



## Krishnashtami Celebrations – A Report

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On the evening of 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013, devotees joyously celebrated Sri Krishnajanmashtami in the presence of most revered Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji at the Jnana Yagna venue in the premises of Sujatha High School, Nampally.

Having understood the importance of Namasankeerthana from Pujya Swamiji's discourses, devotees participated in singing the glories of the Lord with added enthusiasm.

Pujya Gurudev, while unravelling the teachings of Kunti Devi explained that 'Mada' or Egotism is the reason for constantly missing the all-pervading presence of Ishwara in the Jagat. Egotism is a natural feeling motivated by the Nobility of Birth, Wealth, Scholarship and Beauty. Where there is 'Abhimana', there is always a sense of 'Avamana' towards others – even the noblest or the wisest. Pujya Acharya unravelled this with the help of the episode of Daksha Yagnam.

Bhagawan's darshanam is possible only for an 'Ackinchana' – one who has nothing other than God in his heart.

Pujya Swamiji explained the Vedantic meaning behind the slokas of Kunti Stuti where She prays to the Arupa Iswhara as Anadi Nidhanam. He also

revealed the Kala rupam of Ishwara. God in the form of Kaalam is the order that regulates the Pattern, Precision and Regularity in the world.



A true Bhakta submits to this Dharma-Karma Niyati (The order of Karma and Dharma) in the Jagat. The Kala-rupa also refers to God in the form of death. A devotee recognizes that Death is also Ishwara-roopam.

After the divine discourse, the devotees performed Puja to the Beloved Lord Sri Krishna and Srimadbhagavatam. The most adorable Balakrishna blessed the devotees by enjoying the Jhoolotsavam as He rested in the cradle being rocked by His Bhaktas.

Pujya Gurudev explained the prominence of Namasankeerthana to begin an evening of joy that was filled with the ambrosia of Nama Sankeertanam.

The union of Sri Srinivas' Kirtana and Nartana of the devotees manifested the Brindavanam in the premises. It seemed as if the Lord Natawaralal was watching with pleasure as His devotees danced in the ecstasy that only His



divine name can bestow. Disciples were even more delighted when Pujya Acharya sang Bhajans while playing the khol and danced joyously along with them.

The altar was an amalgamation of Bhakti and Jnana, where the Pujya Acharya blessed us with the Srimadbhagavata Upadesham which is truly the Vag-rupa Krishna Swaroopam and the blue boy of brindavan graced us with His bala-roopam.



The festivities came to an end with Harathi being offered to Lord Krishna. The devotees were served with Anna Prasadam and Pujya Acharya blessed them with another Prasadam – **the announcement of the most awaited Sadhana camp at Tiruvannamalai. This retreat is scheduled from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2013. (A separate document is attached with this mail).**

## Purnahuti Ceremony

The 13 day Kunti Stuti Jnana Yagnam concluded successfully on Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> September. The devotees considered themselves blessed by Ishwara to have done the sravanam of this holy text which is laden with the secrets of Bhakti, Jnana and Vyragya.



Pujya Gurudev, on this auspicious occasion, chose to felicitate a learned scholar of Telugu and Sanskrit, Brahmasri Talamudipi Balasubbaiah.

On the behalf of AVV, Sri C.T.Krishnamurthy honoured the scholar with Garland, Shawl, Vastrams & Dakshina.

Sri Balasubbaiah has translated into Telugu many texts such as the 8<sup>th</sup> canto & the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Uttarardha of the 10<sup>th</sup> canto of Srimadbhagavatham with Sri Sridharaswamin's 'Bhavartha Deepika', which is considered as the most celebrated bhashyam, Sri Vamshidhara's 'Srimadbhagavatha Leela Kalpadramumam' and 'Bhagavatadya Padya Vyakhya Shatakam'. This is probably the first time that these great holy texts are made available into Telugu language.

Sri Balasubbaiah has also translated into telugu, the commentaries-Kashika (by Nandikeshwara) & Sutra Vimarshini (by Upamanyu) on 'Maaheshwara Sutrani' – the aphorisms of Sanskrit grammer attributed to Lord Maheshwara.

He has also authored 'Meghasandesham–Tatvika Darshanam', 'Rama Rajyam-Dharma Rajyam', 'Samyavada Kavita Darshanam' etc.



Pujya Gurudev, while praising the lucidity and simplicity of the texts and Sri Balasubbaiah's commitment towards the scriptures, has also said that it is indeed a great contribution to have done the Shastra seva of making such texts available to the Telugu reading devotees. Sri Balasubbaiah, expressed his

profound happiness on having the darshan of Pujya Gurudev and on being given such an honour and spoke about the greatness of the scholars of our Shastra who have inspired him in the process.

He also took this opportunity to seek the help of Pujya Gurudev in the reprint of the book – 'Megha Sandesham and Tatvika Darshanam' to which Pujya Gurudev has given His consent.

Pujya Gurudev also blessed Smt and Sri Aruna Jayaprakash Singh, Sri M.P. Raju of Sujata High School for providing the venue of their school and their continuous support during the Jnana Yagnam.



They in turn expressed their fortune on meeting Pujya Acharya and have welcomed AVV to utilize the school venue for any such program in the future.



For bringing the Krishna Nama into the hearts of the devotees with his mellifluous Bhajans, Sri Sankeertana Srinivas ji received vastra bahumanam from Pujya Acharya amidst the thunderous applause of the devotees.



The Purnahuti concluded amidst the glorious bhajans and chantings of the Lord's name by the devotees and the Harathi that was followed by Prasada Vitharanam. The devotees prayed to Lord Sri Krishna and Pujya Gurudev for more such opportunities to do Sravanam of many more such holy scriptures.



*HARIH OM*