



J.E.T. NEWS

The releasing of VCDs and books on *Ma:nasa saro:vara -Kaila:sa Ya:thra.*

H.H. had undertaken a historic expedition to Ma:nasasaro:var and Mt, Kaila:s with a team of thirty nine members, in-between 22nd June and 14th July. The team included Sriman Mukkamala Appa rao and six others from U.S.A. Arrangements were made to record that historical trip. Immediately after triumphantly returning from *Ma:nasa saro:vara-Kaila:s Ya:thra*, H.H. had announced that the details of the *Ya:thra* would be brought out to everyone in the form of VCDs and books, at the earliest. Many were earnestly waiting for the release of the said VCDs and books. The much awaited *Ma:nasasaro:vara-Kaila:s Ya:thra* VCDs and books were simultaneously released in Sithanagaram and Hyderabad on 5th of October.

The said VCDs and books were released in the divine presence of H.H. in a colorful function in Sithanagaram. That grand function started impressively with the

welcome address by Kum Sarada, Vedic chants of the Vedic students and devotional songs by chi Srikantha:charyulu and chi Ya:dgiri. The event was admirably anchored by Sriman Gudimella Murali Krishnama:charyulu. Sriman Paparayudu, Sriman Vishal gupta, Srimathi M, Sandhya Rani and Sriman T.S.N.Raju who had accompanied Sri Swamiji to *Ma:nasasaro:vara-Kaila:s* were present on the occasion. They wonderfully narrated their experiences to the audience.

Sriman Chalapati rao (chairman of T.T.D) released the VCDs. Sriman J. Rameshwar rao (J.E.T. chairman) released the books that tell about the historical pilgrimage. Srimati Chitra Madavan had arrived from U.S.A. as the chief-guest of the function. The audio CDs titled Geetha-jyothi Sandesa:lu were released by Sriman Gangaraju, Sriman Murali-Krishnamraju (the chairman of MA: TV) and Srimathi Chitra

Madhavan (secretary J.E.T.-U.S.A).

Speaking on the occasion H.H. clearly declared that "**even if the politicians and the Government do not keep up their promises in supporting this *Gi:tha: Jyo:thi* a movement for social cause, our movement Geetha-Jyothi will be successful. Even T.T.D has not come forward. The VT volunteers have always done whatever we want them to do. They will make this movement successful and we have no doubt about that**", amidst loud cheers and applause. Sri Swamiji's discourse was aimed at inspiring the VT volunteers and devotees to continue their good work. Sri-Swamiji's discourse was well received by the audience.

The said VCDs and books were simultaneously released in Hyderabad J.E.T. Sriman P.V.R K. Prasad (I.A.S) released the VCDs and books. Srimati J.Srikumari was the president of that event.

The VCDs are exquisitely pictured by Sriman P.Venkata charyulu (Ramanujavani), wonder fully edited and presented by Sriman Krishnamacharyulu (computers). Sriman Gudimella

Murali-Krisnnama: charyulu has written the Telugu script. Sriman Ka:misetty Srinivas has rendered the audio commentary for Telugu VCDs. Sriman M.C. Das has rendered the audio commentary for the English VCDs. Sriman Gudimella Venugopa:la:charyulu had organized the entire trip with great care.

The said VCDs and books can be procured from JET-USA, JET. Sithanagaram or Hyderabad.

PANDITHA SABHA

(A philosophical seminar in which many well-versed scholars participate.) The *Panditha-sabha* of Vijaywada is more popular as *Vijayawada-sabhalu*. Forty years ago H.H. Tridandi Pedda Srimannarayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji Maharaj and U.Ve T.K.Gopala:charya Swamiji had instituted this *sabha*, under the aegis of Ubaya-Vedanta:charya peetam. Right from its inception this *sabha* is being held uninterruptedly every year. This year the said *sabha* was held in the divine presence of H.H. at JEEYAR EDUCATIONAL TRUST in Sithanagaram between 9th and 12th of October.

