



NEWS

"Revival of Divine Tradition in Tirumala Temple"

H.H. reached Tirupati by around 8.00 a.m. on the 27th of January and stayed upto 2nd Feb 2003 to bring some changes, back to practise, which were stopped since more than 7 years. Surprisingly, all the great Mattadhipathis of all Sampradayas visiting the temple, getting their Marya:da:s i.e., honours from the temple, happily returning their places, saying that "everything here is fine". There are 2 Jeeyars, supposed to be the custodians of all the tradition, usages and customs. Even they are also not bothered about whatever is being happened, ruining the age-old traditions and Sampradayas in TTD.

Staying there for 7 long days only for this purpose, H.H met with Jeeyars, held discussions with various representatives of the different branches of employees of T.T.D. Thirumala archaks led by Sriman Venkataramana Dikshith Swami, Madambakam Srinivasa:charya Swami, Sriman Shesadri etc, E:kangis, some A:charya Purushas and the E.O. and the J.E.O of T.T.D. who are all acquainted with the system. HH discussed thoroughly about all the things happening in TTD. HH with proof and authenticity, was able to enlighten all of them with the sacrilige of Sampradayam there.

Sri Swamiji also held discussions with Sriman Unnikrishnan regarding the same,

when he met him at Tirumala.

Sri Swamiji explained the importance of Swami Pushkarni, Bangaru bavi, Papavinasini, A:ka:saganga Thirtham and Suvarnamukhi i.e. the brook that flows below A:ka:saganga. H.H. also said

that the deity that is on the top of Tirumala is of Lord Vishnu without any doubt. He also said that Bhagavad Ramanuja had established the same in the 11th century and the same is mentioned in all the Puranas. Sri Swamiji denied the people who ignorantly claim the said deity to be the manifestation of some other demigods. H.H. also said that according to the procedure that was prevailing since the 11th century all the activities in this temple are being carried out according to Sri Vaikha:nasa A:gama and Thenkalai Sri Vaishnava Samprada:yam and the same was also approved by Bhagavad Ramanuja. Sri Swamiji's views were unanimously accepted by all the scholars and T.T.D. employees and officers who were present there.

The Executive Officer Sriman Ajay Kallam IAS, overall incharge of TTD and JEO Sriman Balasubrahmanyam IAS, incharge of all affairs related to up-hills and other Trust Board Members and officials are also really good enough to pay their attention towards what HH Sri Swamiji was saying. They are really blessed to understand the sins being

committed at every step of A:ra:dhana, right from Suprabha:tham, preparation of food, chanting the Manthras, Prabandhas, offering the flowers and garlands, avaiding some Utsavas, and even offering Sayano:thsavam, at every step it is noticed that some or the other sin is being committed.

The normal tap water was being used in the offerings to the Lord, to the Lord's ablutions Abhishekam and other services of the Lord instead of A:ka:saganga Thirtham. The main altar was not locked since 1996 for Lord's rest. The regular worship except the food offerings that is offered everyday is not being performed to deities of Narashima, Ramanuja, Vishwaksena and Varaha Swami. The *kalyano:thsavam* is performed to the Lord according to the prescribed standards once in a year and the rest of the *Kalyano:thsavams* that go on throughout the year are *arjithasevas* i.e. offered by the devotees.

The *Pa:kasala* i.e. the kitchen in which the offerings are prepared to the Lord is converted into a Laddu production factory and the offerings to the Lord is not being cooked according to the prescribed procedure. The food that is offered to the Lord is called *Paditharam* and it is regularly prepared in prescribed quantity. The rest of the prasadam is being manufactured according to the influx of the pilgrims and the demand for the same. The officials in the temple do not have any knowledge about the

Sampradaya and they are interested only in pleasing the politicians in the name of public.

After a lot of persecution all sections of service holders came to an understanding that the renaissance should be started.

Sri Swamiji expressed His displeasure about the present state of affairs and the rituals that are being carried out in the Main Sanctum Sanctorum. The authorities have readily accepted to implement the recommendations and the following things were decided.

