

Dr. M. Channa Reddy
Shashti poorti part 1

Dr.M CHANNA REDDY
SHASHTIPOORTHI
ABHINANDAN SANCHIKA

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FOREWORD

Dr. M. Channa Reddy is 60 today, January 13, 1979. Over the past four decades he played a decisive role in the life of the people of the region from which he hails. The history of Andhra Pradesh will not be complete without significant mention of the multi- dimensional contribution of Dr. Reddy to its growth and development.

On the occasion of his 'shashti poorthi' this Volume is brought out by the Felicitation Committee as a token of appreciation of his services to the people.

The Committee is grateful to all those who have written for this Volume on various facets of Dr. Reddy's life, struggles and achievements both in his private and public life.

Since his entry into public life and now. Dr. Reddy endeared himself not only to the common masses as their champion but also to men of letters as their patron and well-wisher; to cine and stage artistes as a connoisseur of the arts; to Vaastu pundits and Yoga adherents as one who developed insights into those sciences; and to the Civil Services as one who understood their problems. In fact people in every walk of life find in him a true friend. In times of need, they look to him for inspiration and guidance. All these qualities of Dr. Reddy have found expression in the "Appreciations" that have been presented in this Volume.

We are conscious that this tribute does not speak of all the qualities of Dr. Reddy which have won for him friendships not only within the State of Andhra Pradesh but throughout India. Perhaps volumes could be written about him, his noble ideals, his devotion to public duty and his disarming personal charm and friendship for everyone who comes in contact with him. We leave it to his biographers to do that job.

The Committee is grateful to the B.N.K. Press, Madras, for the excellent manner in which they printed this Volume in face of heavy odds within the short time available.

The Committee also places on record its appreciation of the services so voluntarily and cheerfully given to it by friends and well-wishers of Dr. Reddy in making this venture a success.

SHASHTIPOORTHI
FELICITATIONS COMMITTEE

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Bombay

January 2, 1979

Illumine the moment of your birth by proceeding on the path to immortality. Success lies through actions in the form of Jana Janardhana Seva. May you live long to attain your cherished goal.

MAA ANAND MAI

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN
NEW DEHLI 110 004

November 30, 1978

I am glad to know that the friends and admirers of Dr. Channa Reddy will be celebrating his “Shashti Poorthi “on January 13, 1979. For over three decades, he has served his State and country ably and steadfastly.

On this happy occasion, I send my warm felicitations to Dr. Channa Reddy and wish him many more years of fruitful public service.

N. SANJIVA REDDY

VICE-PRESIDENT
INDIA

NEW DELHI

December 5, 1978

I learn that it is proposed to celebrate the “Shashti Poorthi “of Dr. Channa Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, on January 13, 1979 and that an Abhinandana Sanchika

will be presented to him on the occasion. I wish the celebrations all success and Dr. Channa Reddy many more years of fruitful service.

B.D. JATTI

JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN

KADAM KUAN, PATNA – 3
BIHAR, INDIA

November 19, 1978

I am glad to learn that you are bringing out a souvenir on the occasion of Dr. Channa Reddy's "Shashti Poorthi ". I pray for his long and healthy life and continued active participation in the affairs of the nation.

I convey my sincerest good wishes and kind regards.

JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN

V.V. GIRI

58, GIRI ROAD
MADRAS – 600 017
December 15, 1978

I have known Dr. Channa Reddy for at least two decades as Minister in Hyderabad and Andhra Pradesh Governments and later, when I was President of India, as my Minister for steel & Mines. He has been a brilliant administrator and has rendered great services in political, social and cultural fields; I have also closely associated myself, as President of India, in his work as Governor of Uttar Pradesh. He was of great assistance to me in my work connected with BIJNOR and the help rendered by him in clearing the forests over there and settling retired soldiers' families and today, thousands of retired military men's families are settled in this colony. There are nearly a thousand good tiled houses built for them in this colony and Dr. Channa Reddy, as Governor, helped substantially by making lakhs of rupees grants and also the families were given lands to cultivate. Ramganga River has been channelized so that the whole area of thousands of acres which contained tigers and reptiles today is turned into a big colony. With his assistance and of the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and also of Irrigation Ministers of the Government of India and Uttar Pradesh, the colony produces huge quantities of wheat. Apart from it, a college has been built for the children of these retired soldiers and thousands of them are studying there.

Dr. Channa Reddy was always ready and helpful in attending to these matters with great promptness and the people of Uttar Pradesh are grateful to him. No wonder today he is the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and I expect that he will be able to do constructive work

for the benefit of the masses over there. I am confident he will finish his century and render further services to the motherland.

V.V. GIRI

K.C. ABRAHAM
GOVERNOR
ANDHRA PRADESH

RAJ BHAVAN
HYDERABAD – 500 041

December 20, 1978

Age and maturity are the two inseparable sides of the same coin. But in a few exceptional cases maturity excels age and is mellowed with wisdom –wisdom which provides a deep insight into problems of humanity and the complexities of life. This is what makes a man great and gives him the ability to lead people along the path of light whatever be the field.

Dr. M. Channa Reddy has carved for himself a niche in the hearts of millions of Telugu –speaking people because of his natural flair for leadership and his capacity to organize. In my brief acquaintance with Dr. Channa Reddy, I have been deeply impressed with his keenness, energy and dynamic intellect, the way he is steering the State to greater heights of prosperity shows that service has become his very breath and pulse. His indomitable courage, spirit, dedication and above all, his vision par excellence are sure to give the State a proper direction and ensure its bright future.

On the auspicious occasion of his “Shashtipoorthi “I extend to Dr. Channa Reddy and Smt. Channa Reddy my cordial greetings and wish the celebrations all success. I offer my sincerest prayers to the Almighty to give him long life, ever-lasting energy and unbounded happiness and to shower. His Blessings on this occasion to enable him to continue to serve to serve the people for many years to come.

