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SrimatE Nigamaanta Mahaa Desikaaya
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VardhathAm//



Editorial

Dear Bhagavatas:

Today, the 9th October 2008 is Sarvadhaari Samvatsara, Purattaasi maasa, SravaNa Nakshatram. (Purattasi ThiruvONam Today, we celebrate the Tirunakshatram of Tiruvenkatam Udaiyaan SrI Srinivaasa perumAL. Today, we celebrate the Tirunakshatram of Swami Vedanta Desikan. Today, we celebrate the Tirunakshatram of BrahmaTantra Swatatantra Parakala Maha Desikan (the founder of Sri Parakala Matam).

Such an auspicious day also marks the beginning of – The 12th Anniversary of “Swami Desika Darsana Satsangam” (SDDS) (founded in 1996) and The 8th Anniversary of “Sri Ranga Sri”, its Electronic journal (founded in 2000) ; The 6th Anniversary of the formation of Board of Advisory Consultants (BAC) for “Sri Ranga Sri” (formed in 2002) on the Swami Desika’s Tirunakshatram day in the respective years and The 5th Anniversary of “Internal Resources Panel for SRS” (IRP) (formed in 2003) consisting

of distinguished members of SRS. Together, let us enjoy and serve our Glorious Srivaishnava samapradayam.

MEMBERSHIP OF SRI RANGA SRI

The membership is still in large numbers at 4327. The yahoo groups has deleted those email ids that have bouncing history. Hence it is requested that bhagawathas access the yahoo groups through their email id and activate the same. Thanks to the blessings of YathirEshTas and Acharyas of Bhagavad Ramanuja – Swami Desika Sat Sampradayam and the encouragement of - Moderators of sister Internet groups who hosted our Editorials in their sites. - Editors of Religious Journals in India who kindly provided us due publicity in their publications. - Recommendations of existing members for admitting their friends. - The new members who joined out of their own volition.

Thus our membership is the LARGEST INTERNET GROUP IN Srivaishnavam”. It is seen that in an effort to reach such a vast audience, membership applications are flooding in to unmanageable magnitude. For the same reason, we are confronted with innumerable postings for “Moderation” and consequent featuring in “Sri Ranga Sri”. We have also set and declared established rules and prerequisites for appeals as we would like to encourage the same with sufficient tools and resources to verify the fund allocation/ utilization. It is needless to say that the encouragement from existing members is an ample testimony to the popularity of your Journal. •

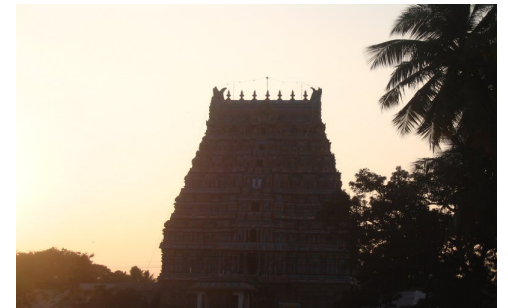
Dasoham
Anbil Ramaswamy



It is my bhagyam that Sri Anbil Ramaswamy Swami is continuing to repose confidence and trust in me for co-moderating the posts of Sri Ranga Sri, in spite of my lack of qualifications and knowledge. He has continued to bless me with his guidance, support and advice as needed for the past year and made my work / transition smoother and easier. Sri N. Krishnamachari Swami, Sri Sadagopan Iyengar Swami and other bhagawathas in the list have also been guiding me well in this regard.

We ventured into a different kind of reporting last year for the Annual report on this greatest day of Swamy Desikan TN- the birth day of SDDS and SRS. There was an overwhelming encouragement and response appreciating the effort. Hope this report also pleases the bhagawathas.

Kainkaryamaavadhu sEshi ugandha yEval thozhil seyvadhu. Srivaishnava bhAgawathas are our sEshi. As usual, if there is anything good- it is due to the great articles, and contributions by authors and acharyan’s prama krupai. All errors, faults, mistakes – entirely due to mine. We welcome the feedback, suggestions and steps to improve our kainkaryam to Srivaishnava community.



At the service of BhaagawathOththamas,
Namo narayana
Narayanan dasan madhavakkannan

Snap shots

The year that passed was wonderful for Srivaishnavam. We had great days; events, releases, activities, conferences, etc..

Let us recap; relish the events; cherish the memories; and nourish our learning of the unparalleled sampradayam.

1. Sri Anbil Ramaswamy Swami’s likhitha kainkaryam

Needless to say, the likhitha kainkaryam of Sri Anbil Ramaswamy Swami's on various topics is being performed with the divine blessings of H.H. Srimad Poundrikapuram Andavan Swami, and hence excel in all respects. It is an eye opener for novices like me; It gives us the lowkika group every opportunity to learn and enrich ourselves with the sampradayaic knowledge and understand saasrthas. Swami is now releasing the book on "Pearls of wisdom from Srimad Ramayanam"- a great book on Srimad Ramayanam. The extract from the book were issued as article in Sriranga Sri journal in a series. Let us pray at the lotus feet of Divya Dampathi to grant him long life and enough strength for very many such kainkaryams.



