

OUR ACHARYA

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His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Sriman Narayana Ramanuja Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji is the current day teacher in a lineage of teachers that starts with God, *Sri:man Na:ra:yana* Himself. HH Sri Jeeyar Swamiji brings to us the True eternal knowledge that has been handed by the Lord to Goddess *Sri:Lakshmi:*, and then through an unbroken chain of great teachers through the great *Bhagavad Ra:ma:nuja:cha:rya*, eventually being passed on to himself. He perhaps embodies, more than anyone else, the true spirit of that divine Vedic Knowledge, which he provides to us solely out of His compassion for all beings.

Sri Jeeyar Swamiji took to the ascetic order when he was just 23 years old, in the year 1980. For the past 24 years, he has been the torchbearer of the Vedic Religion, sharing it with people of all races, castes, creeds and backgrounds for the benefit of them and this world. He has consistently preached the message of universal love, devotion to God, and service to fellow beings, with the recognition that every individual has talents and skills that can be put to good use in God's service for the benefit of society as a whole. It will not be an exaggeration to say that He has perhaps been the leader in the past hundred years who truly



exemplifies the teachings of *Sri: Ra:ma:nuja:cha:rya* and strives to bring it to anyone who has a desire to learn.

Sri Jeeyar Swamiji is a master in the *Ve:das*, *Upanishads* and *Sri:mad Bhagavad Gi:tha*, as well as in the the diving outpourings of the *A:Iw:ar* saints. His scholarliness is only matched by his deep regard for the emotional and spiritual well being of everyone, making it possible for him to explain what would otherwise be very difficult concepts, in a simple and practical way, without compromising on the depth of thought contained in the ancient wisdom. His commentary on *I:sa:va:syo:panishad* is just one



example of this unique ability to share sublime messages in a way that is available to anyone.

In addition to his vast scholarly knowledge, Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji has established many programs over the years to serve humanity. Some of the key programmes include:

- (i) *Vika:satarangini* – a youth movement dedicated to serving all fellow beings in need.
- (ii) School the blind children.
- (iii) Jeeyar Gurukul Schools - Education for the needy – a programme that includes schools for the tribal children in rural India
- (iii) Saving and propagating Vedic Scriptures and their ancillaries, ancient religious scriptures, and creating schools for teaching and publishing these almost extinct sources of knowledge,
- (iv) mass Prayers with lakhs of people, for the good of the world.

His Holiness' concern for the devotees of the Lord is unique. In spite of many obstacles, He travels all over the world to spread the message of Service to All Beings as Service to God.

We are all fortunate to be on this earth when such a living saint as His High Holiness Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji is there for us. Let us all strive to support his activities, follow his teachings and fulfill the true purpose of our lives.

Jai Sriman Narayana!