- 1) The temple of the Lord is to be locked in between 1.00 and 3.00 am every day for the Lords rest.
- 2) The *Sampro:kshana* of Padi-Bhashyakara's sannidhi is to be performed after the *Ji:rno:ddharana* according to the Vaikha:nasa A:gama, in the presence of the deity of Vishwaksena. Immediately after the *Sampro:kshana* the Lord has to be taken out in procession i.e. *Thiruvi:dhi Uthsavam* in different *Va:hanas*.

As a first step, of them it was decided to keep the main door closed and locked, of the Main sanctum between 1 am and 3 am.

On the 1st of March the E:kantha Seva was performed to the Lord by around about 1.00 pm. and the doors of the temple were locked in the presence of H.H., both the Jeeyar Swamiji's of Tirupati, e:ka:ngis, all the priests of the temple and the officials of T.T.D. The temple was not locked since 1996 for Lords rest due to the heavy influx of the devotees. The keys of the temple were carried to the Jeeyar Mutt and from there one

key was sent to *Parepatthedar* (one of the officiating priests of the temple). According to the tradition, one key was supposed to remain with the main priest, one was to be sent to Jeeyar Mutt and one was to be sent to *Parepatthedar*. Few of the digressions that had been going on from many years could be set right only due to Sri Swamiji's interference. Everyone who was present there or came to know about this achievement lauded H.H. for this achievement. With this atleast 2 hours rest was sanctioned to the Lord of Seven Hills, since years even that much rest also was missing in total.

As second step, it was decided to prepare break-fast, yoghurt rice which is called Ma:thra-Prasadam, on fire as per tradition, instead of making it on steam. These customs were started practising from 1st Feb 2003 onwards. HH was personally present and observed that all the proceedings take place.

The E.O and JEO were on the mission to revive the rest of the system gradually. The issues they have accepted to correct are so many, yet a few of them are

1. Removal of all the machinery viz., steam boilers, gas furnaces etc., from inner kitchen, which is near Bangaru Ba:vi(Goldwell) and keep it pure and sanctified by constructing furnace, where fire-wood only would be used.

2. All the recommended quantity of Prasadams be prepared in this kitchen only by recognised cooks, who can maintain the tradition by appearance and also practise like

wearing Sikha, having Samskaram etc.

3. Prasadams for public service should be prepared separately not mixing up with this.

4. All the Vaidic staff, archakas, Ekangis, Cooks, Paricharakas etc., should strictly appear free from cropping hair, should wear sikha and mark on their head, wear *Madi* clothes, unpolluted by touching others.

5. Proper importance should be given to Bha:shyaka:ra Sannidhi so that devotees should understand its greatness, by providing grill gates to have darsanam always.

6. Re- Introducing chanting of Divya Prabandham there.

7. Increasing the number of Prabandha Adhyapakas under the control of Jeeyangar for effective Kainkaryam. These are only a few of the corrections.

As some mistakes have taken place in doing the Balalayam of Padi Bhashyakara Sannidhi (Temple of Sri Ramanuja on the step-way to come up the hill on foot) by performing it with Sri Pancharathragama, it was decided to do it only with Vaikhanasa:gama as all the Sannidhis observe the same agama so far as the Tirumala is concerned. There was a resistance from local Jeeyangar's Mutt initially but was subsided by the initiative taken by the JEO Sriman Balasubrahmanyam.

The officials of the T.T.D. proposed to construct a *Pra:ka:ra* around the temple in order to provide more facilities to the

pilgrims and requested H.H. to guide them in that venture too. HH thoroughly discussed and gave His invaluable guidelines to the authorities about the proposed Mahaprakaram construction. HH showed some authentic Vaikhanasa temples where Kalyana Uthsavam to Lord is being performed away from temple area and also prasadam are also cooked and offered outside the temple with a:cha:ram and sanctity. HH said that Kalyanams on payment and prasadam only for distribution of public could be prepared out of Prakaram also at recommended and sanctified places. Much more need to be done there to maintain the sanctity of the Temple. As the Trust Board, EO, JEO and other officials are sincere at present, some revival was possible for the welfare of the country and people.

H.H. also discussed with the T.T.D. Dharma Prachara Parishad officials about their activities. HH prayed to Lord Srinivasa and Varaha Swamy to accept these right changes and left for Sithanagaram after supervising the functioning of our Mutt at Tirumala, on the 2nd of March.

