

Pujya Gurudev's recent programmes

Dear Friends,

Hari Om. Though busy with the preparations for the coming Astavakrageeta Jnana Yagnam, Pujya Guru Maharaj has attended some programmes in these days.

Dr.MCR Human Resource Development Institute of AP., requested Gurudev to give talks on 'Ethics in Administration' from 18th to 20th of January. After a gap of 2 years, Sri Prem Siddharth ji conducted a session here. He spoke on many aspects that assure us happy life while transacting with the world with all its *intricacies*.



The participants who were officers of various government departments expressed their happiness of attending these sessions. The question – answer session and other general discussions encouraged the officers towards having an understanding of our religious texts. The management of MCR-HRD invited Gurudev to do more such sessions.

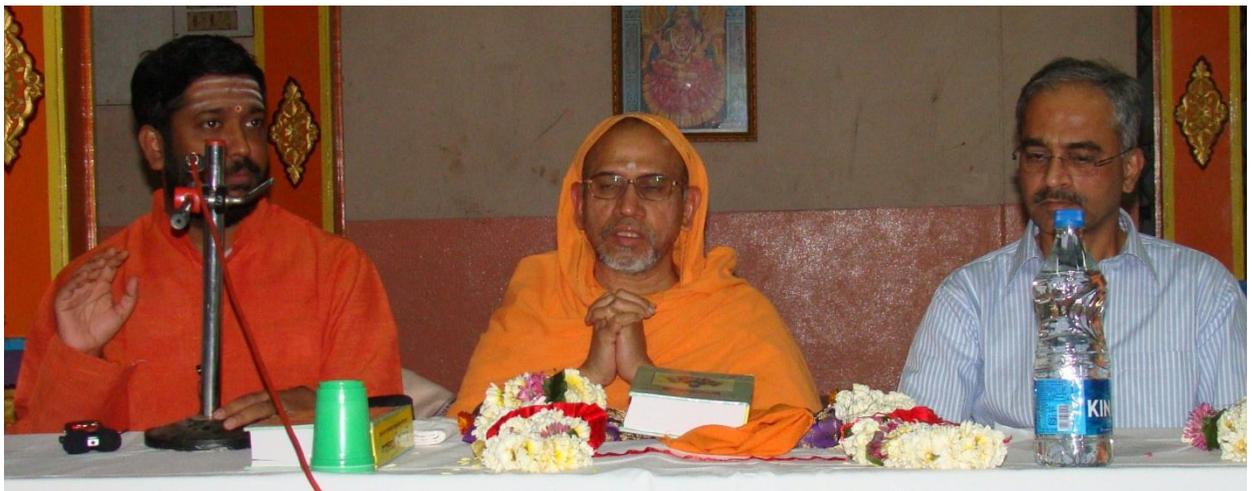
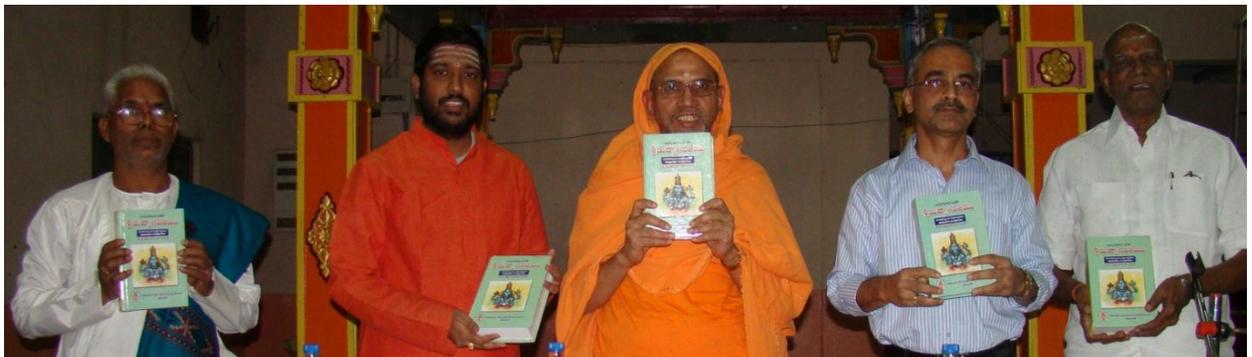


On the morning of 20th a satsang was organized by Smt. Gayatri mataji at her residence. Some mahatmas have come from Gangotri. Swami Tattvavidananda ji, Swami Krishnananda ji, Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji were also invited.



