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It will be held at Shivayoga Mandir

in Badami taluk

HUBLI: A five-day event at Shivayoga Mandir in Badami taluk of Bagalkot district will mark the centenary celebrations of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha and Sri Shivayoga Mandir.

State general secretary of the mahasabha B.S. Vagish Prasad, Hubli city unit president Malleshappa Wali and other office-bearers, including Anil Kavishetti, P.M. Hooli and Srikanth Kerur, told presspersons here on Sunday that the centenary celebrations that would begin on April 9 would also mark the coming together of all religious heads and leaders belonging to Veerashaiva Lingayata communities.

They said that during the five-day event, literary convention, conventions of women, ayurveda doctors, youth and religion, and a convention on education would be held. There would also be special lectures and cultural programmes, they said.

Mr. Vagish Prasad said a host of seers, including Sri Shivakumar Swamiji of Siddaganga Math, would be participating in the inaugural session of the celebrations. Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa and the former Union Minister M.V. Rajasekharan would also be participating in the inaugural ceremony, he said.

He said the mahasabha had taken a decision to appeal to the community members to register their caste as "Veerashaiva Lingayata" during the Census 2011.

To a query, he said the mahasabha was trying to bring together all religious heads of "panchacharya peethas" and "virakta peethas" of the community on one platform as it was of the opinion that it would lead to development of the community.



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