Gracing a few temple Prathishttas, HH participated in the Pushkara Mahothsavam & Kumbhabhishekam of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Devasthanam of Amodagiri, in Apollo Hospital complex from 7.2.03 to 14.02.03.

H.H. visited Yadagirigutta the all sanctifying abode of Lord Narasimha on the 11th of February.

MASS PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

The 10th Vishnu-Sahasranama Virat Parayanam at Hyderabad on the 13 of February.

From the past nine years a congregational chanting of Sri Vishnu Sahasranama is being organized under the leadership of H.H. in various parts of the country for the sake of world peace on the day of *Bhi:shma E:kadasi*. It became an annual affair.

HH wanted that it should be stopped to make it a massive programme for three reasons.

- 1) It is creating a sort of fear and burden to the local devotees for, a lot of monetary issues are involved.
- 2) This year being Githa Jyothi year, HH wants to spend every pie on the printing of Githa Jyothi literature only, rather than spending it for huge arrangements.
- 3) As the programme has already been given to Apollo Hospital function, HH did not want to deviate from that cutting down their time. Hence HH advised all the devotees to conduct the E:ka:dasi Parayanam at their own places only.

GOD'S WAYS ARE MIRACULOUS. On 23rd night at 12.30 a.m. when HH was at Sri Rameswara Rao's place, Sriman Ch. Ramachandra Reddy requested HH to conduct mass chanting at Sri Vijaya Lakshmi temple, ESI. HH said that it should be either done in a very big grounds with lakhs of people or else 'NO'. Then Sriman Reddy, moved the issue to conduct it in NTR stadium with more than lakh of devotees and convinced HH Sri

Swamiji. At the midnight HH woke up the twin cities Vikasatarangini co-ordinator Sriman Kalki avatharam by phone and asked should we meet the VT Volunteers on 24th evening at JET? 'NO PROBLEM SWAMIJI' was the reply. Meeting was conducted. Everybody was thrilled by the decision. Stadium was booked and handed over to Sri KalkiAvatharam for planning purpose. "Time for E:ka:dasi was only 20 days. No wastage of money on publicity is permitted. Information should be passed on by word of mouth. Maa TV came forward to telecast the News. Media was infomed. Sriman Ram Reddy of Priyadarsini Ads volunteered to be the incharge for publicity. Decided to distribute (1) Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Sthothra books in all 5 languages at free cost to every devotee on that day along with (2) a Tulasi Plant and (3) a ghee lamp to light up and take an oath to work together for world peace (4) A common sticker saying our Githa Jyothi Messages and (5) Prasadam.

TTD accepted to publish 2 lakhs of books in Telugu, 1 lakh in other 4 languages viz. Hindi, Tamil, Kannada and English. Prasadam for free distribution also sponsored by them. Vijayalakshmi temple, took responsibility to make it ready in packs for distribution. Sriman J.Rameswara Rao arranged for stickers and Sriman P. Venkateswarlu and other members arranged the rest. " Let us proceed", HH encouraged everybody at the meeting. All the volunteers under the leadership of Sriman Kalki Avatharam were

ready for the programme. The day approached soon. Material was ready by the end of January. Time to spread the message was though 10 days, it reached every nook and corner of twin cities and around. On 13th Feb HH attended the programme sharp at 5 pm.

Evening Sun was radiant with His golden rays. Our Swamiji's Perumal Lord Sri Ramachandra Swamy graced the dias to receive the Parayana. All the dignitaries arrived on time. HH lighted up the lamp amidst Vedic Prayers. Sriman Venkaiah Naidu (President BJP) delivering his message said that he felt it a privilege to participate here as a devotee and requested HH to conduct such programme in Delhi, next year if possible. He promised that all arrangements will be made by then in Delhi. Earlier Sri Ramachandracharya, Editor Telugu Bhakthinivedana, moved this issue while he was addressing the gathering. Sriman S.V.Rangaramanuja charya Secy, Srimadubhaya Vedanthacharya Peettam introduced the event. Sriman B.Dattatreya, Central Railway Minister for State, Sriman Devendra Gowd (A.P Home Minister) Sriman Vidyadhara Rao (AP Industrial Minister) Sriman M.V.Satyanarayana (State Congress President) Sriman AppaRao, JEO TTD were among a few dignitaries who addressed the audience. Puja Swamy Paramartha nanda of Ramakrishna Mutt, blessed the audience and lauded the efforts of HH with choicest words. Dr. P.C.Reddy, recollected that

exactly 100 years ago on this day the 13th Feb,1903 Swamy Vivekananda was in Hyderabad with his address. HH is now doing yoeman service for our Vedic Dharma, conducting this programme, being in Apollo temple's programme is a great privilege.

