

SRI. BASAVARAJA SHIVALINGAPPA HORATTI
CHAIRMAN, KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – A PROFILE

Born to pious parents Shri.Shivalingappa and Smt. Guramma from a very decent & respectable family on 14th April 1946 in Yadahalli of Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District. He is graduated from Kadasiddeshwara College, Hubli and did his Bachelor and Master Degrees in Physical Education with distinction from Bangalore University.

He served as Physical Education Teacher in Lamington High School, Hubli during 1975. His experience as teacher enlightened him the problems faced by Secondary School Teachers, as such; he aimed at addressing the same by establishing Karnataka Secondary School Employees Association in 1976 and still heads the same as its founder President. His vision continued to fight for the cause of the Teaching Community.

An outspoken personality inbuilt with positive thinking besides a talented attitude with assertive nature

In view of his apolitical yeomen services rendered in social and educational fields, he was recognised as the Champion of the teaching community. He has helped almost 28000 teachers families by getting their posts sanctioned got them their lively bread. In token of which, he has been honoured as their "MESSAIAH" (the "SAVIOUR").

He emerged as the Leader of Northern Karnataka region for fighting for the genuine causes i.e., all round development of that region

In the year 1980, he contested from the West Teachers Constituency, got elected and entered the most Prestigious Upper House of Karnataka Legislature, since then, in 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004, 2010 & 2016 contested and won the elections with huge margin continuously for seven consecutive terms, thus marking a milestone in the history of the Indian Legislature.

He was elected to the Senate and Syndicate of Karnataka University, Dharwad during 1983, 1986, 1989 and 1992. He was also nominated as member on the board of Karnataka State Sports Committee in 1998 besides served as its Vice President. He was President of Sports Committee of the University.

During his stint as Member of the Upper House, he became a Cabinet Minister and held the portfolios of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Small Savings, State Lotteries and Science & Technology. He also held the tough and prestigious portfolio of Primary and Secondary Education with Law and Parliamentary Affairs. (15.12.2004 – 03.02.2006).

Since from 1995-96 till 21/06/2018 he served as member of many House Committees including Chairman of Assurance Committee and brought a change in solving the lot of pending issues hanging fire for the past many years. He also served as the Floor Leader of Janatha Dal (S) in the Upper House.

During 1984 as a sportsman, he represented the State in the Olympic Games held at Los Angeles. He has also visited the Countries abroad viz., England, Germany, France, Switzerland and Australia to study about the educational systems existed in those Countries.

He was nominated as Chairman of Karnataka State Legislative Council by his Excellency, the Governor on 21st June 2018 and took the Mantle on 22nd June 2018.

In the recently held Joint Session of the State Legislature addressed by His Excellency the Governor he shared the dais and in the continued Budget Session, he Chaired the House. His conduct of Business Proceedings in the House is no less than a richly experienced Chairman and set the House-in-Order during the Session.

He has in his vision a innovative concept of fabricating the existing educational policy to bring in a radical change to ease out the bottle necks in the existing policy. Keeping this in mind, he has written 6 articles under different headlines in the leading Kannada daily "Samyukta Karnataka". It reveals that he is the pioneer in the field of education. He is a walking encyclopaedia of policies and principles of education in Karnataka.

To his credit he has authored a book titled as “ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಪರಿಹಾರಗಳು”. His experience in the house made his followers to brought out “glimpses of his debates” titled as “ಸದನದಲ್ಲ ಹೊರಟ್ಟು”.