

Bhagavad Ramanuja on knees climbing up Tirumala Hills

Bhagavad Ramanuja is a unique revolutionary philosopher who dedicated his whole life in service of the society propagating the essence of Vedic injunctions. He practiced the highest standards of spiritual values and taught the same to the common people by setting a practical example ! He is an incarnation of the "Aadi Sesha" the Divine serpent of Lord Vishnu. For us the seven hills of Tirupathi are just huge heaps of rocks and Earth. But, for Ramanuja, every stone and every inch of the Divine hills appeared like "Saalagraama", the stone form of God.

Ramanuja went to visit Lord Sri Venkateswara and felt that his feet should not touch the sacred hills. So, he tied his legs back bending them to knees and climbed up all the seven hills with his knees, prostrating again and again to every stone and tree on the way, as the divine form of Lord. His faith and commitment were uncomparable and immeasurable.

After reaching there, he had the Darsan of Lord Srimannarayana in the form of Sri Srinivasa. He reinstated Sankha(Divine Conch) and Chakra (Divine Discus) to Lord after establishing the fact that it was none else than Lord Narayana. Everybody was thrilled at the great devotion of Bhagavad Ramanuja. The glory of Sri Venkateswara as proved by 12 Puranas was re-established. All the scholars and the devotees including those who argued with ignorance and arrogance in the beginning, later realised their mistake and felt extremely happy at the great divine exercise undertaken by Bhagavad Ramanuja. It is a glorious point in the history of Tirumala.

Such sacred Tirumala is being converted to a resort place and a tourist centre for enjoyments and pleasure pursuits instead of developing it to enrich its spiritual values, impart the glory of traditional culture, inspire and educate pilgrims to elevate their spirit of commitment and faith. This is due to the **wrong notion** that only monetary benefits and 'mechanisation' in the lines of corporate business culture is the measure of development. Negligence, ignorance, due to incompetence, slothfulness of the responsible authorities and also the government is playing vital role in ruining such spiritual values established by our great Acharyas.

Every blast and every beat hitting the divine hills even today, is severely injuring the hearts of devotees who are enduring with ultimate patience and faith on God. Protectors of tradition and culture are confronting with the heavy blows from the wicked, jealous non-traditionalists. The sense of spiritual heritage and moral values are on the edge of pain and suffering. Even under such situation, it is only the divine Mangalasanams of Acharya Bhagavad Ramanuja that Lord Srinivasa is still blessing the desires of the devotees. The Sri Chakra installed by Sri Ramanuja is protecting the sanctity and prosperity of the sacred shrine Tirumala. Ramanuja's sannidhi within inner Tirumala temple itself shows how much reverence God gave to his Acharya, which He ordained through the kings, in those days.

The great devotion and services of Bhagavad Ramanuja were recognised by the whole world. Last 1000 years of history, spread glory stands proof of it.