At the request of public HH then blessed all the dignitaries, blessed the audience and started the mass chanting for World Peace. An inspiring and heart touching message of HH elevated the hearts of the assembled crowd to the heights of exalted happiness and joy. At the conclusion of the event all the people took an oath that was administered by H.H. and performed *ha:rathi* with ghee lamps. It was a great spectacle to see more than 2, 00,000 people performing *ha:rathi* to the Lord with ghee lamps. Till 10 p.m when the Harathi was offered fire crackers were sprinkled making the event colourful spreading the Divine sounds all over the area.

More than 2,00,000 devoted gathering participate in this Mega Event and distribution of all the material and disbursement of the public was done very systematically by the VT volunteers. Lord wanted it that way! Each and everyone who participated in this event felt satisfied and sanctified at the end of the event. The sacred vibrations emanating from that event have power to transform this world into a peaceful place to live in.

After the major renovation of the whole temple complex, the

Sri Venkateswara Devasthanam of Amodadri in Apollo Hospitals, Hyd, Mahapurana:huthi for the 7 days Pushkarothsavam was conducted with utmost devotion and deep dedication of Dr. P.C.Reddy, his wife Smt.Sucharitha, his daughter and family members on 14th Feb '03. Entire Apollo staff made the whole event enjoyable by their hospital involvement. HH graced the Uthsavam in total and blessed the couple of Dr. PC Reddy and all the organisers.

H.H. graced Vaidehi Asram (an orphanage) to participate in the 10th annual day celebrations of the Asram. H.H. announced a donation of 50,000 rupees to the orphanage on that occasion.

On 15th itself HH left for a Spiritual Tour to Australia.

HH Sri Swamiji's Australia visit.

The tour arrangements were personally supervised by Sriman Gudimella Venugopal acharya Swami. Sriman G.Srinivas of Delhi took care of the visa arrangements at Delhi. Sri Swamiji reached Melbourne via Singapore by 5.40 am (Australian time), on the 16th of February. H.H. was reverentially received by many of the Indians who are living there, amidst the chants of Jai Srimannarayana and with great excitement. Prominent among them were Sriman Sathya Narayana, Sriman Chary Chigurala, Sriman Vikram, Sriman Srinivas Prabhu, Sriman Babu Akula etc.

HH Sri Swamiji along with his retinue was taken to Sriman Chary Chigurala's residence, which is at a distance of 40 minutes drive

from the airport. While staying there Sri Swamiji visited various places and delivered enlightening discourses. Important among them are H.H.'s visit to Sriman Babu Akula's residence on the 16th of February. Sriman Babu along with his wife performed Pada pu:ja to Sri Swamiji. Immediately after the Pada Pooja, Sri Swamiji delivered an enthralling discourse.

Sriman Babu's wife told the reason for their happiness. She said that five years ago they had observed Sri Sathyanarayana Vratam on everyday for five months continuously. At the end of the said Vratam she wanted to donate a silver beetle leaf along with some gold placed on it to a worthy Brahmana. That desire of hers was unfulfilled since then. However on the previous night the Lord had appeared in her dream and had said "a great saint is going to come to your house tomorrow take His blessings." As said by the Lord in her dream Sri Swamiji visited their house. Hence they were very overjoyed.

HH Sri Swamiji showered His grace on Sriman Janardan rao by visiting his house and clarifying his philosophical doubts. Sriman Janardan rao is a general surgeon and the chairman of Shiva Vishnu temple. Shiva Vishnu temple is the biggest Vedic temple of Melbourne. Sriman Janardan rao felt enlightened and elated at the end of his discussion with HH Sri Swamiji.