Maha:maho:padhyaya U. Ve. Sriman Raghunatha:charya Swami

presided the sabha and nearly thirty three reputed scholars participated in the sabha and delivered lectures on *Chha:ndo:gya* Upanishad, *Bramha su:thra:s* and *Thiruva:y mozhi*. This *sabha* concluded on 12th of october.

SAMI: POOJA

According to the tradition Universal mother Lakshmi will be decorated and worshipped in various ways for nine days during *Dussera*. On the ninth day She will be worshipped in Her all merciful form as a *Semi* tree. The *Semipooja* was performed in the Sithanagaram ashram under the leadership and guidance of H.H. on the 15th of October.

INAUGURATION OF THE NEW THADIA:RA:DHANA SALA:

The new gateway, *Thadia:ra:dhana sa:la* (dining hall) and cow sheds which were constructed recently in the Sithanagaram ashram were inaugurated on the 16th of October in the all sanctifying presence of Sri-Swamiji. Sriman Pathu:ri Nagabhushan (chairman of Guntur zilla parishad) was the chief-guest of the day. Sriman Gangaraju (J.E.T. member) was also present on the

occasion.

TEACHERS TRAINING CAMP FOR TRIBALS

During one of His preaching tours H.H. visited the tribal areas of Karimnagar and Adilabad districts. H.H. was moved by the pathetic conditions prevailing over there. Those people are still living in pitiable conditions. Most of these tribals depend on the rain fed crops for their sustenance. There are no schools, sanitation or medical facilities available in those areas. In some of these villages the kids have to walk at least five kilometers to attend the nearest school. H.H. was greatly disturbed at the mere sight of their plight. Though the government is allocating large sums every year for the development of these areas, they are not reaching the real beneficiaries.

H.H. felt an urge to do something or the other to uplift those downtrodden people. Lack of education is the main cause of their present plight. As most of the people are very poor they have to work everyday to merely sustain them. It is very difficult for them to educate their children. Hence Sri-Swamiji decided to open six

primary schools to begin with, in both the districts (i.e. four in Karimnagar and two in Adilabad). Sri-Swamiji proposed to provide free hostel and education facilities to the tribal children in these schools. Even as H.H. announced His plan to open the schools in those tribal areas Sriman ch. Vidya Sagar rao (one of the ministers of the central government) promised to provide assistance according to his might for this noble cause. H.H. decided to go ahead with His plans to establish the proposed schools.

Many qualified people and a vast amount of monetary wealth are required to establish these schools. With the assistance of Sriman Namilikonda Ramana:charyulu and some local people, fifty educated and unemployed youth were recruited as the teachers of the proposed schools. Efforts are being made to mould them as efficient teachers in a training camp. The Lecturers who experienced in the field of Modern teaching techniques are teaching them the innovative ways to teach the students. These recruits are also being trained in Stotra:s, Sanskrit, Computers, Homeopathy and physical education along with the regular subjects, as these subjects are also included in the curriculum of the proposed schools.

It is not a easy to get six schools constructed, to maintain all these teachers and the children, provide education, books and other paraphernalia to the children and to give the required salaries to the teachers. One needs a huge sum to do all these things. Even the promised assistance is yet to come. In spite of that H.H. in His usual way says, “when you are selflessly serving the society you need not be bothered about anything. The all-merciful Supreme Lord will inspire someone from somewhere to assist you in performing your service activities.” Amazingly time and time again His saying has come true. It is everybody’s duty to assist H.H. in this noble cause. Those who are interested in providing assistance can mail to us or contact J.E.T. Sithanagaram for further details.

The teacher training camp for the future teachers of the proposed tribal schools is going on at JEEYAR EDUCATIONAL TRUST in Sithanagaram.

GI:THA: JYO:THI

Reports of Geetha-Jyothi’s success and its impact on the people are coming from all the Vikasa-Taranginis in Andhra-pradesh, Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Orissa..

THIRUNAKSHATHRA MAHO:THSAVAM

Di:pa:vali is one of the great festivals for the people who profess *Sana:thana-Dharma*. However it is the greatest festival for all the people, who are connected with our institution because our most beloved Swamiji descended to this planet, on that day. H.H. appeared on the most auspicious day of festival of lights in the year 1956, as a leading light to millions of people, in this age of ignorance. This year that auspicious day fell on 4th Nov. The appearance day of a great personality is called as *Thirunakshathram*, in the tradition. Usually the *Thirunakshathram* celebrations of H.H. will go on for a week. This year the celebrations were planned from 4th to 9th of Nov.

