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Prof. A. Munirathnam
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Prof. A. Munirathnam Reddy, Former Professor and Head, Dept. of Anthropology, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, was born on 01.07.1939 at Vakadu, a coastal village in Nellore Dist. A.P. He had his primary education at Vakadu and obtained a B.Sc. degree from V. R. College, Nellore. Later, Prof. Reddy joined the Department of Anthropology, Sagar University, M.P. for a Master's Degree. He obtained M.Sc. in the year 1961. Later he joined for Ph.D. programme in Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, under the guidance of Prof. N. S. Reddy and obtained his Ph.D. in 1972. Before awaiting for his Ph.D., he joined as a lecturer in the

same Department in 1961 and later he has joined as a Founder Faculty member at Sri Venkateswara University in 1971. His areas of research include tribal studies, sacred cultures, population anthropology, women studies etc. Prof. Reddy served as UGC-SAP coordinating successfully for three years. Prof. Reddy was known as outstanding Teacher, Researcher and Administrator. He has published several research papers and guided several students. His main focus was "Teaching Methods" in Anthropology. Prof. Reddy was course writer for Anthropology, both in English and Telugu medium. Notable contribution of Prof. Reddy was to train many IAS and Civil Service aspirants / students. And to his credit, a number of students became Civil servants in different states. Prof. Reddy breathed his last, on 30th Jan 2025 at his native village Vakadu. Prof. Reddy's services are remembered for ever in different Anthropology Departments in A.P.

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THE CENTENNIAL CANVAS

Department of Anthropology
(1920-2019)

University of Calcutta

*A Documentary Film by
Nabakumar Duary*

About the Documentary Film

The University of Calcutta (Established 1857) incorporated Anthropology into its curriculum of Ancient History and Culture in 1918. In 1920, it had become an independent subject for students pursuing Master's courses. The Department of Anthropology established,

and led by renowned scholars who brought significant recognition and success to the Department, making it the oldest in Asia. Over the years, the Department has been home to many illustrious personalities, This is a leading Anthropology Department in India, studying the main three branches of anthropology from its inception. The Anthropology Department has a hundred years of glorious past and achieved many academic accolades globally. This documentary depicts the centenary passage of the Department as a commemorate 100-year journey from 1920-2019.

*Concept, Research & Direction: Dr Nabakumar Duary
Cinematography: Khan Sanjib; Language: English
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