HH Sri Swamiji visited Sriman Srinivasgaru's residence. Sriman Srinivas received Sri Swamiji with reverence and performed Pa:da pu:ja to H.H.

Sriman Srinivas is one of the most popular Indians in Australia. It is said that he liberally helps everyone who approaches him. He is about to contest as a member of parliament from the liberal party seat for the seat that is reserved for the Indians. Sriman Srinivas had helped the Australian J.E.T. members to go through the Visa procedures for Sri Swamiji's trip. Sri Swamiji visited Sriman Anil Singh's residence in Blue Avenue at Combay waverly. An enthralling discourse was followed by an interactive session at Anil Singh's residence.

On the 19th of February Sri Swamiji shifted from Chary Chigurala's residence to Sriman Anumarlapudi Amarnath's residence along with His retinue. Sriman Amarnath is a doctor and a very peaceful person. He gave away his palatial residence with all facilities to Sri Swamiji and he lived along with his family in a small room till Sri Swamiji was at Melbourne. On the 20th of February, H.H. along with His retinue went out for sight seeing. H.H. visited the wild life park near Ballarat which is at the distance of two hours drive from Melbourne. The wild life park houses various species including the national animal of Australia i.e. the kangaroos. Sri Swamiji also visited an ancient goldmine dug by the Britishers during the 1850s, near Ballarat. The mine is being remarkably preserved in its ancient form by the Australians.

Sri Swamiji's discourse was organized in the Theosophical society at the Russel street. The discourse was organized by the

society members themselves. Being captivated by the mellifluous discourse and the brilliant answers given by Sri Swamiji, the society members requested Sri Swamiji to visit the society and participate in the activities of the society in future. It is heartening to see the society members conclude their activities by chanting *O:m Krishna:ya Govinda:ya Gopijana vallabha:ya Namaha.*

A grand Sudarsana Yagam was performed at the most famous Shiva Vishnu Temple on the 22nd of February. Everyone who was present over there were captivated by the systematic and elaborate manner in which the said Yagam was performed. Some said "we have witnessed many Yagams but they were not as systematic and impressive as this one was." On the 23rd a congregational Lakshmi Narayana pu:ja was performed under the guidance of Sri Swamiji in which more than 400 people participated. The Pu:ja was followed by a lively interactive session with small children and elders. It was heartening to listen to the questions posed by the kids and so were Sri Swamiji's answers.

At the request of Smt & Sriman Amarnath at his residence, Sri Swamiji delivered an enlightening discourse in Telugu, on the same day. Everyone present on the occasion was captivated by that discourse of Sri Swamiji. Sriman Amarnath admired at that discourse and said "probably this is the first Telugu discourse in Australia." On the 24th of February Sri

Swamiji left for the biggest city in Australia, Sydney.

Sri Swamiji offered His *Mangalasanams* to all the devotees and J.E.T. members. Sri Swamiji was very highly pleased with the members of J.E.T. Australia chapter. He said "if the youth are determined there is nothing that they cannot achieve. These youth have not reached their thirties nor have they completed their studies nor they are well off. In spite of their difficulties they have organized this tour very nicely. Though they are all just young, are pursuing their studies during day time and working in hotels, petrol pumps etc during nights. The devotion and dedication of these youth towards our culture is admirable."

Two years ago, Sriman Satyanarayana and a few youth who realised the fragrances of the Vedic Heritage in Bharat, devoted to the Vedic tradition and culture, wanted to make every interested one in Australia realise the greatness of Our Universal Vedic tradition, while practicing it. They needed some guidance and blessings of a Spiritual Master. Sri Swamiji's radiant form and ever vibrant dynamic personality captivated them while they were in quest of a bonafide Spiritual Master who belonged to that Vedic lineage. They approached and invited Sri Swamiji to Australia to grace them all for which HH Sri Swamiji consented. Taking Sri Swamiji's directions they started the J.E.T. Australian chapter two years ago.