Sri Tattvavidananda Saraswathi Swamiji spoke about the real meaning of a verse from Geeta – ***Panditaah Samadarshinah***. Pujya Prem Siddharth ji spoke about the means to attain that Samadarshanatvam. He said that our nitya sukha iccha (desire for happiness) should be made as Moksha iccha (as moksha is nitya sukha). This moksha iccha needs to become Jnana Iccha (as Jnana is the means for mokhsa) and because Jnana can come only through Pramana, the Jnana iccha is to be transformed into Pramana iccha. As the ultimate Pramana for Atma Jnana is Vedanta, the Pramana iccha should become Vedanta iccha. Now that Vedanta is a teaching methodology of systematically unfolding the true nature of Jeeva and Iswara, this Vedanta iccha should become Sastra sravana and Vicharana iccha. If one understands this clearly, then the journey begins. All the devotees were given maha prasadam.

On 23rd Bhagavatham – Dasama Skandam (Uttarardham) book releasing ceremony was organized by Jnanasri Arsha vidya Gurukulam at Sri Sankara Mutt, Nallakunta, Hyderabad. Parama Pujya Sri Swami Tattvidananda Saraswathi ji, an eminent scholar, translated and wrote an elaborate and commendable commentary to the most celebrated scripture Srimadbhagavatha Maha Purana. Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams took the task of publishing this work which is running into several volumes. Till now the complete nine cantos and the first half of the tenth canto were published. The second half comes to light now. Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji was invited to be the chief guest. Sri K. Aravinda Rao, a senior IPS officer released the book and gave the first copy to Sri P. Venkateshwarlu (Kakatiya cements).



Pujya Gurudev Sri Prem Siddharth ji spoke about the glory of our scriptural heritage and the underlying connectivity of all our scriptural literature. 'In other parts of the world, in the name of religion, there were Bloodshed wars. Whereas here in our country there was only Book shed wars' he said.

Sri Sivarama Sarma, a scholar introduced the book and spoke about the beauty of translation. He presented the comparative analysis between this commentary and the traditional vyakhyanam like Sridhara and Vamshidhara. The author Sri Tattvavidananda Swamiji maharaj recollected his childhood days and his study of Bhagavatham. He said that this great job of translating the Maha purana of Vyasa was undertaken by him to gain Iswara Anugraham. He thanked his Guru Sri Dayananda Saraswathi Swamiji maharaj for asking him to teach this Bhagavatham in the Gurukulams here in India and United States. After proposing the vote of thanks, all the devotees had Anna Prasadam.



On 26th Gurudev Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji attended the 36th Divine Life Society conference that was held at Pullampeta, Kadapa. Parama Pujya Sri Padmanabhananda Swamiji, Secretary of DLS, Rishikesh spoke about the Manava Seva while giving the examples from the life of his guru Sri Swami Chidananda maharaj.

This conference was well attended by both the sanyasis and devotees. Pujya Gurudev gave a short discourse on the need of satsang and advised the seekers to take the guidance of a sampradaya guru understanding the Brahma Vidya.



On 27th, after offering prayers to Lord Venkateshwara on Tirumala, Pujya Gurudev visited a town called Nagiri, a border village of Andhra Pradesh. Sri K. Eswara Reddy has organized a satsang for youngsters in the premises of Sri Jnana Saraswathi temple. The temple is situated in a very beautiful location. The temple priest performed archana to the Goddess of Learning.



Satsang began with the welcome note of Sri Eswara Reddy and that was followed by a talk by Sri Pundarika Varadacharya, a staunch devotee of Lord Hanuman. He told about the benefits that one gets in the company of saints.





Pujya Gurudev gave a discourse on the importance of wisdom in one's life. "Without wisdom, all our endowments are just entanglements. They burden us so much that we certainly miss the joy of life" is the gist of the talk. With many examples from the Ramayana, Acharya's discourse was well appreciated by the devotees. They requested Pujya Gurudev to come to this place again. The Programme concluded with the offering of Harathi to Mother Saraswathi. Pujya Gurudev offered some money to the authorities for the regular maintenance of the temple.

On 28th Pujya Acharya has come to Hyderabad and engaged in the Astavakra Geeta Jnana Yagnam preparatory activities.

Once again we welcome to ASTAVAKRA GEETA JNANA YAGNAM.

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