Dr. R. Sudharani of Tirupati, has donated Rs. 5 lakhs for the Srikrishna-Sudama Scheme in the name of her father, Prof. Rallapalle Raghava Naidu, an eminent chemist and teacher. Known for his honesty, simplicity, sincerity, and humanitarian & moral values, he became a role model for his students and family members.

Prof. Raghava Naidu, born in 1935, belonged to Chittoor district, did his honours degree and masters in Chemistry at S.V. University, Tirupati, and spent most of his career in the same university. Later Prof. Raghava Naidu was chairman, A.P. College Service Commission.

At the university, Prof. Raghava Naidu guided 25 students in research and published 65 research papers in national and international journals. He participated in several national and international conferences and seminars. He was honoured with Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) in 1997, Best Teacher Award in 1998 and made a Fellow of Indian Chemical Society.

Sri Raghava Naidu was married to Dondapati Sumathi, the daughter of freedom fighter Ellappa Naidu of Chittoor District. Their son Dr. R.V. Sivarama Prasad (AIIMS, New Delhi) and Dr. Sudharani, head of Sri Sai Sudha Multispeciality Hospitals, Tirupati, are both eminent doctors. His children are running the Rallapalle Raghava Charitable Trust in his name and doing several welfare programmes for aged persons and the needy poor people.