Some 'big' People in Australia ridiculed those young aspirants when they said that they are going to invite Sri Swamiji to Australia, saying that this youth

wanted to take advantage of HH Sri Swamiji's name for their personal benefits. Not many believed that HH Sri Swamiji will respond positively to real Devotion! Of course, God always does it. In spite of many hurdles and less support, they, with great perseverance started to organize various festivals like Goda Kalyanam and Sri Ramanavami with the support of Sriman Srinivas Prabhu and Sriman Vikram etc., inviting every known family and person to attend the function and be blessed by His Divine grace. They spent their hard earned monies and organised the programme extremely well. They won the hearts of a number of seekers by satisfying the spiritual thirst of the devotees, serving them as service to Lord. Lord Srimannarayana gets extremely pleased when one serves His devotees! Thus, they turned their dream of inviting HH Sri Swamiji to Australia into a reality through their hard work, dedication and devotion.

After completing, I phase of Melbourne tour, Sri Swamiji along with the group, travelled to Sydney and reached there by 11.00 am on 24th of February. Sri Swamiji was received by Sriman Hrishikesh Bhattar Swami, Sriman Vinod Reddy, Sriman Gopi, Sriman Ramesh, Sriman Narayan Reddy and others. Smt and Sriman Varadarajan (Surgeon from Srilanka) a highly devoted couple at Strathfield have arranged their whole house for Sri Swamiji and the group to stay, for a week. H.H. visited various places and delivered some enlightening and influencive discourses that

transformed the lives of many seekers. HH out of His boundless grace blessed one and all. A number of devotees were blessed to perform Pa:da pu:jas. There were large gatherings during all the discourses and every where there was a Question-Answer session at the end. These intellectual exercises graced by HH **helped many to realize truths to change their attitudes, their way of life**, in service of Divine.

More details of HH Sri Swamiji's Australia tour will be given in the next issue. Let's wait...

Githa Jyothi Extended

After returning from Australia, HH participated in a number of temple Prathistta programmes, Service activities and Medical Camps at different places.

8th Githa Jyothi Dharmakshethram

On 29th March HH participated in Veeranki Locks Dharmakshethram where people from more than 108 villages participated. Thousands of devotees took oath before Lord Krishna, under the guidance of HH, that they will serve the society for the welfare of one and all. Tulasi plants were distributed to around 10,000 people and Sri Krishna Puja was conducted on the occasion. HH Swamiji's inspiring message soothed the Divine thirst of those people and made them to commit in service of the society.

On 30th March HH participated in 9th Dharma kshethram programme at

Patamata Vijayawada. The programme went on extremely well with thousands of people participating to listen to the message of HH and took the pledge to live in harmony and peace, serving the society. Sobha Yathra a procession of glory was conducted with lot of enthusiasm and devotion by thousands of people. The message delivered by HH was highly adored by the assembly and people took pledge that they will work for the welfare of their country and the society. Here also more than 10,000 Tulasi plants were distributed and Sri Krishna puja was conducted on the occasion.

In Tirumala

On 1st Apr HH inaugurated the Githajyothi review programme on Tirumala in presence of E.O, J.E.O, and Dharma Prachara Parishad Officials. They have lauded HH Sri Swamiji's efforts in making VT taking up wonderful service activities in the village level throughout Andhra and outside too. After submission of all reports from various VT branches, reviewing all the 9 Dharmakshethra programmes, HH said that the total amount spent was around Rs. 15 million and the number of people who received the Githa Jyothi messages is around 30 million as against the target of 20 million people during last year. HH offered Mangalasanams to all the VT members and the supporters who made this programme **a great revolutionary beginning, a revival of human thought for**

the welfare of the world. HH said that we are extending this Githa Jyothi initiation programme to one more year to see that the messages reach more and more people.

HH in Chennai

HH Sri Swamiji reached Chennai to participate in Sri Ramayana Tarangini programme. HH blessed all the devotees on the eve of "Swabha:nu" Uga:di day and blessed every one to realise Supreme God and lead your life as a "Real Man" in doing duties and shouldering the responsibilities, sincerely, all in His service. The trouble starts when Man tries to live like God and thus searches for ways to escape from duties and responsibilities. Man should live like a Real Man, this is what Sri Rama taught us, Sri Ramayana Teaches us.