K.C. ABRAHAM

GOVERNOR
TAMIL NADU

RAJ BHAVAN
MADRAS -600 022

November 25, 1978

I offer my greetings to Dr. M. Channa Reddy on the occasion of his Shashti Poorthi and wish him many happy returns of the day.

PRABHUDAS B. PATWARI

BHAGWAT DAYAL SHARMA
GOVERNOR
ORISSA

RAJ BHAVAN
BHUBANESWAR

December 22, 1978

I am glad to know that Dr. Channa Reddy will be felicitated on the occasion of his Shashtipoorthi on January 13, 1979.

I send my greetings to Dr. Reddy for his good health, happiness and long life in the service of the nation.

BHAGWAT DAYAL SHARMA

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
GOA, DAMAN AND DIU

CABO RAJ NIWAS
PANAJI, GOA – 403 004
November 29, 1978

I am happy to learn that Dr. M. Channa Reddy Shashtipoorthi Felicitations Committee is bringing out an “ Abhinandana sanchika “ on the occasion of the 61st birthday of Dr. M. Channa Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Dr. Reddy is a great patriot and distinguished leader of modern India. Under his able and dynamic leadership the State of Andhra Pradesh is forging ahead in all fields – economic political, social and cultural.

The unprecedented devastating cyclone in the State last year was a test of the Chief Minister’s ability to muster resources to rehabilitate the affected people. The fact that the cyclone – hit Andhras are now resettled is ample proof of his effective stewardship.

On this auspicious occasion, I wish Dr. Channa Reddy a long life with good health and personal happiness.

COL. P.S. GILL

LIEUTENANT –GOVERNOR
PONDICHERRY

RAJ NIVAS
PONDICHERRY - 605 001

December 9, 1978

I am very glad to learn that an “ ABHINANDANA SANCHIKA ’ is being brought out felicitating Dr. M. Channa Reddy, on the occasion of his Shashti poorthi on January 13, 1979.

A brilliant scholar and a dynamic leader, Dr. Reddy has rendered valuable services to the country in various capacities. On his Shashti Poorthi, I wish him many more years of health and happiness.

I send my best wishes for the success of the celebration.

BIDESH KULKARNI

B.B. LAL
GOVERNOR OF SIKKIM

RAJ BHAVAN
GANGTOK

December 20, 1978

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. M. Channa Reddy for a long time. He is a dynamic personality who has played an important part in the progress of the country in the last several decades.

On the occasion of his 61st birthday, I wish him many, many happy returns of the day and a long and fruitful career in the service of the country.

B.B. LAL

KARPOORI THAKUR
CHIEF MINISTER
BIHAR

PATNA

December 21, 1978

I send my greetings and good wishes to Dr. M. Channa Reddy, Andhra Pradesh on the occasion of his Shashti poorthi Mahotsava. May he live long, full of health and vitality to serve the nation?

KARPOORI THAKUR

SHASHIKAL AG. KAKODKAR
CHIEF MINISTER
GOA, DAMAN AND DIU

SECRETARIAT
PANAJI

December 4, 1978

I am happy to receive invitation to attend the “Shashti Poorthi “celebrations of Dr. M. Channa Reddy on January 13, 1979.

Due to various previous engagements it will not be possible for me to attend the function. I am, however, sending my felicitations for this significant day in the life of your Chief Minister. I wish him success.

SHASHIKALA G. KAKODKAR

D. DEVARAJ URS
CHIEF MINISTER
KARNATAKA

VIDHANA SOUDHA
BANGALORE – 560 001

December 16, 1978

I am happy to learn that the Shashti Poorthi of Dr. Channa Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, is being celebrated in a befitting manner.

The celebration of Shashti Poorthi marks a memorable milestone in one's life and in the case of so illustrious a person as Dr. Channa Reddy, it becomes an occasion for his friends and followers not only to bestow affection on him but emulate his qualities of head and heart which have endeared him to one and all.

Dr. Channa Reddy has a meritorious record of service to the state and the country in many capacities and, as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; he has given the state a sense of purpose and direction. His sterling ability and his passionate attachment to the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden will continue to be a source of great inspiration.

On this happy occasion, I wish Dr. Channa Reddy many, many, happy returns of the day.

D. DEVARAJ URS

P.K.VASUDEVA NNAIR
CHIEF MINISTER, KERALA,

TRIVANDRUM

December 12, 1978

I am extremely happy to learn that Dr. Channa Reddy is to be felicitated on the occasion of his Shashti Poorthi on January 13, 1979. Dr. Reddy's contribution to the economic development and welfare of the people of Andhra Pradesh is well known. He has dedicated his long political life for bettering the lot of the common man.

On this occasion I send my good wishes to him for a long and fruitful life in the service of the people of Andhra Pradesh and the nation at large.

P.K. VASUDEVAN NAIR

CHIEF MINISTER
MAHARASHTRA

CAMP; NAGPUR

December 4, 1978

I am happy to know that you are organising a function to felicitate Dr. Channa Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, on the occasion of his Shashti poorthi on January 13, 1979 and that a souvenir containing articles by distinguished persons on the life and achievements of Dr. Reddy is being brought out to mark the function.

Andhra Pradesh has been making headway in all directions under the able and dynamic leadership of Dr. Reddy. On this auspicious occasion, I convey my hearty greetings and best wishes to Dr. Reddy and wish him long, happy and prosperous life.

S.G. PAWAR

Y.SHAIZA
CHIEF MINISTER
MANIPUR

IMPAL

December 10, 1978

I am happy to hear that Dr. M. Channa Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, will be felicitated on the occasion of his 'ShashtiPoorthi' on January 13, 1979.

As a matter of fact, Chief Minister of a State of the stature of Dr. Reddy does not need a message in words because his contribution during his 9 months and 4 days in office as a Chief Minister should be the real visible message for the People of the State and for his friends and well-wishers.

