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From the Bhavan's President
An exemplary Man

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Shri R. Venkataraman
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Many people read Bhagawad Gita, some people read it as a philosophy, others as prayer and many people take pride in saying that I have read the Bhagawad Gita. Among all those who read the Bhagawad Gita very few people follow even one of the principles mentioned in the Bhagawad Gita. Only exception I have come across is our dear Ramakrishnanji who lived life as dictated by the Bhagawad Gita.

Bhagawad Gita emphasises on one doing his duty and that if you look at the deeper meaning of Bhagawad Gita you will find that it is not merely doing one's duty that is emphasised but the manner in

which the duty is performed that becomes important. You have to perform your duties without expecting any reward in return and without hoping for future favours to come.
R a m a k r i s h n a n

performed his duties efficiently in a manner which very few people I have come across in my life have done. Ramakrishnan performed his duties without any attachment to the result.

Another thing which struck me always was his modesty. Very often people claim credit for things which they have not done. But here was a man who did not claim credit for what he had done. Ramakrishnan never claimed any credit for anything and he did everything so well. He was an exemplary man.

The British government gave five million pounds as a millennium grant to Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan for the service it has been doing. If a foreign government should be able to appreciate what has been done

by another country in respect of promotion of relationship and in respect of social service, no other certificate is needed. The institution is great. It is great because great people have handled it. It was a genius, K M Munshi, who conceived the idea, it was a genius, Ramakrishnan, who executed it. Without the executing part or the conceiving part of it we would have been nowhere, the two together built this great organisation.

Lives of people like Ramakrishnan, must remind the younger generation to emulate him in every way. We must make an endeavour to see that we produce more Ramakrishnans in our country to help the country to march forward.

Numerous letters, messages and articles paying homage to the late Shri Ramakrishnanji have been received from our esteemed well-wishers from all over India and abroad and also from our various Kendras. Much as we would like to publish them all, we are reproducing only a few for want of space.

Our regular features and articles are held-over for the next issue.

A Team Builder

Pravinchandra V. Gandhi*

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Shri Ramakrishnan
and Shri
Pravinchandra V.
Gandhi



Shri Ramakrishnan was my friend and colleague for over four decades. I have had the joy and the privilege of working with him as Trustee and Vice-President of the Bhavan from Munshiji's times. Everything about him was amazing. His humility, dedication, capacity to put in sustained work, his vision, his simplicity, commitment to ethical values, spirit of total sacrifice, and leadership which enthused and inspired the entire Bhavan's Family. He had the capacity to build up a devoted, talented, hard-working and spirited team in the Central Bhavan which is the core and the nucleus of all the activities of the Bhavan throughout India and abroad.

Shri Ramakrishnan spent his lifetime in building up Bhavan, always working silently, unobtrusively, always passing on the credit for the results that triumphantly emerged out of his sterling labours, to others. His absence from our midst has created an abyss that is too deep and too wide.

*Bhavan's Senior Vice-President