



After returning from a nice tour to US we were now in Chaturmasya Diksha since 12th August 03 at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.

After the US Trip, we landed back in India for Pushkaram celebrations of river Godavari.

Scriptures say that each planet stays in each constellation for some time according to its pace of movement and it thus passes through all the 12 constellations. Planet Jupiter also covers all the 12 constellations once for every 12 years.

While Jupiter stays in a particular constellation, a particular river on the Earth gets sanctified by the presence of his son 'Pushkara'. Along with Pushkara all the gods including Bramha will stay sanctifying the whole river and its surrounding areas. There are 12 rivers identified so, which get specially sanctified by Pushkar and the group of gods, one river every year.

What happens to the river ?

Not only that water of the river gets sanctified, all the trees, plants and animals along the belt of the river get specially energised. Though the effect will be there throughout the year the impact will be more during first 12 days and last 12 days. People take a dip in the waters to get the virtues of taking bath in the river. Offering Vedic alms during Puskhara period, to the departed souls, all those known, is considered auspicious. So people from

different corners of the world go to the river and take the dip and also does the Vedic rites on the bank of the river.

Wherever the river flows, it is considered equally important. Taking the prominent place only, to take the dip is not right. Ganga is holy at Haridwar, Hrushikesh, Yamuna at Brundavan, Godavari at Rajahmundry, Krishna at Vijayawada, Cauvery at Srirangam etc. Most of the people are used to go there. This doesn't mean that taking a dip at some other place in the same river is not that auspicious. That is wrong. The whole river belt areas will have equal importance and some places may have greater historical importance because of great Temples or because great sages/ saints stay there.

For this year, Jupiter entered into Leo, river Godavari got sanctified by the presence of Pushkar. Because of Pushkar, the celebration itself became popular as Pushkaram. Also Pushkar is being used instead of 12. Pushkar celebration is more popular only at Rajahmundry. This year we enlightened the public with the importance of the river, how we pray to river and keep it holy. We performed Bramha Yagnas for the first five days at Rajahmundry and next 7 days in a North western Tribal district of Adilabad, in a village called Manchirial from where river Godavari comes in.

In both the places it was celebrated wonderfully by heavy participation and the Yagnas took place very well. 15,000 to 20,000 people took



food every day. Government of Andhra Pradesh and many other organisations too participated in the programmes voluntarily and supported it. The only great change observed during this Pushkara celebrations at Rajahmundry is that there was a very big competition among a number of Spiritual organisations conducting various programmes!

At Manchirial, Pushkara celebration programmes went on very well. Many people concentrated on Rajahmundry and it was falsely announced too by some organisations that Godavari Pushkaras means it is only at Rajahmundry. People should know why and what from the right source, "Sa:sthras" or from the Acharyas of Vedic lore. People at Manchirial have taken a dip in the sanctified river Godavari during Pushkara 12 days. Bramha Yagna has been conducted so well there. People not only listened to the discourses, but also tried to implement the great practices taught by Sa:sthras. They even took pledge that they live in harmony and in service of society as service to God.

After Manchirial programme, we directly came to Vizag to start Chaturmasyam. Recently, JET has been allotted 7 acres of land just on the banks of the Bay of Bengal, 10 Km away from Vizag on the Bhimli road. It is in the middle of the hill wherefrom we can enjoy the unpolluted wonderful breeze constantly purifying the whole area. The only problem is the odour of the fish from 9 am to around 2 pm, making people feast on them.

As this is a quite new place, the devotees of JET, VT in VIZAG made wonderful arrangements just in one month for conducting our Chaturmasyam. Our programmes have

commenced and all our Vedic students join here to vibrate the whole atmosphere with the Divine Vedic sounds. As the Bay of Bengal is connected directly to the ocean, the waves of sounds reach the west bay area of US also !

Water is generally called 'VARI' in sanskrit. Water is source of life. As it is said " *apa e:va sasarja:dow tha:su vi:ryamapa: srujath.* ." God released water first and allowed all the life to emanate from the water. So, all the creatures came out of water and hence they are called 'Va:rija:'s. We also came like that. So, we want the forth coming Institute in this place as 'VARIJA' which stands for Veda Adhyayana and Research Institute of Jeeyar Asramam.

Discourses are going on every evening between 5 and 6.30 and so many other events are also taking place as a routine.

We hope that you too join us, some with physical presence... and some in their divine hearts. However, let us try to be in touch through our activities and this magazine. Our contact phone number is 91-8933-224325.

If we are sincere, committed, pure at heart, God leads us to the good and we find ourselves participating in divine activities. We will be automatically promoted to the higher states of spirituality. Let us all seek Him, instead of doing things expecting for what all He gives. Whatever He gives is for our good.

We offer our Mangalasanams to you all for good wealth and health to be in the service of His devotees and thus in His service.

Jai Srimannarayana !