In the present – day times, a Chief Minister should work for eradicating poverty and evil of UN – employment and bring prosperity and equality of status among all citizens. I am sure Dr. Reddy, who is known for his administrative comprehension, political carpentry has been working sincerely to achieve this purpose. It is not necessary that one should belong to the same political ideology. We all have one ideology and philosophy, that is "SERVICE TO HUMANITY". We all are functioning and trying to work for establishing brotherhood and fellow feeling among all the citizens of India. The day is not far off when India will be second to none in the comity of Nations of the World under the service of Janata and for Janata.

I wish Dr. M. Channa Reddy, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh sweet health and good time in the service of the people of his State.

Y. SHAIZA

M.G. RAMACHANDRAN
CHIEF MINISTER
TAMIL NADU

FORT Sr. GEORGE
MADRAS – 6000 009

December 23, 1978

I am glad to learn that Dr. M. Channa Reddy will be felicitated on the occasion of his Shashti Poorthi on January 13, 1979. It is but proper that an eminent son of the Indian soil is being felicitated on his 61st birth day. His life has been one of outstanding achievements and valuable services to the Indian people and particularly to the people of Andhra Pradesh. He had held many offices both at the national level and at the State level with great distinction. It is now part of history how Dr. Channa Reddy organized the Students Congress movement in his early days and discharged his duties as the General Secretary of Andhra Maha Sabha and Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee. His services as Minister for Agriculture and food, Planning and Rehabilitation is too well-known to be recounted. His knowledge of problems of Indian agriculture is immense and he had the distinction of having been the leader of Indian delegation to the World Conference of Agriculturists held at Rome in 1953 and had the honour of having been the Deputy Leader of the Indian Delegation to FAO Conference held at Rome in 1955. He had served his native state, Andhra Pradesh, in the capacity of Minister and now is serving as its Chief Minister. His experience in the field of administration has been varied and whatever post he held he had held it with a distinct mark of his own. His achievements as Minister for Steel, Mines and Metals, Government of India, though of short tenure, is still remembered. He had also rendered excellent service as Governor of Uttar Pradesh for some time, and now as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, he is playing a very noteworthy role not only in the politics of his state but also at the national level as well.

I wish him good luck and Godspeed in all his endeavours and also wish that he enjoys many more returns of his happy birthday to serve the cause of the Indian people.

M.G. RAMACHANDRAN

GODEY MURAHARI
DEPUTY SPEAKER
LOK SABHA

25, TUGHLAK ROAD
NEW DELHI – 110 011

December 1, 1978

I am glad to hear that M. Channa Reddy will be felicitated on the occasion of his Shashti Poorthi on January 13, 1979.

Dr. Channa Reddy has had a chequered career as a freedom fighter and as a political leader in both the old Hyderabad State and later in Andhra Pradesh. It is through his tireless efforts and sacrifice that he has built up a large following in that part of India. He has a personal involvement with everything that he does and even those who are attached to him have a personal link and therefore it is, that many of those who follow him have kept to his leadership in all vicissitudes.

As a Minister in Andhra and at the Centre, Dr. Channa Reddy has left an indelible mark. Later, as Government of Uttar Pradesh, he was able to build a rapport with all shades of opinion in Uttar Pradesh. He has an added advantage of being a prolific speaker in Urdu and Hindustani besides Telugu. During his career as a Congress Leader and as Minister and Governor, he has built up a large following all over India.

It must be said to the credit of Dr. Channa Reddy that although he led separatist agitations in Telangana, he responded to the call of a united Andhra Pradesh and today he heads that State with credit.

It is, therefore, gratifying to note that Dr. Channa Reddy will be completing sixty years of his chequered life and will be launching on his next phase of life from January 13, 1979. I join with many of our countrymen to wish him many more successful years of service to the Nation.

GODEY MURAHARI

BANARSI DAS
SPEAKER LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
UTTAR PRADESH

VIDHAN BHAVAN
LUCKNOW

December 12, 1978

I am glad to know that Dr. M. Channa Reddy is going to be felicitated on his 'ShashtiPoorthi' on January 13, 1979.

On this happy occasion, I convey my best wishes to him.

BANARSI DAS

E.M.S.NAMBOODRIPAD
MEMBER
KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TRIVENDRUM – 1

December 19, 1978

I take this opportunity to extend my greetings and sincere good wishes to Dr. Channa Reddy on the occasion of his Shashtipoorthi.

E.M.S. NAMBOODRIPAD

RAMA VARMA
EX. MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE

KAUDIAR PALACE
TRIVANDRUM
December 5, 1978

I am happy to learn that Dr. Channa Reddy, a distinguished person presently the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, will be felicitated on his SHASHTI POORTHI on January 13, 1979. Owing to other pressing engagements, I am unable to attend the function personally. I shall, therefore, content by sending him my hearty greetings on the occasion and wish him long life and many more years of service to our country.

RAMA VARMA

S.RAMASSAMY
Ex. CHIEF MINISTER

PONDICHERRY

December 19, 1978

I am extremely happy to note that De. Channa Reddy's ' Shashti Poorthi ' will be celebrated on January 13, 1979. Dr. Channa Reddy has served the people in various capacities. Although, his love and service to the people was supreme.

His miraculous escape from Air crash on December 17, 1978 has proved that he will live to serve the people for many more years to come. Long live Dr. Channa Reddy.

S. RAMASSAMY

C.K. DAPHTARY

A- 8, MAHARANI BAGH
NEW DELHI – 110 014

November 25, 1978

I am happy that the Shashti Poorthi of Dr. Channa Reddy will be celebrated on January 13, 1979.

I convey to him my felicitations and good wishes on the occasion.

C. K DAPHTARY

ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE

K.C.. PANT, M.P.

3, RAISINA ROAD

GENERAL SECRETARY

NEW DELHI – 1

December 12, 1978

I am very happy to know that a function is being organised to felicitate Dr. M. Channa Reddy on his 'Shashti Poorthi' on January 13, 1979.

