

FROM THE EDITORS' CABIN

It is our privilege to wish every one of you a very happy and prosperous New Year 2003, through this second issue of Bhakthi Nivedana. We pray the Supreme Lord to bestow prosperity on all our readers and to enhance their thirst for spiritual knowledge.

"Serving the devotees of the Lord is the greatest service to the Lord." Even the Lord is very fond of the people who serve His devotees. We are very fortunate to get an opportunity to serve His devotees at their doorsteps through this journal.

It is a stupendous task to explicate the authentic and authoritative spiritual scriptures in an easily understandable manner. Divine Grace of an *A:cha:rya* is more apparent and effective than that of the Lord. It is said that even a dumb person can speak fluently and a lame man can traverse the mountains by the mercy of an *A:cha:rya*.

According to the highest tenets of the Sana:thana Dharma one can be successful in one's respective sphere only by the mercy of a preceptor. Since times immemorial, all the great sages and seers have declared the same. Surrendering to ones own Guru is considered to be the culmination of Spiritual maturity and the easiest means of spiritual realization. That is the highest reality mentioned in all the sacred scriptures. That is the basis of our tradition. We are fortunate to be blessed by the boundless compassion and the Divine grace of our *A:cha:rya*, in executing this arduous task and that

is giving the desired results.

On 23rd Nov 2002, the inaugural issue of English Bhakthinivedana was blessed by a galaxy of *Sa:dhus* in Jagithyala, during Gi:tha Jyo:thi Dharma kshe:thram programme, graced by HH. The response from the readers was very encouraging. This has laid a strong foundation to build upon, a palace of Divine wealth, a spiritual resort, with the hearts of our aspiring readers as its building blocks.

May the pure and Divine fragrance presented by our Rishis, *A:lwa:rs* and *A:cha:rya:s*, that can redeem every Soul on this Earth from the hassles of miseries, spread all over the world and create elevating Spiritual atmosphere all around. We aspire to gratify the expectations of our readers in providing the right knowledge as revealed by our *A:cha:rya:s* and also make this journal reach as many people as possible. It is only the response from our readers that can make this possible. We invite suggestions from our readers, to make this magazine useful to all, in satiating their spiritual thirst.

At this juncture, we intensely desire and resolve to gather the much needed spiritual knowledge from the authentic Vedic scriptures and present the same to the readers in an easily understandable manner. From this issue onwards *Katto:panishad* is being presented in the form of pictures as exhorted by HH SRI SWAMIJI. We are sure that our readers get benefitted by the articles presented in the magazine and we shall look forward for your regular feed back.

Jai Srimannarayana....!