

# **Sharanabasaveshwar College of Commerce, Kalaburagi**

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Our institution was established in the year 1961 under aegis of Sharanabasaveshwar Vidya Vardhak Sangha Kalaburagi in the name of Sharanabasaveshwar who was a renowned Saint, Spiritualist, Humanitarian and socio-religious reformer of 19<sup>th</sup> century.

First of all, he practiced a simple and down to earth philosophy **Dasohambhava**, then he preached it to his followers. Common men and women surrounded him and mesmerized by the best practice adopted by him.

Dasoha means giving offering, rendering service, giving away wealth, possession to the poor, needy and destitutes from whatever is earned by fair and just means, that is Kayaka, and partaking some portion of it to others is dasoha.

Another significant meaning of dasoha is I am **Dasa**, servant to God for the greater cause of humanity.

Sharanabasava was born and brought up in a humble family of farmer. He was engaged in cultivation of his land at his youthful days. The very sight of hungry birds and animals moved him to the core. At once he decided to feed them food grains which was grown in his field. It was his contention that no creature, birds, beast including human beings should suffer from the starvation. He went on giving away to needy whatever he possessed. This simple and the best practice earned him a great name and fame in the surrounding region.

Meanwhile this region was badly affected by severe drought which was termed as “Dogi Bara”. A large number of people died due to starvation.

During that crucial time, Sharanabasava left his native village in order to do something to mitigate the pain and suffering of fellow human beings. He met landlords and philanthropists made an earnest appeal and persuaded them to contribute whatever resources that they had in order to launch mass feeding campaign that is Dasoha. Thus, he fed the hungry populace.

So Dasoha became the most cherished goal and **mission of his** life. After a few days he set out to Kalyan as a pilgrim.

On the way he came to Kalaburagi. He was received with great reverence and respect by the great humanitarian and luminary of place Adi DoddappaAppa. He beseeched Sharanabasava to stay at his house for a few days.

In the course of time Sharanabasavawas very much impressed by the flawless devotion of Adi DoddappaAppa and extended his stay and continued his Dasoha. One day an issueless devotee came to Sharanabasava asked him to bestow an issue upon him. Without a second thought he took the child of Adi DodappaAppa from the cradle and gave away to the **childless couple**.

Doddappa acknowledged the act of the saint without any flutter and pain. That made Sharanabasava to change his mind. He accepted Adi Doddappa as his disciple and set up **MahadosohaPeetha** at the Mahamane of Adi DoddappaAppa.

Sharanabasava the moving God on earth of common masses passed away after fulfilling his mission on earth. But he left behind a glorious legacy, that is, MahaDasohaPeetha. His disciple Adi DoddappaAppa became successor to MahaDasohaPeetha and carried out all those activities. The tradition was carried forward successfully by six Peethadhipatis.

The seventh **PeethatipatiDoddappaAppa** was a great visionary and man of modern outlook thought of disseminating **Jnana Dasoha** along with **Anna Dasoha**.

Sharanabaswar Vidya Vardhak Sangha (SBVVS) was established by him in 1903. It made a humble beginning in then the regime of Nizam of Hyderabad. **Gurukul schools** were started to provide fundamental education to children in mother tongue that is Kannada. It was a bold and unprecedented step in those days.

Later in the year 1918 he setup a **public library** in the heart of the city in order to create awareness when the struggle for independence had reached its peak.

In 1935 DoddappaAppa ventured upon to start primary school for girls, that too in Kannada medium when Urdu was official language of communication and administration. He paved the way for **women education and empowerment**. In the course of time a large number of educational institutions came up under SBVVS. In the year 2017 Sharnbasva University was established.

Dasoha Philosophy and Dasohaprinciple is the guiding spirit of our institution. Teaching, non teaching staff and students of our institution do follow and practice the **Dasoha ideology** with commitment.

In order to commemorate the fond memory of Lord Sharanabaswar there would be Jatra, Chariot Procession, a mega event every year in the month of March. Lakhs of devotees flock in from different parts of the country.

On this occasion, there would be **Anna Dasoha** and **Jnana Dasoha**. Teaching, non teaching staff and students reader service as volunteers. Students fulfill the task of providing

prasada, Anna dasoha to thousands and thousands of devotees under the guidance and supervision of teachers.

A series of lectures, public talks, Spiritual discourses would be organised. Teachers of our institution who are expert in the subject give lectures, talks and discourses. It is an act of disseminating knowledge and wisdom to devotees, thereby fulfill the task of Jnana Dasoha.

Sharavanmas is a holy month, in order to create spiritual awakening a month-long spiritual discourse are conducted. On this occasion also everyday thousands and thousands of devotees visit the shrine. In order to make the pilgrimage of the pilgrims meaningful and fruitful our staff helps them. In this way our institution is unique for its **community service** and **social obligation**.

It is Dasoha philosophy and down to earth practice which gave rise to MahaDasohaPeetha. Later under the patronage of PeethaSharanabasaveshwar Vidya Vardhak Sangha came into existence. In turn, our institution is the child of SBVVS. Dasoha philosophy and practice gains greater prominence. Hence it is deemed to be the most **distinctive area** and institution is functioning in that line of thought. There is sense of gratification and fulfillment as the preference in its priority and thrust area is addressed with **a sense of commitment**.