

**BRIEF NOTE ON PROF. SHRI P.S. RAMASWAMY
ENDOWMENT LECTURE – SIES BEST TEACHER AWARD**

(A) ABOUT SIES :

Education is like the Morning Sun. As the Sun rises and brightens up the entire stratosphere, so does right education, which brightens up thoughts, deeds, vision and makes life more prosperous and purposeful.

SIES, which has been at the forefront in the field of education for 79 years, presently imparting quality education through 14 disciplines, has adopted the creative Morning Sun as its icon and pledges its resolve to take the Nation further up, with its motto, 'RISE WITH EDUCATION'.

The South Indian Education Society. A symbol of quality and excellence in education since **1932**. That has as its bedrock, a distinct and enduring combination of social values and moral beliefs. A bedrock that in turn, forms the foundation of a spectrum of institutions – each one adapting those values to further their delivery of excellence.

Our journey began on a humble note in 1932. Today our footprint is spread across the city of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. We are diversifying our academic services to meet the contemporary needs. Technology is being imputed on a large scale to improve efficiency, availability and convenience.

Our institutional mission was set by our founder Shri M.V. Venkateshwaran in 1932.

“This Society should sincerely serve the cause of education needs of the common man of this cosmopolitan city.”

The South Indian Education Society, with its allied colleges and school has been a unique pathfinder for decades now. Excellence being its hallmark, the Institution has always strived to instill values, and practice rather than preach!

From basic sciences and arts to high-end technology, SIES colleges have a spectrum of courses across all spheres of education. No wonder, this highly esteemed institution has played host to some of the most eminent personalities.

- (B) **Principal P.S. Ramaswamy** joined the SIES Science College at Sion-West during its inception in 1960 and retired as Principal on February 28, 1987. Starting as a Lecturer in the Department of Economics he rose gradually to become the Head of the Department, the Professor In-charge of Morning College, Vice-Principal and Principal. The 10 years of his principalship were momentous. Under his guidance the Faculty of Commerce was added to the College and many new subjects introduced including Microbiology. The bifurcation of the institution into degree and junior colleges also occurred during this period. This was due to the policy decision of the government but the credit for the smooth metamorphosis achieved with a minimum of dislocation should go to the administrative team headed by Principal Ramaswamy. He is also remembered for the establishment of the Library for the visually challenged students.

During his years of leadership the college went from strength to strength in the quantity and quality of its achievements. Besides academic excellence he encouraged all round growth in fine arts, cultural activities and sports. A whole host of subject associations, cultural groups, seminars, youth festivals and competitions mushroomed and flourished in the college during his tenure. He also ensured the expansion of the college into several areas by setting up the computer center, the analytical laboratory besides the microbiology department and the commerce wing.

An academic to the core Principal Ramaswamy had complete command over every new development in his discipline. His performance as a teacher was phenomenal .

But greater than the teacher and the principal was the human being in him. His disarming simplicity, his approachability and his entirely unassuming nature had few parallels.

- (C) SIES is instituting **Prof. Shri P.S. Ramaswamy Endowment Lecture – SIES Best Teacher Award**. The **Eligibility and other Criteria** are laid down in the Application Form attached herewith. Please circulate this Form amongst your senior colleagues.

Prof. Shri P.S. Ramaswamy Endowment Lecture – SIES Best Teacher Award carries a CASH PRIZE of **Rs.50,000/-** and the AWARDEE will have to deliver the P.S. Ramaswamy Endowment Lecture at the award function.

The duly filled in and completed Forms should reach the SIES Society office i.e. to The Honorary Secretary, The South Indian Education Society, K.A. Subramaniam Road, Matunga, Mumbai – 400 019 **on or before 15th of January, 2012** or by email to drchandrak@siesedu.net or can be downloaded from SIES website www.siesedu.net or their respective college websites.

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Encl: Application Form attached.