To spread this truth, HH Sri Swamiji conducted Sri Ramayana Pa:ra:yana during this programme for 9 days. Whole Ramayana was chanted (except Yuddha Ka:nda) and was offered to Lord. Everyday from morning 8.00 to afternoon 3.00 this parayana was conducted uninterruptedly. Devotees too chanted along with HH with utmost devotion and perseverance. Blessed are those devoted souls! During evenings HH gave discourses on Sri Ramayanam. On Sri Ramanavami, Sri Rama Kalyanam was conducted with great glory. JET- Chennai organised the programme extremely well and thousands of devotees were blessed.

On 10th, HH Sri Swamiji inaugurated the Memorial

Endowment Lecture in Chennai University in the name of Founder and Head Sriman M. Narasimhacharya in the Dept. of Vaishnavism. HH in His message said that the pristine values of a purposeful human life are a part of Sri Vaishnava tradition, which are being protected through the ages by our Acharyas and elders of Vedic lore.

From Chennai HH passed through Gangavathi, Hubli and Davangere (Karnataka) participating in various programmes organised by VT service units and blessed them for their dedicated social service activities being conducted in their areas. VT is conducting regular, Free Medical camps, etc. Free buttermilk distribution camp for more than 10,000 people per day, is being conducted during summer, since 9 years in Davanagere in addition to a number of drinking water distribution points. This type of service is more popular in Andhra Pradesh only but, VT is doing such services in other states too. Local people, authorities, News papers lauded the services offered by VT. HH visited those camps to bless them for their services.

Bhagavad Ramanujacharya's blessings - Open to Devotees participation.

During 1977 HH Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji established Melkote Thirunarayana Perumal Aradhana Samithi to offer daily services to Lord and the devotees in the historic place, Melkote where Bhagavad Ramanuja lived for 12 long years to bring revolutionary changes in the

society. "Vairamudi" se:va to Lord and Bhagavad Ramanuja's Thirunakshathram were the most famous celebrations in this temple.

In the History of the world during 11th century, the so called 'Harijans' today were first admitted into the temple by Bhagavad Ramanuja, in spite of a lot of pressure from many sides, saying that everyone can see Lord and worship Him and it is the devotion bearing the fruit of dedicated service.. for welfare of one and all... that matters most. Caste is not a bar to seek realisation or the ultimate goal.

Bhagavad Ramanuja, in one of his last six messages to his close disciples says that "yadusaila nithya vasathihi sre:yaha" - To live in Melkote by constructing even a small hut there bestows Divine attainment. Those who are dedicated to the tradition should at least do this, or serve this purpose. To open-up an opportunity for the devotees who wish to participate in such a wonderful service, HH Sri Swamiji revived the Samithi last year and accelerated the service activities there. It is a big temple with around 30 Sannidhis and wonderful architecture, some ruined during medieval age by some invaders. A:ra:dhana is performed to Lord Sampathkumar who is the main deity there.

Every day 15 KGs of rice and required pulses, grams, vegetables, ghee, oils etc. are being supplied to the Temple by the Samithi to be used in the service of Lord. For the devotees visiting the temple, Prasadam has

to be arranged. As HH Sri Swamiji made the Sankalpam, devotees from Davanagere, Gangavathi, Hubli etc., came forward and as a result the service activity gained its momentum. Sriman Veerabhadrarao of Davanagere bought a small land with Rs.1Lakh behind the temple and offered it to the Samithi. HH laid the foundation stone last year. With a great involvement of the devotees in this wonderful service a small building was constructed in the site with about 15 Lakhs of which 10 lakhs was collected by donations and 5 lakhs by loan. With about 5 more lakhs it will be possible to provide good facilities to the visiting devotees. It has been decided by the members to provide Thadiyaradhana (Free food) facilities. HH Sri Swamiji said that it is an opportunity to serve the devotees who visit this Divine shrine as ordained by our Acharya Bhagavad Ramanuja. Lord loves those who serve His devotees, and that was also ordained by our A:cha:rya !!

It is now required to render the following services -

1. To provide Rice and other food material for a:ra:dhana to Perumal.
2. To provide facilities for thadiya:ra:dhana to atleast 25 to 50 members in regular days and to 150 to 200 members in week ends.