I have known Dr. Reddy for many years and have seen him in many roles – as Central Minister, as leader of the Telangana Movement, as Government of U.P. and now as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. He is a man with a dynamic personality and drive and great organising capacity. I had prolonged and delicate negotiations with him during the Telangana agitation and was greatly impressed not only by the firm grip he had over the situation, but also by the fact that once he had given his word, he struck to it, even in the most difficult circumstances. I hope, the Souvenir to be brought out on this auspicious occasion will succeed in highlighting his services to the nation.

I wish the function all success.

K. C. PANT

C.V. NARASIMHAN
United Nations
New York N. Y. 10017

CAMP: MADRAS

December 6, 1978

I am delighted to learn that a group of friends and admirers have organised a Committee to felicitate Dr. Channa Reddy on the occasion of his Shashti Poorthi.

Having been an admirer of Dr. Channa Reddy during the decades he has spent in public life, I have great pleasure in congratulating him on this happy occasion. In spite of his busy public life in the political arena, he has managed to find time for his social work and cultural activities. He approximates very closely to the ideal of a 'philosopher – king', a political leader, who does not go by the immediate exigencies of political life but has a philosophy and a code of conduct to guide his political activities as well as his personal life.

On this happy occasion, I salute Dr. Channa Reddy through this brief message and extend to him my warmest blessing and good wishes. I hope Dr. Channa Reddy will continue his great contribution to the political, social and cultural life, not only of Andhra Pradesh but of all India, for many decades to come.

C. V. NARASIMHAN

AHMAD SAID KHAN

RAHAT MANZIL, MARRIS ROAD

NAWA
ALIGARH

OFCHATTARI

ALIGARH

November 26, 1978

I am very happy to learn about the felicitation to Dr. Channa Reddy on his “ Shashti Poorthi “ on January 1979.

I had the privilege of knowing Dr. M. Channa Reddy for long time. I have known him as a minister in the Central Government, as Governor of Uttar Pradesh and now as a Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. He has been endowed with great qualities of head and heart. He has very happy combination of being a great statesman and also a firm and strong administrator. He is wise and generous and he thinks of no evil. I think Andhra Pradesh is very lucky to have a gentleman of his quality as head of the administration. I wish him a long life with health, happiness and success.

AHMAD SAID KHAN

T. SADASIVAM

4, TANK ROAD
NUNGAMBAKKAM
MADRAS – 6000

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December 8, 1978

My association with Dr. Channa Reddy started in the year 1959 when I accompanied Poojya Rajaji to Hyderabad. And much later, when my wife Subbulakshmi and I were in Lucknow, we discovered that Poojya Ma Anandamayee was yet another tie that bound us to Dr. Channa Reddy. And on January 13, 1979, when he will turn Sixty, Dr. Channa Reddy could feel truly blessed in the thought that the Sage of Kanchi, in his 85th year, is now on Pada Yatra in the State of Andhra.

Dr. Channa Reddy is a lover of music and a great lover of our art and culture. His life is truly anchored to our great heritage and he is soaked in the essence of our sacred scriptures. I feel that it may be the Will of the Lord of Tirumala to make Dr. Channa Reddy the instrument for the fulfillment of the mission of His Holiness the Sage of Kanchi, to preserve our great Vedas. To promote the study of the Vedas and to support and sustain the few, but great, Vedic scholars all over our sacred land of Bharat.

Subbulakshmi and I convey our affectionate regards to Dr. Channa Reddy on the eternal grace of the Lord of Tirupati and the abiding blessings of the Sage of Kanchi, of Poojya Ma Anandamayee and of Bhagawan Baba; he lives the full span of one hundred years useful life in perfect health and happiness.

T. SADASIVAM

CHANDRA BHANU GUPTA
SEVAKUTIR “

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PANDARIBA
LUCKNOW

December 4, 1978

I am happy to know that Dr. M. Channa Reddy will be felicitated on January 13, 1979, on the occasion of his Shashti Poorthi.

I came in contact with Dr. Reddy during 1950 – 51. Although I did not share his views in many respects vis-à-vis the creation of a separate Telangana State since I was very much opposed to the formation of many small states, I found Dr. Channa Reddy a most daring and impressive personality. It was unfortunate that when he was elected to the Rajya Sabha and became a Cabinet Minister, he had to leave that office due to an election petition that was filed against him and which he lost. When he came as the Governor of this State, I found him very quick in the disposal of matters which came before him. He is most dynamic and his approach in almost all matters is pragmatic.

I wish him a long life and successful career.

C.B. GUPTA

SWAMI CHINMAYANANDA

I-C/335
BOKARO STEEL CITY

November 23, 1978

Hinduism insists upon, as its ideal, dynamic goodness and almost condemns passive goodness. When passive nobility clashes with dynamic evil it is always the dynamic evil that succeeds. The Rakshasas represent dynamic evil and the Rishis performing Yagnas in Ramayana represent passive goodness. And we know that the Rishis had to run from pillar to post and at every place the goondas disturbed them mercilessly. It is then that Vishwamitra borrows an eight year old son of Dasaratha to stand as a guard the gate of the Yagnashala. Where Rama stands as guard the Rakshasas retreat. When dynamic evil, Ravana, meets dynamic goodness, Rama – good alone wins, never the evil; Satyameva Jayate Na Anritam.

Dr. Channa Reddy has always struck me as one who is dynamically good. Amidst passive people he may seem to be a devastating storm, an inconvenient wind. But a nation on the stride has to come out of its passivity and in this process when our executives are not sufficiently dynamic in their actions, however great our aspirations may be, however noble our programmes may be, they never get fulfilled in time.

On this gracious occasion of the 61st birthday of Dr. Reddy, I heartily congratulate him and with great expectations I will look forward to an era of quick progress in the state.

