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Dhanurmasam Celebrations - HH Sri Swamiji at Khammam.

HH Sri Swamiji conducted Dhanurmasam programme at Khammam from Dec 15th to Jan 14th. Every day nearly 8 to 10 thousand people attended the discourses of HH Sri Swamiji. In the morning, after performing Goda Ashtoththaram and Sevakalam, HH Sri Swamiji gave discourses on Mundako:panishad. People used to come in the fog and mist during the early hours of the day to take part in the morning programmes. In the evenings, Thiruppavai discourses were conducted after Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana. These discourses influenced the local people who are very new to such a spiritual experience! They have expressed a lot of gratitude towards Swamiji for having enlightened them with many many secrets and facts of all the aspects of life, revealing the purpose of life, what to ask God, what is the purpose of doing all the regular activities according to sasthanas, how sasthanas are the authentic sources, how should we live better to make our lives really worth etc.,

A number of people, utilised all their holidays of their work and spent their time and resources in the holy company of the activities of HH Sri Swamiji. It is said that in the recent times after independence, this is the only biggest spiritual programme conducted ever in Khammam. A number of devotees and philanthropists came forward and joined together to form a team with Srman Ramarao in conducting the programme extremely well, though Srman Ramarao is the whole and sole highly devoted soul who made his life mission of bringing HH



Sri Swamiji to Khammam for a period of 30 golden days and he was responsible for bringing different people together to participate in the noble task.

On 14th Jan 04 after completing Goda Kalyanam at Khammam, HH Sri Swamiji left directly to Hyderabad by road, to conduct the Goda Kalyanam at Hyderabad too where several thousands of devotees are waiting for HH Sri Swamiji's arrival. The programme went on extremely well.

On 18th Jan 04, an award giving function called "Go:pa:lo:pa:yanam" in the name of U.Ve. Vidwan late T.K. Gopalacharya Swami, which will be organised every year, has been organised that confers the title on the scholar who rendered his yeoman services to the Vedic tradition throughout his life. A cash award of Rs.50,000/- along with the citation is presented to Srman Venkatacharya from Rajahmundry who is a great Ubhayavedantha scholar, a close disciple of U.Ve. Sri T.K. Gopalacharya Swami who is also the Guru of HH Sri Swamiji. The programme went on extremely well in which more than 3000 Vedantha lovers participated. HH inaugurated the book reprinted on Bhagavadgitha commentary translated into simple telugu by Sri Gopalacharya Swami, that stands as the most authentic version from the tradition.

HH Sri Swamiji proceeded towards interior North of Andhrapradesh, to conduct various Githa Jyothi Dharmakshethram programmes. Each Dharmakshethram is a common programme where people from atleast 108 villages assemble to take an oath of

Githa Jyothi praying Lord Krishna for the good of the society. The Dharmakshethram programmes are organised on consecutive days and HH moved from place to place to motivate the people and teach them the principle truths "Serve all beings as service to God", "Worship your own-Respect All".

ALLAMPALLI - ADILABAD, FIRST TRIBAL SCHOOL OPENING 26 JAN

HH was received with great honour and joy by the people of Utnur area. On 25th when HH Sri Swamiji arrived in the evening, those local tribal groups of people took HH Sri Swamiji with joy and happiness through the dense & dark areas with the glow of their lights, also in their hearts and faces, performing traditional Bhajans and dances, marking the beginning of the dawn in the dark lives of those tribal areas. On 26th morning, HH Sri Swamiji inaugurated the Jeeyar Gurukulam - A tribal school where tribal children will be motivated to learn. This school teaches them right from the fundamentals the high valued education, laying foundations step by step, leading them to the successful education at par with that of the modern society. They were also provided with latest education equipment for easy learning and sustaining interest in gaining knowledge, rather than going on for earning at the tender age. HH Sri Swamiji is also providing computer to teach those children with the latest media and techniques. About 250 children participated in the programme and expressed their immense joy to Sri Swamiji for starting a wonderful school in such a remote area as this, for the sake of tribal welfare. Of course, this is an interior place, where no government people ever dare to enter. Of course, they care little to take risk in providing facilities to tribals in these areas. Jeeyar Gurukul is going to act as a light house of knowledge and power house of intensive educational activity to produce gems from the stones.

