

CHITA paid tributes to Prof. Jayashankar, at a memorial service held in CHICAGO

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CHITA (Chicago Telangana Association), NRI community of Telanganites has organized a memorial service in honor of the departed leader, the founder of Telangana movement, Late Prof. Jayashankar. The service was conducted in Naperville, a suburb of Chicago on the 10th July, 2011. Program started at 4.30 in the evening with lighting of candle and observing two minutes of silence to pay homage to the departed soul. All the attendees then took turns to offer floral petals and paid their respects.

Srini Palthepe recalled a seminar delivered by Prof Jayashankar's in Naperville, (a Chicago suburb) during July 15th, 2000. His immense knowledge and insights on Telangana has helped to educate many Telanganites with factual information on the injustice done for Telangana region under the rule of United Andhra Pradesh. Professors' life is a witness to the history of Telangana. His involvement with Telangana cause started when he was age 13 and never left the cause till his last breath, Srini quoted.

Kishan Reddy & Purna Allamneni shared their experiences having attended Prof. Jayshankar's seminar, where they were so impressed with his wisdom and diplomacy, that has helped to shape the Telangana movement into a grass roots campaign across all sections of the society. They recalled, the facts shared by Prof. Jayashankar during the seminar became the scientific evidence to dispel the taboo surrounding the issue of Telangana. After the seminar they felt very confident in raising awareness to talk of Telangana and its under development issues more openly without hesitation.

Other members of CHITA, Srinivas Voruganti, Thirumal Nellutla, Pradeep Damidi and Srinath Chinnala have shared their thoughts about continuing Prof. Jayashankar's inspiration to re-build Telangana with a constructive and developmental approach. Several others praised Professor's dedication and commitment in up bringing the Telangana movement to this stature. He has entirely devoted his life to the great cause and all the attendees applauded Prof. Jayashankar's impeccable personal character and his dedication to the cause.

Vijayender reddy, a retired lecturer from CKM college Warangal, visiting Chicago recalled fondly his association with Prof. Jayashankar. He said Prof Jayashankar has enormous administrative abilities to work with people of various political leanings from extreme right to left in 60s and 70s when College campuses were immersed in hot political activities.

A short clippings of video from Professor Jayashankar's seminar in July 2000 was played. This video brought back the memories of the professor and the struggles he went through in educating Telanganites across the world. At the end every one felt that the only tribute one can pay to Prof. Jayashankar is to strive to achieve the goal he spent his whole life with renewed vigour and redoubling our efforts for the Telangana statehood.