SWAMI CHINMAYANANDA

DR. B. GOPALA REDDY

‘ SUDARSANA MAHAL ‘
NELLORE

December 4, 1978

I send my hearty felicitations and good wishes to the Chief Minister Dr. M Channa Reddy on the happy occasion of his Shashti Poorthi. During the course of his political career, both as a leader of the people and as a minister, he became conversant with the problems of the people and more specially with the agriculturists. There are many personal followers of Dr. Channa Reddy in the Telangana districts.

Dr. Reddy is known for his dynamism and mass leadership. He is a fluent speaker in Telugu, English and Urdu and carries the audience with him. Though he experienced some setbacks in his career, Dr. Reddy always turned them, by his determination and courage, as stepping stones for his further career. He became a Cabinet minister in the Centre and then Governor of Uttar Pradesh. But he did not continue as Governor for the full term as he was anxious to be in active politics of his State. After the general elections in the State in March 1978, Dr. Reddy became the obvious choice for the chief ministership.

Dr. Reddy is deeply religious and is active in politics, though he was a medical man by training. Thus, he combined in his personality science, religion and politics. He can be fiery and peaceful. He can be an administrator and an agitator. To sum up, Dr. Channa Reddy has all the qualities of leadership.

I wish him every success in service of the people.

B. GOPALA REDDY

K. BRAHMANANDA REDDY
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December 1, 1978

‘Shashti Poorthi’ is an event in one’s life. It is fitting that Dr. Channa Reddy should be felicitated on completion of sixty years of eventful life.

As an associate in public life and colleague in the Ministry, I know him for over two decades. He is dynamic and industrious, though abrasive at times. He was with me and against me; either way he is formidable.

As older to him, I bless him with success, health and vigour in activities.

K. BRAHMANANDA REDDY

CHANDRA SHEKHAR
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December 1, 1978

It is with pleasure that I send a message of greetings on the auspicious occasion of the 61st birthday of Dr. M. Channa Reddy.

Sixty years is a period that gives us a clear perceptive of the thoughts, aspirations and achievements of an individual in relation to society and the nation. We have many reasons to be grateful to Dr. Channa Reddy for his selfless dedication and qualities of leadership.

I know that all will join me in wishing him many more years of inspiring service.

CHANDRA SHEKHAR

S.K. PATIL

SHANTI KUTEER
MARINE DRIVE
BOMBAY – 400 020

December 20, 1978

I have known Dr. Channa Reddy for almost a quarter of a century. From his very early age he has dedicated himself to the freedom of the country. He has played a very important part in the freedom struggle of erstwhile Hyderabad State. He has filled many important administrative posts with ability and distinction. He is a simple man, very well educated and with charming manners. I was very happy when he became the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. He has quite a long life before him to serve his people particularly Andhra Pradesh. I am sure he will make a mark in the democratic life of this great land of ours.

S.K. PATIL

DR. HARE KRISHNA MEHTAB

BHUBANESWAR

December 8, 1978

I have known Dr. Channa Reddy for the last many years. Apart from his politics, he has convinced the public that he is a man of strong conviction. He has always stood for the

neglected masses and regions. His life is a life of struggle which he has lived patiently and cheerfully.

Completion of 60 years was a great event in Indian life some years back. But now the situation is changed. Sixty years is now the age of a youth. In fact I look upon Dr. M. Channa Reddy as a youth since I am now 80 and am still active. However, “ Shashti Poorthi “is a great event in one’s life and it is observed with all solemnity by the members of one’s family. Dr. Channa Reddy’s “ family” is very large. In fact not only the province where he works but outside too he has extended his relationship. Naturally, therefore, his “ Shashti Poorthi “ should be observed in all solemnity. Along with others, I offer prayers to Almighty for his long useful life in the interests of the common people.

HARE KRISHNA MEHTAB

c. SUBRAMANIAM
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December 21, 1978

I am glad to learn that Shashti poorthi of Dr. Channa Reddy is being celebrated on January 13, 1979. I have known Dr. Channa Reddy since the Constituent Assembly days. He has steadily risen in public life due to his devotion to public causes and service to the country. He is now occupying a key position as M. under, his leadership the Andhra Pradesh will march forward on all fronts; economic, social and political. I, along with his numerous admirers and well-wishers, wish him many more years of useful service to the nation.

C. SUBRAMANIAM

M. BHAKTAVATSALAM

‘MALLIKA’,
48, WARREN ROAD,
MADRAS - 4

December 13, 1978

I am glad to hear that Dr. M. Channa Reddy will be felicitated on the occasion of his ‘ Shashtipoorthi’ on January 13, 1979. I have known Dr. Reddy for many years. I had occasion to move with him closely when he was Minister for Agriculture in Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Reddy comes from a distinguished family in Telangana. He has travelled abroad and has specialized in problems of agriculture and is quite competent to deal with rural problems. He is just the man wanted for Andhra Pradesh and it is a matter for gratification that he is guiding the destiny of Andhra’s as their Chief Minister. He is dynamic and resourceful. He has valuable experience as a Cabinet Minister in the Central Government and as Governor of

Uttar Pradesh. He is eminently fitted to organize the farmers in the country and take them on their onward march. Dr. Reddy has immense faith in the potentialities of the Indian National Congress. I have no doubt that his stewardship of the Andhra Pradesh will be marked by phenomenal success. I offer to him my warmest felicitations and best wishes.

M. BHAKTAVATSALAM

M.KARUNANIDHI
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
PRESIDENT, D.M.K.

GOPALAPURAM
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December 7, 1978

When we turn the pages of Indian history, we find that just as the mighty kings of Vijayanagaram stood as the solo custodians of the culture and civilization of the vast area south of Vindhya, many of the valiant and preservation of the culture and political awakening in the then composite State of Madras.

I have realized on many an occasion that Dr. Channa Reddy, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, like the traditional leaders of Andhra, has been evincing much interest in the welfare and wellbeing of both Tamils and Andhras.

Dr. Channa Reddy is quite familiar with the rights and sentiments of the Tamil people and I do hope that his continued help and cooperation to the just cause of the Tamils will always be there.