After School building was

inaugurated, Republic Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony was conducted by HH Sri Swamiji. The two national songs were sung by one and all. Tribal School Teachers, who were earlier trained by JET have taken the responsibility with utmost dedication to the noble cause of educating them. As the first batch, 100 students were admitted. Students will be provided free food and education along with all the education material required for their study. JET members, Sriman J Rameswara Rao and Sri Ramachandra Reddy, Sriman Purushoththama Rao along with other members and Hyderabad VT Co-ordinator Sriman Kalkiavatharam and others have participated in the inaugural function.

Thousands of Tribal people came from far remote villages and forest around to witness this great happening. They all expressed joy and a sigh of deep gratitude towards HH Sri Swamiji's commitment to the promise he made during the earlier visit. In the message, HH said that independent India should come out of the shackles of the alien impositions and rejuvenate the inner strength by empowering every one with the wizard of Value based Education to carve the complete character of the child, but not just conventional marks-oriented literacy. HH conducted the first class to the children by conducting the prayer to God and started teaching the fundamentals, also by writing on the black board.

In the serene natural atmosphere, Allampalli village was dressed with the new colours of spiritual elevation and support from Divine Blessings of HH Sri Swamiji that was felt by all the people. JET USA played significant role in making a mark in greatly promoting this project of Tribal schools, for which the endeavour of members of JET Bharat joined to strengthen the activity. Very soon many such schools are about to be started in the interior and remote areas where there is actual need of education and moral

support from the wellwishers of the modern society. Though Governments have different plans and good resources they are not reasonably successful in implementing the Tribal schools especially in the remote areas because it needs voluntary commitment and dedication to the cause for the working personnel to face the challenges in motivating Tribal people and educating them in a right way. The inspiration, motivation, education and support provided by HH Swamiji to the dedicated volunteers selected from among the tribal regions themselves, to work in this project has proved highly successful.

About Rs.45 Lakhs were spent to commence this project with minimum building and other simple facilities, Its maintenance comes to about Rs.1 lakh per month including free boarding, lodging, clothing, office, teaching and non teaching staff maintenance and other facilities provided to the Tribal children. Infact, Governments and dedicated hearts for social service should support such noble activities. JET has shouldered the heavy responsibility facing every odd and God takes the responsibility, to implement His mission through His instruments.

JET New Jersey Chapter Activities:

Activities of Vikasa Tarangini -

Oznam Family Shelter at Edison NJ has given us the first Sunday of every month to provide meals. The dinner has to be provided to about 80 people. For our first provide-a-meal program on Jan 4, 2004, twenty five families provided the food and six people served at the center. Sri Jeeyar Swamiji sent His Managalasasanams via live telebridge conference to all the participants and appreciated the New Jersey team to putting 'Serve all Beings as Service to God' motto of Githa Jyothi. On Dec 22, 2003,

meals were provided at Bishop Crosgrove Center, Cleveland in a similar event.

Prajna Learning Centers -

Prajna center classes are continuing as usual. About 25 students participate in Music, Telugu and Yoga classes in New Jersey. About 100 students enjoy the divine Prajna classes in California. Prajna WDC kids are learning at a fast rate. Members of NJ team are eagerly looking forward for the arrival of resident Acharya. Sri Jeeyar Swamiji agreed to send one as soon as possible. Music students are getting prepared for a performances.

Thaththva Kala:sa:la in US -

Sri Santaramji conducted classes for Yoga, Tiruppavai and Sloka chantings on a daily basis. Many devotees participated in these activities. Sri Lakshmi Narayana pujas were conducted and discourses are also delivered. This is helping us in bringing the awareness of our activities to many new people. Volunteers are planning for many activities, around the world, in the coming year.

JET California, Vikasa Tarangini and Sri Ashta Lakshmi Narayan Temple of Greater Houston, JET Florida, JET WDC, JET Australia- Melbourne, JET Australia - Sydney, JET Singapore, JET New Zealand and several JET/Vikasa Tarangini centers worldwide celebrated various events as part of the *Dhanurma:sa Vrata Maha:thsava* including mass chanting of *Thiruppa:vai*, *Sri Vishnu Sahasrana:mam*, *Vaikunthha Eka:dasi* celebrations and lighting up of several lamps and offering them to Lord, praying for world peace.

With the blessings of HH Sri Swamiji, Bhakthi Nivedana Channel Partners are actively working in spreading the message of Bhakthi Nivedana and educating the masses.

Jai Srimannarayana !