The entire institution was in its festive spirit from the 1st of Nov. Hundreds of people had started to gather to participate in the celebrations. All the students and intimate disciples of H.H. had assembled much in advance. JEEYAR EDUCATIONAL TRUST in Sithanagaram was filled with reverberations of Vedic-chants and cheerful faces. Everyone was eagerly waiting for the celebrations to begin. The actual celebrations

started much before Dawn, on the 4th of Nov. The day began with the most auspicious Vedic-chants. As planned earlier H.H. finished *Thi:rttha-ghostti* and came to the dais, which was specially, erected for the celebrations, by 9.00 am. Thousands of people had gathered near the dais by then.

H.H. Alagiya Manavala Jeeyar of Kanchipuram and H.H. Sampath Kumara Jeeyar also had arrived to grace the occasion. It was a rare sight to see three Jeeyar-Swamijis on the same platform. Sriman Pa:thuri Nagabhushan (chairman of Guntur zilla parishad), Sriman G. Gangaraju (J.E.T. secretary), Sriman Dr. Rameshwar rao (J.E.T. chairman) Sriman Veeriah (Vice president of Vikas Tarangini) along with many Vedic scholars were also present on the stage. The event began with the auspicious Vedic chants. The event was well anchored by Sriman Dr. Rameshwar rao. All the dignitaries who spoke on the occasion lauded Sri Swamiji's contribution to *Sana:thana Dharma* and glorified Him with choicest words. All of them referred to H.H. as the reincarnation of Bhagavad-Ramanuja.

Six years ago an award titled “**Jeeyar Puraska:r**” was instituted to honor a great scholar for his contribution towards the development of Vedic education, on this occasion. This year Bramhasri G.K. Ramamurthy Avadhani Avl of Tirupati received this prestigious honour from H.H. along with an honorarium of fifty thousand rupees. Three new books titled *Maithra:yini* (part 2), *Maho:thsavams* and *Sri:pathi shthuthi ma:la* (all of them are in Telugu) were also released on the occasion. *Sna:thako:thsavam* (convocation ceremony) for the students who have graduated from our Vedic-university is customarily performed on this auspicious day. This year one student from *Rig-Ve:da*, three students from *Attharva-Ve:da*, three students from *Sukla-Yajur-Ve:da*, four students from *Divya Prabandham* and eight students from *Thaththva-Kala:sa:la* had completed their education in their respective fields. All of them received the certificates of completion along with stipend. Fifty thousand rupees to each *Vedic* student, ten thousand rupees to each *Divya Prabandham* student and twenty five thousand rupees to each *Thaththva-Kala:sa:la* student

were given as gratuity.

H.H. started to speak after the convocation ceremony. The crowds cheered H.H. even as He started to speak. H.H. spoke about the present situation and *Gi:tha: Jyo:thi*. Each and every sentence of Sri Swamiji was applauded. The loud shouts of Jeeyar Swamiji Ki Jai were frequently audible. Immediately after that H.H. was honored with the garlands and *Se:sha Vasthras* from various *Divya-de:sas* and temples. That honouring ceremony was a spectacular sight to see. The audiences were frequently in raptures during that ceremony. That gathering concluded with a vote of thanks by U.Ve Sriman T.P. Ramachandra:cha:rya Swami.

All the students of the Vedic University performed “**Pa:dapooja**” to H.H. by around 2.30 P.m. H.H. personally bestowed *Sripa:da thi:rttham* to all the devotees. *Lakshmi: pu:ja* was conducted under the leadership and guidance of H.H. in the evening. The day concluded with a spectacular fire show in the night.