On the happy occasion of the Shashti Poorthi of such an exalted leader like Dr. Channa Reddy, I sincerely wish him long life. Health and courage to continue his noble and patriotic services to the nation in general and the South in particular.

M. KARUNANIDHI

HIS HOLINESS
SRI KANCHI KAMAKOTI PEETADHIPATHI
JAGADGURU SRI SANKARACHARYA

KANCHEEPURAM

December 3, 1978

There is a saying that service to people is service to God. It is a pleasure to see. Dr. M. Channa Reddy following this motto in his variegated public life right from the beginning. As a humble worker, as a politician and as an administrator for over forty years of his public life, Dr. Reddy has had ample opportunities of rendering dedicated service to the people not only of his home state but to the people of the country as a whole. Even now, at the age of sixty, he is continuing to do the same service with deep-seated devotion and earnestness of

purpose, keeping in view the high moral, cultural and spiritual values which he cherishes the most.

On the auspicious occasion of his Shashti Poorthi, His Holiness confers his blessings on Dr. Channa Reddy for many more years of such useful service based on Hindu Dharma and Culture. May the Divine Grace of Goddess Kamakshi and Maha Tripurasundari and lord Chandramowleeswara be always with him!

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SRI SWAMI OMKAR

TOTAPALLI HILL S
EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT

November 29, 1978

On the happy occasion of ' SHASTIPOORTHI ' of our dear ideal and devoted Chief Minister, Dr. M. Channa Reddy, all the members of Ashram and peace of Dr. Reddy, his wife Savitri Devi and their children.

Santi Ashram will be celebrating the occasion with prayers to invoke the choicest blessings on Dr. Reddy's family.

SWAMI OMKAR

GAUR HARI SINGHANIA

KANPUR

December 18, 1978

It is indeed happy news that Dr. Channa Reddy will complete 60 years of his fruitful life on January 13, 1979 and on this happy occasion I felicitate him.

I am perhaps one of his many good friends, who have the privilege both of close association with him and of sharing his confidence. Many in this part of India, who have viewed him as Governor of Uttar Pradesh, might have found him a ruthlessly efficient head of the State, who not only did things himself as his good conscience permitted him but also made others do things as they might do solely in the interests of the welfare of the people of this State. From my privileged place of close friendship with him, I not only saw him as many had seen him as one of the most efficient administrators of the Government in Uttar Pradesh from atop but also experienced the touch of tremendous humanism in whatever he did. He belonged both to the Occident as well as to the Orient. His deep faith in Ramayana and Mahabharata and the heroes thereof, Shri Rama and Shri Krishna, his application of the trite saying of the Upanishads to everyday life of modern India and his abiding belief that the "Vedas "contained the quintessence of whatever could be expounded by humans as knowledge and truth, made him comfortable and happy in any society and in his eyes, jews,

Christians, Muslims, Parsees and others were all ‘ Hindus ‘ following human ways of life under different garbs. Because he was a man of integrity with a cosmopolitan approach to human life, he showed that idleness and inefficiency anywhere and everywhere must be eschewed. These qualities of his are well known to his intimate friends who still amuse themselves, when some people choose to call him a ‘ruthless administrator ‘. God’s hand could be seen working unobtrusively whenever he had been put to difficulties by men’s hands. To prove this single aspect of his faith, he had lived through ups and downs in his political life. There will not be a person who will ever wish ill of him on this occasion of his “Shashtipoorthi”.

I, as a close friend of Dr. Channa Reddy, sharing his humility, will always pray “ Oh God “ !bestow on him ‘Poorna Purusha Ayush ‘ so that he may be of service to the mankind through your benediction “.

GAURHARI SINGHANIA

HARIDEV JOSHI

AJMER ROAD
JAIPUR
December 20, 1978

It is indeed a matter of great satisfaction to learn that the people of Andhra Pradesh propose to celebrate the Shashtipoorthi of their acknowledged leader and Chief Minister, Dr. Channa Reddy.

It has been my personal privilege to have known Dr. eddy very intimately since his tenure as a Central Minister. I have been a keen observer of the administrative skill and the quality of leadership of Dr. Reddy and have been immensely impressed.

It is but natural that we all should wish a long purposeful life for a person like Dr. Reddy who has made service to Society his mission of life. I join the people of Andhra Pradesh in felicitating Dr. Reddy on Shashtipoorthi occasion.

HARIDEV JOSHI

PROF. T.M.P. MAHADEVAN

15, FIRST CROSS – ROAD
VENKATESAPURAM
AYANAVARAM

December 21, 1978

“I believe in Advaita, I believe in the essential unity of man and for that matter all that lives “. [Young India December 4th 1924] It was from this profound intuition of the Truth that the Mahatma was able to practice love, forgiveness and non-violence with such conviction and effectiveness. It was not only conviction and devotion which made the acts of

that Great Soul so powerful, it was the Truth which found in him a transparent instrument. So selfless was he that the power of justice and righteousness just flowed through him watering this parched land with the refreshing rains of freedom. But, as we all know, this freedom did not come to us without great sacrifices and suffering. The Mahatma was the first to suffer and bear the immense sacrifice which was needed, but he was not alone. If he achieved what he did it was also because of the association with him of such heroic and dedicated people as Dr. M. Channa Reddy whose Shashti –abda-poorthi is being celebrated.

May the Great Consolidator of Advaita, the Advaita Mahatma Gandhi followed so diligently, viz., Adi Sankara shower his Grace on the respected Sri Reddy and bless his new period of life with continued success in the wonderful work he is doing.

T.M.P. MAHADEVAN

RAJ BAHADUR

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December 21, 1978

I take this opportunity to offer my sincere greetings and best wishes to Dr. Reddy for his long life full of success and achievements in the service of our motherland.