2. e-BOOKS KAINKARYAM

www.srihayagrivan.org

Last year, as a humble offering to His Holiness Prakaritam Srimath Azhagiya Singar's Sathabhishekam, these ebooks were released under the able leadership of Oppiliappan Koil Sri Varadachari Satakopan Swami. Now the Sundarasimham group is releasing under srihayagrivan.org further wonderful ebooks on sampradayam.

As usual, the books are raining; pouring everyday with the pictures filled- pleasing to the eyes- e books on every topic of Srivaishnava sampradayam; Now swami is releasing Swami Desikan's chillaRai rahasyangaL which are simply a feast to the eyes and the heart (in addition to our jeevathma).

We wish the indefatigable group led by our Sri Satakopan Swami all success. A quick look and darshan of our Acharyas blessing the eBook kainkaryams. We request bhagawathas to read these books at leisure and also inform your friends cousins, uncles and aunts who still think and claim that Srivaishnavam is inaccessible (and Sabarimala's and white fields are accessible



Srimad Paravakkottai Andavan of Sri Poundarikapuram Asramam going through some E-books and blesses.



The first ten e-books being offered at the lotus feet of Srimath Azhagiya Singar by Sri S. Mukund.

Those of you who wish to read these ebooks: click here:

<http://srihayagrivan.org/e-books.htm>



"allai vilaita perumAn"

3. Sri Anbil Ramaswamy Swami's new series on Importance of Vishnu Sahasranamam

ORIGIN OF SRI VISHNU SAHASRANAMAM

Let us first see the personalities involved in this.

- Dharmaputra, the epitome of righteousness and virtue was so depressed on seeing the devastation caused by the Kurukshetra war and needed some solace.
- Bheeshma, the grand patriarch and the very personification of Dharma was on his death bed. It was feared that after his departure, his lifetime experience in Dharma and ancient wisdom was sure to be lost to the World.



· Lord Krishna who was himself the eternal Dharma (Krishnam Dharmam Sanaatanam) advised Dharmaputra to seek clarifications of his doubts from Bheeshma Pitaamaha.

· Sage Vyaasa and other Rishis and Lord Krishna himself were personally witnessing the exposition of Bheeshma – including this "Sri VishNu Sahasranaamam"

2. THE GLORY OF SRI VEDA VYAASA

Sri Veda Vyaasa who classified Vedas was the author of Mahaabhaarata in which this forms an integral part. The glory of his lineage has been succinctly encapsulated in the famous Slokam:

Vyaasam VasishTa naphtaaram SaktEh poutram akalmasham/

Paraasara aatmajam vandE Sukha Taatham TapO nidhim//

"He was the great grandson of VasishTa, the grandson of Sakti, Son of Paraasara and the

father of Sukha Brahman"

It may be noted that normally one derives greatness from one's ancestors but Sage Vyaasa's glory was enhanced as much by the glory of his son as by those of his forebears. Indeed, this is a rare honor!

Besides the above, there is another SIOkam that depicts him as the very incarnation of Lord VishNu Himself –

"Vyaasaaya VishNU roopaaya, Vyaasa roopaaya VishNavE" in this earth.



Let us continue to enjoy Sri Anbil mama's brilliant articles.

4. Continuing release of Swamy Desika sthотras – with wonderful and rarest commentaries

His Holiness Srimad Paravakkottai Andavan Sri Gopaladesika Mahadesikan Swami had brought out several publications like Srimad Rahasya Traya Saaram, Chillarai RahasyangaL, Raampiraanai KarpOm etc and almost all Desika StOtras with commentaries of Poorva Achaaryas. This is a yeoman service to the SrivaishNava world that will be eternally indebted to him and the kainkaryam is still continuing.

Swami's wonderful teleupnaysams on Padhuka sahasram is a feast to the ears, and to the soul. Swami's vaatsalyam, daya on even to an occasional visitor to Ashramam is seen to be believed. Swami's impish charming smile and the sparkling eyes are adiyEn's enjoyment always. Under the blessings of His Holiness, Srimad Poundarikapuram Swami Ashramam is now expanding in Chennai and Bangalore by building ashramams and temples catering to the disciples and abhimaanis therein.



There is a popular saying in Srirangam that Swami has "many more admirers than even Sishyas". It is quite obvious why so many admire him. In today's modern and fast-changing world of various 'Baba's and 'Nanda's plaguing our sampradaya, there are very few spiritual leaders who still have the Vairaghyam needed to follow the restrictions placed upon a Sannyasin. And, in that aspect I can proudly say that my Acharyan is THE BEST in upholding the traditions of our Sampradaya.



5. Awards and Titles

Due to asmadhacharyan parama krupai, and the blessings of divya dampathi, Sri Ramanuja Mission Inc., of Srirangam Srimad Andavan Ashramam conferred the title of Kainkarya Rathnam to Dr Sri Venkat Kanumalla, for his dedicated service (ananya prayojana kainkaryam) at Sri Ranganathar temple, New York and Kainkarya Thilakam to Sri Muralidhar Rangaswamy and adiyEn. It is our parama bhagyam and greatest privilege to be honoured with these titles and with paripoorna anugraham of His Holiness Srimad Andavan of Srirangam Periyashramam.

