

OM SRI SAI RAM

CONVOCATION DRAMA 2007

SCENE 1 - FAREWELL FUNCTION

(Immediately after the Cultural Programme)

Scene 1: Farewell Function

Dreams and realities can many times be far apart from each other. Sudheer, who has just passed out of the Junior College, dreams of becoming a doctor. However, Purushottam, his father, has lived through the grim realities of life. For a young man, to dream of his future is good, but to build castles in the air can be foolish. Especially, when there are no means to realise his dreams, dreaming can at best be an exercise in futile imagination. Will Sudheer's dream become a reality or does the destiny hold something else for him?

Vishwanath: (comes in clapping) Wonderful! Wonderful programme! You students have made us all proud. You have shown to one and all that if we work together, learn together and grow up with such an attitude, nothing is impossible to attain. Heaven is not an utopian wonder; it is a wonderful reality where each lives for the other and all live for God.

My Dear Students,

Dream... Don't ever give up your dreams and work hard to realise your dreams. As I pause and ponder about you noble students surging ahead with passion for the country, marching ahead with love for God in your hearts and His power in your hands, my cup of joy overflows.

And now I have a very pleasant duty to perform. Every year we reward the best student, who has proved his class in academics, talent and character. This year's best student is Sudheer Purushottam! (Claps all around)

(Sudheer comes up to the stage to receive the prize from sir)

(Vishwanath continues...)

Sudheer, many congratulations to you. Would you like to say something on this momentous occasion?

Sudheer: Thank you sir. I will strive my best to live up to your expectations. Sir, like a potter who moulds the clay into an object of beauty and utility, you teachers have given me your time, attention and affection and filled me with confidence to face the challenges of future. I would personally like to thank our beloved principal sir, Shri. Vishwanath Verma ji. I have read elevating stories of many gurus of yore. Today I can confidently say that I have seen one. Sir, you are my role model. (Goes and falls at his feet)

Vishwanath: God bless you son! Tell us, son what is your dream? How would you like to serve the people of this nation?

Sudheer: Sir I have a dream – a dream to become a doctor. A doctor can serve and also derive the joy of that service instantaneously. To win the trust of and see the smile of a cured patient, and be a beneficiary of his goodwill is a blessing that I want to experience.

Vishwanath: Indeed a very noble dream, Sudheer. The nation needs young professionals with such selfless attitude. May God be with you. (Turning to the audience) To you all, my children. Wish you all, the very best. God bless you!

(Purushottam walks up to Sudheer and Vishwanath.)

Sudheer: Sir I would like you to meet my father.

Purushottam: Sir, it is a wonderful privilege to meet you every time. You have made such a deep impact on Sudheer that he keeps talking about you. In fact, all students and parents feel that ever since you took over as principal here, Vidya Mandir Junior College has been transformed into a real temple of learning.

Vishwanath: You are flattering me, Purushottam. I should tell you that you must be a very proud father. Your son is very intelligent, talented and above all – humble. He has a very bright future ahead of him. I am sure he will become a doctor.

Purushottam: It is good to dream big, but...

Vishwanath: Set aside your worries, Purushottam. I know my Sudheer. Sudheer, in you I see my son whom I lost years ago.

Sudheer: Sir, I will never let you all down. Thank you sir.