I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Channa Reddy for over 30 years. I believe both he and I belong to that circle of friends and comrades who came to be associated at one time or the other with the late Shri Rafi Ahmad Kidwai and have ever since been called in a lighter and affectionate vein as “ Raffians “. We have seen and experienced, a little from close quarters, the great human qualities, dignity and charm with which Rafi Saheb was endowed – his deep love for his country, his spirit of selfless services to his fellow countrymen, his unfailing readiness to suffer and sacrifice for his friends and for the causes that he espoused or held dear and that total absence of egoism,arrogance and selfishness that marked him out as a prince amongst patriots and a paragon of virtues and human qualities. I trust Dr. Channa Reddy has undoubtedly imbibed the irresistible influence that Rafi Saheb cast on his friends and followers and has surely ingrained many of the qualities and virtues that exuded from that great man .

It stirs up mixed feelings in my mind to realize that even a young man of yesterday like Dr. Channa Reddy has already completed 60 years and can no longer be called ‘young’. But that is the inexorable way of life; and so we pray to God Almighty that he may grant Dr. Reddy a long life full of health and vigour and may Dr. Reddy continue to serve our great country, truly selflessly and effectively for many years to com.

RAJ BAHADUR

UMASHANKAR DIKSHIT

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CANTONMENT, LUCKNOW

December 27, 1978

I came into contact with Dr. Channa Reddy about 10 years ago when he was Finance Minister of Andhra Pradesh, though I had heard of his promise and potential earlier also. Since that first meeting, our acquaintance gradually but steadily developed into personal friendship and political comradeship which has stood the test of time. Dr. Reddy has courage of his convictions. He is deeply devoted to the cause of the all-round and full socio-economic development of Andhra Pradesh. He is as keen for securing the progress of Telangana [for which he took bold initiatives and risked misunderstanding] as for the other regions of the State, namely, Rayalaseema and the coastal districts. Where he enters into a public commitment, he finds it most difficult to compromise his stand. Indeed, as far as I know, he has hardly ever done so. He possesses the qualities of leadership. He is an experienced and efficient administrator. He has the drive which enables him to deliver the goods.

If Dr. Channa Reddy can preserve and promote the good will of the various political, social and economic groups, castes and classes and their changing spokesmen, which I believe he has already secured in full measure, then I have no doubt whatsoever that his regime will be characterized by such comprehensive and enduring development commensurate with the genius of the talented people of Andhra Pradesh, giving him a memorable place in the history of India.

UMASHANKAR DIKSHIT

BABUBHA J. PATEL
CHIEF MINISTER

SACHIVALAYA
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December 26, 1978

I am happy to learn that Dr. M. Channa Reddy's Shashtipoorthi will be celebrated and a Souvenir is being published on the occasion.

Dr. Reddy started his public life during his young age when he founded the Andhra Yuvajana Samiti and Students Congress. He was Minister for Agriculture in Hyderabad State and was leader of the Indian delegation to world conference of Agriculturists at Rome in 1953 and was Deputy Leader of the Indian Delegation to F.A.O. Conference at Rome in 1955. He was Cabinet Minister in Andhra Pradesh and was Union Minister for Steel, Mines and Metals. He later became Governor of Uttar Pradesh and is now the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Reddy has thus served the State and the Country in various capacities and I wish him a long and healthy life in the service of the country.

BABUBHAI J . PATEL

MOHAN DHARIA
MINISTER OF COMMERCE
CIVIL SUPPLIES & CO –OPERATION
INDIA

NEW DELHI – 110 001

December 23, 1978

I am very happy to know that Dr. Channa Reddy is completing Sixty years, and a commemoration volume is being brought out on this occasion.

Traditionally, sixty is the age when an individual is free from his personal and family responsibilities and with his maturity and experience can devote himself entirely to social welfare work. A healthy man of sixty is, therefore, a social asset, and in a personality like Dr. Channa Reddy, it is a very valuable social asset.

I take this opportunity to wish Dr. Channa Reddy good health and long life.

MOHAN DHARIA

RAVINDRA VERMA
MINISTER OF
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR
INDIA

NEW DELHI – 110 001

December 23, 1978

I am glad to know that the Shashti-poorthi of Dr. Channa Reddy will be celebrated on the 13th January, 1979.

I pray God to give him good health and long life so that he may continue to serve the people of our country with distinction.

RAVINDRA VARMA

K. SAI KUMAR

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January 3, 1979

Any amount of praise is less to describe the dynamic personality of Dr. M. Channa Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, who is the patriotic leader of the masses and a great devotee of God.

I hope, with his vast experience, he will lead the citizens of Andhra Pradesh to a better and higher state of living.

May the Lord bestow on him extra strength and vigour to serve our holy nation?

My sincere prayers unto Lord Shirdi Sai Baba to shower His Choicest blessings upon Dr. Channa Reddy and Smt. Savitri Reddy for their highest welfare.

K. SAI KUMAR
[Shirdi Sai Pada Bhakta]

DR. RAJAH
SIR MUTHIAH CHETTIAR
OF CHETTINAD

CHETTINAD HOUSE
RAJAH ANNAMALAIPURAM
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December 23, 1978

I am very happy that my good friend, Dr, Channa Reddy, is completing 60 years on January 13, 1979.

Dr. Channa Reddy took to medical education obtaining M.B.B.S. Degree and worked for some time for public good in free dispensaries which he opened in Hyderabad. Even as a student, he was trained fully and was attracted by virtuous living as laid down in our Itihasas, Puranas like Ramayana and Mahabharatha which knowledge even now he is exhibiting as a religious person. He is a great Bhaktha of Sankaracharya. He is upholding the culture of our ancient India with service to our country without distinction of caste, creed or community. He fought hard the Nizam's regime and the Razakar movement till Hyderabad was merged with the Union of India.

Dr. Channa Reddy was chosen to represent Hyderabad in the Provincial Parliament and caught the eyes and hearts of senior politicians like Shri Jawaharlal Nehru.