Melkote is also known as **Badari of the South**. HH inaugurated the building on 17th Apr in the early hours and perumal here known as Sampathkumar also graced the Mutt with His presence and blessed the occasion of Divine service. On this occasion, Sripathi Sthuthima:la, an encyclopaedia of all the traditional sthothras published by JET, was also published in

Kannada for the first time, which was released by HH. It was sponsored by Srimathi & Sriman Dr. Shobha Jayanth Hyderabad, in memory of their parents.

In the afternoon HH, on the way back visited the 1 Acre site in Bangalore presented to VT by Sriman Rao and blessed the devotees there to take up and actively participate in service activities of VT.

PROMISE TO GUJARAT

VICTIMS FULFILLED

Government and other organisations who earlier promised to support this noble cause, have scrupulously withdrawn themselves and the heavy task of constructing houses has been shouldered by JET independently to keep up its promise in serving the noble cause. We know how difficult it is to construct single house !!

When HH Sri Swamiji visited USA during 2001, all the JET USA INC branches have collected around Rs.70lakhs and mostly Telugu people donated for this purpose. Surprisingly, not even, capable Gujarathis took part in supporting this social cause of their own state. HH Sri Swamiji who is far away from Gujarat has taken this task of constructing houses for those who lost their houses during Gujarat Earthquake. Ofcourse, it is the heart of mercy and love towards suffering people that matters and not the distances or languages or states !!

But, for such mercy of HH, what more should we be blessed with?

Seva Bharathi is a service organisation that is constructing houses in that Earthquake affected places of Gujarat. JET has taken the responsibility of a village called Vallabhapur where 86 houses

were newly constructed removing all the broken houses. With involvement of Jarkhand Govt and JET, spending nearly Rs.1,94,77,100 this colony of houses was constructed.

Each house is constructed with two rooms, one kitchen, a small varendah, separate toilets and a small place around the house. Along with these houses, one Ramalayam, one Chamundeswari Temple, one bus stand, cemetary, a small bird sanctuary, a community hall were also constructed. All houses were provided with Electricity and water facilities. Drainage system was also provided. In the compound of every house one Neem tree and a fruit yielding tree were planted. HH addressed the recepipients in the programme organised on 19th April. and said that all should live together in serving the society. It is interesting to note that all the 86 recepipients of the houses belonged to the backward class only.

On Apr 20th, Home Minister of Gujarat, Sriman Amith Bhai Bhaisha, Central Minister of Railways Sriman M. Dattatreya, State Ex Speaker Sriman Dhiru Bhaisha had the Darsan of HH Sri Swamiji at Vallabhapur and participated in the dedication programme.

Sriman Ramachandra Reddy, Sriman J.Rameswara Rao and Chief Organising secretary of Seva Bharathi have participated in the programme. HH and the Guests were adorned with the 'pagidi's ie., turbans and later HH handed over keys of 86 houses to the village heads. People felt that it is their great fortune to have the blessings of HH Sri Swamiji who have come all the way from Andhra for their sake.

On 21st night HH reached

Hyderabad and the JET Society first meeting was conducted.

TRIBAL SCHOOLS

Foundation stones have been laid for six schools in Adilabad and Karimnagar districts. Out of these, Allampalli and Utnuru are two remote places in Adilabad district far deep into the forests where there are about 30 Tribal Thandas(groups). Even government officials are afraid to go to that place as it is famous for Terrorist encounters. A school is being built there. The school building was raised to the slab level. Till now 19 lakhs were spent on it. Devotees from USA have donated around Rs. 5 lakhs for this purpose. Still it is required to have 15 to 20 lakhs to properly construct it and use it in its full swing for the purpose. In Beersai village, foundations were finished. Building has to come up. Though all the schools are scheduled to be started by June but, due to monetary reasons, only, Allampalli school is going to be started by finishing it before July. Teachers-under-Training, selected from those places who are staying since 8 months in our Asram are getting ready to take ahead the mission with the blessings of HH Sri Swamiji.

On 23rd Apr HH left to Muscat- Dubai- Oman Spiritual Tour to conduct Sudarsana Yagnas and bless them with peace and prosperity.

Jai Srimannarayana !

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