6. SRIRANGASRI ISSUES (PAST and PRESENT)

ISSUES RELEASED

With this issue, about 290 Regular issues of SRS have been released so far, apart from numerous "Special Issues" as indicated below:

27 Issues of Vol. 1
15 Issues of Vol. 2
42 Issues of Vol. 3
35 Issues of Vol. 4

28 Issues of Vol. 5
30 Issues of Vol. 6
50 Issues of Vol. 7 and
36 Issues of Vol. 8
26 Issues of Vol. 9

FEED BACK

Although we receive feedback now and then, this does not seem to be sufficient. It is worth remembering that the authors who contribute do so out of their dedication and anxiety to share their knowledge and there is absolutely no commercial motive in their efforts. The only reward they may expect is a feedback of constructive criticism and words of encouragement which we feel they richly deserve. So, please "Be honest in your appreciation and constructive in your criticism".

To help you do this, we have catalogued the topics and shown the respective Volume / Issue in which they have appeared. Most of you would have perused them. If you have not done so or would like to re-view the same, you may do so NOW and give us the benefit of your valuable comments.

You may indicate which serials or which articles you liked most and where you would like to offer suggestions for improvement. This will go a long way to help in improving the quality and content of your journal.

Please send your response to SriRangaSri-owner@yahoogroups.com (And NOT to SriRangaSri@yahoogroups.com)

GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Time and again, we invite kind attention of contributors to the guidelines in

"Sri Ranga Sri"

WE EARNESTLY REQUEST THEM ONCE AGAIN TO GO THROUGH THESE BEFORE SUBMITTING THEIR ARTICLES FOR RELEASE IN "SRI RANGA SRI".

In particular, we would like to reiterate- NO DISCUSSIONS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE JOURNAL EVEN ON MATTERS FEATURED IN THE REGULAR ISSUES OF THE JOURNAL.

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We give below the topics featured in the "PRE SARANAGATHI (SDDS) Volumes, followed by "SARANAGATHI" Volumes and those in the current Volumes of "SRI RANGA SRI" for your ready reference. PRE - SARANAGATHI (SDDS JOURNAL) VOLUMES: 1996 – 1997 Excerpts from "Hinduism Rediscovered" book (Anbil Ramaswamy) 1.01 to 1.33 and 2.01 to 2.26

SARANAGATHI VOLUMES: 10/1997 to 10/1999 (In alphabetical order)

Achaarya Vamsa Vriksham (Anbil Ramaswamy) 1.01 to 1.24, 2.01 to 2.06
Adaikkala Pathu (V. Sadagopan) 1.10, 1.11
Gadhya Trayam (Madhava Kannan) 1.03, 1.04
Godaa Sthuthi (M. K. Sudarshan) 1.20, 1.21,
Learn our Sampradaya the easy way (Anbil Ramaswamy) 1.22, 1.23, 2.02 to 2.06
Life and works of Swami Desika (Anbil Ramaswamy) 1.01, 1.02, 1.05
Mudalvanai PaaDiya Mudal Azhwargal (Madhava Kannan) 1.03
Nyaasa Dasakam (V. Sadagopan) 1.08
Pancharatra (N. Krishnamachari) 1.11, 1.17, 1.19, 2.02,
Paramapata SOPaanam (V. Sadagopan) 1.12 to 1.24
Pradhaana Satakam (V. Sadagopan) 1.20, to 1.24, 2.01 to 2.06
Prapanna Parijatam (V. Sadagopan) 1.03, 1.05, 1.06
Saranagathi (Sampath Rangarajan) 1.01 to 1.03, 1.05 to 1.10, 1.15, 1.18, 1.20, 1.21, 1.24, 2.01
Saranagathi Gadhya (Madhava Kannan) 1.06, 1.07
Scriptural authority for Prapatti (V. Sadagopan) 1.09
Sriranga Gadhya (Madhava Kannan) 1.10
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SEVA SWAMI'S SAMPRADAYA LESSONS – Grade 1 Lesson 8 to 15 (Tr. Anbil Ramaswamy) 1.03 to 1.15,

(Lessons 1 To 7 have been archived at www.srivaishnava.org/sgati)

SEVA SWAMI'S SAMPRADAYA LESSONS – Grade 2 Lessons 1 to 20 Tr. M. K. Srinivasan Swami

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SRI VAISHNAVA SAMPRADAYAM (Uruppattur Sri D. Soundararajan Swami) 1.03 to 1.08

GREATNESS OF RAMANUJA DARSANAM

(Anbil Ramaswamy) 1.18 to 1.20

SWAMI DESIKA'S SIMILES (UPAMA) (Anbil Ramaswamy)

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"Present Continuous and Past Perfect" (Anbil Ramaswamy)

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Srimad Ramayanam (complete series) (Anbil Ramaswamy)

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vachaka dosha: kshandhavya:

Namo narayana

dAsanu dAsan Acharya paadhangri rENu:



"caraNou SaraNam prapadhye"

(Thanks: Sou.R.Chitralekha)