In the first general elections, he was elected to the Hyderabad State Legislature and served the State as Food and Agriculture Minister at a very hard time when there was food scarcity.

He worked hard in the internal conflicts between Telangana and Andhra and remained outside government from 1957 to 1962. After the 1962 elections, he rejoined the State Cabinet. However, he was soon called upon by Srimathi Indira Gandhi to join her Government at the Centre as cabinet minister in charge of Steel and mines. He had to resign his minister ship in 1968 owing to the judgment of Andhra Pradesh High Court.

In 1974, Dr. Reddy became Governor of Uttar Pradesh, the largest State in India, in deference to the wishes of Srimathi Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister. His services as Governor of the state are too well-known.

He relinquished his governorship in October 1977 to re-enter active politics. After the Assembly elections in 1978, he became the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. Wherever he was and whatever posts he held, he has always been working for the others' cause without any animosity against any party or person. He always keeps politics apart from his personal friendship and is of amiable disposition.

I wish him many more years of active political life for the benefit of the country.

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DR. SINHA

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December 24, 1978

It was sometime in 1940 – 41 when I visited Hyderabad and met my esteemed friend the late Dr. Bahadur Khan, the then Professor of Surgery in the Osmania Medical College, in his office, where I first saw a young medical student coming in to talk to his Professor. When he left, Prof. Khan told me in his good humour that this medico was Channa Reddy and in his good humour that this medico was Channa Reddy and mentioned that he was an intelligent student who took part in various extra-curricular activities, in all games and sports, and was a good organizer.

Later on, I learnt from my friends and colleagues from Hyderabad that Dr. M. Channa Reddy had taken to medical practice and was keenly alive to the political currents in the country. Dr. Channa Reddy hailed from Telangana under the Nizam's regime, which was considered backward educationally, socially and economically. Dr. Reddy had successfully finished his education with a brilliant academic career winning many scholarship and prizes. He passed his MBBS in 1941 at the age of 22 years, and had a bright future in the medical profession. In those prospective days he entered the political field and extended his services to the educational, social and political spheres. He was an active journalist in his early political career and later on became an MLA, state minister, central minister and then the Governor of Uttar Pradesh and now decorates the chair of the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, with a good reputation of an administrator and a statesman.

I came in closer contact with him, during his term of office as Governor of Uttar Pradesh and as Chancellor of our State Universities. I found him a non – conformist inasmuch as he did not contribute to any partisan chauvinism or obscurantism.

In university affairs, there was often a flare in his academics, which he put forward, sometimes with vehemence; but he always listened to and discussed different views before taking a final decision. He realized the intricacies of the problems of education in general, and medical education in particular, in U.P. and took studied action in upholding not only the standards of education but also the dignity and the autonomy of the universities.

He had some purposeful ideas in relation to medical education and often discussed with us the strategy of the fullest cooperation amongst the teachers and the other members of the medical profession and the public in the implementation of the rural health delivery programme. He visited different areas in the State with the medical teams. His keen interest in public health was a stimulant to the medical men as well as to the administrators.

As Governor of U.P. Dr. Channa Reddy was the President of the Indian Red Cross Society, U.P. Branch. He energised it and initiated various schemes to improve the financial and the organizational positions, and expanded the services of the organizational positions, and expanded the services of the organizational positions, and expanded the services of the Red Cross to every district of U.P. This has been a landmark in the U.P. Red Cross Society.

Some of his other activities involved active thinking on various civic and social affairs. He thought of the proper management of various religious institutions in the State. He had his own suggestions for the improvement of the management of the very many temples in U.P. I wish this scheme had taken proper shape.

Perhaps many people do not know that Dr. Reddy is a man of religion, an example of moral and spiritual training which characterises his individuality. He believes in discipline and devotion and is dedicated to the concept of secularism – that is no neglect or indifference to any faith, but respect for all, to uphold the dignity of mankind in keeping with the basic tenets of civilization, and the cultural heritage of India, in the philosophy of toleration and compassion. As such Dr. Reddy contributed for the removal of inequality – economic, social and religious. I believe that the approach to religion has the metaphysical, logical, spiritual and psychological aspects, which is progressive and emergent and I found Dr. Reddy an ardent follower of these values.

I remember having had his kind invitation to the Maha Kumbh Mela at Prayag during his stay in U.P. and it was gratifying to see the relevance of his practice and sentiments on this occasion.

The Osmania Medical College Golden Jubilee Celebrations held on June 2, 1978, which I had the privilege of attending, showed the patience and the toleration of the Chief Minister Dr.M. Channa Reddy, who kept on watching the demonstrations of the college students throughout the programme till his chance of addressing the assembly came. He gave such a befitting and sagacious reply that the entire student body became disciplined and repentant about their behavior. It was a real tactful handling by the chief minister.

The impact of Western thoughts, the essential international contact, and the renaissance in the literatures of Indian languages, demand that we should learn as many languages as possible to appreciate the soul of India. No wonder Dr. Channa Reddy expresses himself in different of linguistic communication in independent India.

I see in Dr. M. Channa Reddy a gentleman of erudition with aesthetic and ethical values, courtesy and consideration for everyone from different strata of society. I may mention here that on the Independence Day and the Republic Day parties given by the Governor, he used to go round and meet every invitee who relished this gesture of the Head of the State and felt as a Welcome guest.

Dr. Reddy has a happy home and his gracious wife acts as a hostess on various occasions justifying the maxim “The glory of the House is hospitality, the Crown of the House is Godliness “.

Greatness is the product of ability and opportunity; and for a person like Dr. Channa Reddy who has a rich, rewarding, multifacet career, I convey my sincere good wishes on his 61st birthday and pray that he may have the bounty of the Almighty to serve the people of this country and make his significant contributions in the very many years to come, with courage and conviction.

I congratulate the organisers of Dr. M. Channa Reddy Shashti poorthi Felicitation Committee in holding this function.

B.N. SINHA
