



Emulate Chittoor district's legendary sons, youth told

Various events, award presentation mark district formation day

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Speakers at various events held on Sunday to mark the 108th formation day of Chittoor district lauded the sons of the soil for their contribution to national development.

Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI) observed the day by holding a lecture and presenting century awards to eminent persons.

Andhra Pradesh High Court judge and former Chairman of A.P. Commission for Backward Classes Justice D. Subrahmanyam said the district had produced legendary personalities who had made a mark in diverse fields and occupied enviable positions right from President of India Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan to Lok Sabha Speakers Madabhushi Ananthasayanam Ayyangar and Agarala Eswara Reddi, to Chief Ministers N. Chandrababu Naidu and N. Kirankumar Reddy.

He said the present generation and policy makers from the district should fol-



(From left) Former State RTI Commissioner Imtiyaz Ahmed, A.P. Backward Classes Commission former Chairman Justice D. Subrahmanyam, SVU Vice-Chancellor Avula Damodaram and AGRASRI founder D. Sundar Ram at an event in Tirupati on Sunday. • K.V. POORNACHANDRA KUMAR

low the ideals and vision of such leaders and draw inspiration from them.

Eight categories

The 'Chittoor district centenary awards' were presented in eight categories to Vignan University Chancellor K. Ramamurthy Naidu (Visishta Ratna), SVU Vice-Chancellor A. Damodaram (Vidya Shiromani), former State Information Commissioner Imtiyaz Ahmed (Nyaya Shiromani),

Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh former Chairman P.R. Mohan (Kreedha Shiromani), SVIMS Chief Medical Officer P. Shivasankar (Vaidya Shiromani), woman industrialist B. Rathna Reddy (Mahila Shiromani), MITS (Madanapalle Institute of Technology and Science) Sparkers (Yuva Shiromani) and TTD trust board former Chairman Chadalawada Krishnamurthy (special jury). Some were conferred in

absentia.

While appreciating AGRASRI for the series of annual programmes, several speakers also suggested to the government to support the institution to ensure its sustainability.

AGRASRI founder D. Sundar Ram, All India Radio (Tirupati) former station Director A. Malleswara Rao and AGRASRI treasurer D. Sucharitha were among those present.