Thousands of people from various parts of the country had assembled to participate in the celebrations on that day. Even the

Rain God who is rarely seen these days made his presence felt on that day. Each and everyone had to come to have a glimpse of their beloved Swamiji on His appearance day. Many were seen with garlands and other offerings to be offered to Swamiji. Each and every heart aspired to speak to H.H. or to receive a smile from Him or atleast to receive a glance from their adored Swamiji. None of them were disappointed on that day. The mere sight of the radiant countenance and benign smile of H.H. satisfied everyone present on that day.

Many cultural programs, *Ki:rthans* and lectures by Vedic scholars and students of our institution were organized from 5th to 7th of Nov. H.H. also enthralled the audiences with His mellifluent discourses. “*Sri Swa:thijaha*” a musical drama on the pastime of Lord Narasimha performed by the Vedic-students, was widely appreciated.

**SAHASRA
KALASA:BISHE:KAM**

A ceremonial bath with thousand consecrated *Kalasa:s* was performed to Sri Swamiji's *Peruma:l* i.e. to Lord Ramachandra along with Sri-Lakshmana and mother Sitha on 8th

of Nov.

In the year 1993, all the inmates of Sithanagaram Asram being exhausted due to heavy festivity on the day of *Thirunakshathram* of H.H., retired to bed late in the night. Some miscreants managed to sneak into the asram when everyone in the asram was asleep. They stole the most adored deities of Sri Swamiji. H.H. was shocked to notice His Lord along with His retinue missing. Being shattered by that unprecedented event Sri Swamiji abstained from consuming anything. The inmates of the A:sram followed Sri Swamiji. The News of the theft started to spread like wild fire. A police complaint was lodged latter on in the day. Many journalists from various newspapers and magazines came to meet H.H. on the very next day. In-spite of being in great distress, H.H. answered all their queries. One of the reporters asked what would Your Holiness do if the deities were not found? To that Sri-Swamiji replied, **if our Lord does not return to us, 'we' will go to Him.**

Sriman Koteswar rao who was the then Sub-Inspector of Police of that area was also present with H.H. at that time. He was moved by the pathetic plight of H.H. and he vowed not to remove the

uniform that he was wearing at that time, until he found the deities. He also promised to find the deities within three days. As promised by him, he found the deities within three days, with the help of his team. The deities returned to the A:sram in a grand procession and were escorted by the top brass of the Police Department. The deities were lovingly received by H.H. and were given a purificatory ceremonial bath.

H.H. instituted *Sahasra kalasa:bishe:kam* to the Lord in that year to commemorate the said pastime of the Lord and to honour Sriman Koteswar rao and his team, for their devotion and dedication to their duty. Sri Swamiji also awarded twenty-five thousand rupees to the *Sriman Koteswar rao* and his team. Since then *Sahasra Kalasa:bhishekam* is done to the Lord and His retinue, every year on the day of His return. As announced by H.H. every year the *Abhishe:kam* will start only after Sriman Koteswar rao arrives to the *Abhishe:kam* venue and each and every consecrated *Kalasa* will be poured on the deities only after he touches them. H.H. out of His causeless mercy has bestowed this rare honour on Sriman Koteswar rao. Normally everyone

cannot see the *Abhishe:kam* of Sri: Swamiji's deities, as it will be performed to the Lord in seclusion. Only on the occasion of *Sahasra kalasa:bhishe:kam* everyone can witness it.

Speaking on the occasion Sriman Koteswara rao said, "we are the most fortunate souls in the entire universe, as nobody else has got this rare privilege. **We normally spend the entire year by enthusiastically aspiring to participate in this event.**" He repeatedly thanked Sri-Swamiji for bestowing this special honour on them. Normally the *Thiru Nakshathra Maho:thsavams* used conclude with the *Sahasra kalasa:bishe:kam*. However a *Patta:bhishe:ka Maho:thsavam* (coronation ceremony to the Lord) was instituted from this year.

**PATTA:BHISHE:KA
MAHO:THSAVAM**

This year the *Thirunakshathram* celebrations came to a colorful end with *Patta:bhishe:ka Maho:thsavam* on the 9th of Nov. *Patta:bhishe:kam* was performed to the Lord according to the prescribed procedure. H.H. delivered a enthralling discourse on the selected characters from *Sri: Ra:ma:yana* on the occasion.

