math or prison, both are immaterial. He even put on khadi , for some time, abandoning his clothes. for shri siddharudha, spiritualism came first , but nationalism was also not far behind.

#### LSAT YEARS:

Shri siddharudha swamiji served the society till his last breath, siddharudha's disciples established a math at hubli, Karnataka. There he taught many seekers. Helped them ascend spiritually. He ended his life in the math in the month of 21 august of 1929,

#### CONCLUSION:

Sadguru siddharudha maharaj lived in the style of an ascetic throughout his life. He never practiced casteism & saw divinity in every thing in existence as well as disagreeing he never discriminated his devotees on the basis of caste; creed, color, gender, language, religion & economic status. A proverb in the india kannada language runs, " siddharudhara jolige jagakella holige" which means that if siddharudha begs. Every one in the world receives sweet pancakes. He is one of great saint & scholar , philosopher of our history.

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