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**‘Journalists need to understand common man’s suffering’**

N.Raju, President, State Working Journalists Association Opines

Mysuru, Aug.7-‘A good journalist should understand the pain and suffering of a common man and must respond in time, as journalists are basically social workers. Thousands of eyes watch us always and therefore we should be careful in our work’, said N.Raju, President of Karnataka State Working Journalists Association, Bengaluru.

He was delivering inaugural address of a media convention organized today by Brahmakumaris, Mysuru at their ‘Gyan Sarovar’ complex on Hunsur Road. The convention on topic ‘*Society and Mass Media*’ was attended by 160 media delegates from five districts.

Today you need a degree to be a journalist, but it is possible to be a mature journalist even without a degree. Brahmakumaris sisters are serving the society selflessly. They have organized this programme which the media academy and the Association should have arranged, opined N.Raju.

The Chairperson of The Media Wing of Brahmakumaris B.K.Karunaji in his keynote speech said that news is now in the fist of journalists. Even then he has to update the knowledge every now and then. If you can participate in a media conference arranged at Mount Abu you can experience the skill of mingling spirituality with journalism.

K.Deepak, President of Mysore District Journalists Association speaking as chief guest explained that even Mahatma Gandhi was a journalist and published newspaper through which he could share his sentiments with the public. The feelings of common man are more important than his reaction to a given incident. Even a citizen can become a journalist by sending news and photos through social media. But a good journalist will use his wisdom before publishing any news.

G.Rajendra, the Chief Editor of ‘*Shakti*’ newspaper in Kodagu said that journalists need to get united today. Nobody in the society should neglect us. We have to work hard but with self

respect. It is then that the society will identify us. We have to know that we as journalists have every right to get news from its rightful sources.

In the convention, journalists from five districts were honoured for their contribution to the profession. N.M.Mahadeva, Sub Editor of '*Mysooru Mithra*' from Mysuru, Akram Pasha of '*Vijayavani*' from Talakadu, N.V.Kumar, Editor of '*Pouravani*' from Mandya and Manu Shenoy, Editor of '*Kodagu Samachar*' from Virajpet were feted.

B.K.Shantanu Bhajji, HQ Coordinator of Media Wing, Mt. Abu explained the activities of Brahma Kumaris and Media Wing to the delegates.

B.K.Lakshmiji, chaired the convention and B.K.Ranganath, Principal of Rajyoga Research and Foundation compered.