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Namaskaram,

It is well known that The First Telugu Katha in vyavahaarika bhaasha (“DiddubAtu” by Mahakavi Gurajada Apparao) was published in February, 1909. The entire Telugu literary world will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this historic event. I am happy to inform that Vanguri Foundation of America is organizing an International Event called “Telugu Katha Satha Vaarshikotsavaalu” in Hyderabad on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. We cordially invite you to attend this event.

On the occasion of this historic event, VFA will be publishing a comprehensive book

20వ శతాబ్దంలో అమెరికా తెలుగు కథానిక సరియ

అమెరికా తెలుగు సాహిత్యం పరిచయ గ్రంథం

This book is intended to summarize the evolution of Telugu Katha in North America during the last century and document experiences of first generation Telugu people to North America through as expressed through their literary efforts. In addition, it will also have a comprehensive list of creative writers and all those who made significant literary contribution to the growth of Telugu language & literature in North America to the extent possible.

This is to request your immediate response as follows for this special publication which will have two sections.

## **Section 1: Anthology of about 100 Telugu short stories.**

In this section, we will publish about 100 Telugu stories written and published by Telugu writers based in North America during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The publication can be in any media anywhere in the world. Selection criteria includes prize winning stories in any contest, stories with “diasporic” themes reflecting our experiences in North America as first generation immigrants and other literary merits. Final selection of the stories will be made by VFA.

### **Our request to you:**

If you wrote one or more Telugu short stories and published any where **during the 20<sup>th</sup> century**, please send us **two of your best or most popular short stories** for our consideration to be included in this book. Please include month/year and name of the magazine in which it was published in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Electronic submission of stories in PDF format is preferred.

## **Section 2: *America Telugu Sahitivettala Parichaya Grandham:***

In this section, we plan to show case Telugu creative writers and those who contributed significantly to the growth of Telugu literature in North America with brief bios, photo, list of articles (stories, poems etc.) and other literary accomplishments, including the past few years.

### ***Our request to you:***

Please send us **only a list of your stories, poetry and other literary articles** with dates of publication and magazine in which it was published, your biographical information and a photo. Please use the following formats for your bio data and list of publications. Please do not send details of any unpublished articles.

Electronic submission in Word (For English) or PDF (for Telugu), and JPEG for photo is preferred.

#### **Format for Bio Data**

Your Photo:

Your name:

Year of birth (Optional):

Native Place:

Current Address: (May not be published, but required information)

Your Contact: (E-mail or phone) to be published:

Short biographical information about you, year and place of birth, family, career, professional accomplishments, interests, etc.....maximum ten lines please....

#### **Format for List of your publications**

(There is no limit for number of items to be listed)

Title of each story/poem/essay/novel:

Month and Year Published:

Journal in which it was published

Any other special Literary Accomplishments:

Please note that any and all decisions about all issues with respect to publication of "20va SatabhamlO America Telugu Katha" will be by VFA and not subject to any negotiations.

**Last date to receive your input (List of articles, bio-data, photo etc)**

**November 25, 2008**

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