



# Bhakti Upadesha from Tulasi Ramayana

## -A Report of Evansville Jnana Yagnam

Tri State Hindu Temple and Arsha Vidya Vahini, under the auspices of Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharthi ji, initiates the much awaited lecture series in the United States for the year 2014. The 1<sup>st</sup> of this lecture series began at **the Temple Premises in Evansville, Indiana** where, Pujya Acharya Maharaj was welcomed into the temple lovingly by the priest, Sri Mishra ji and the rest of the temple members with a Purna Kumbha and the chanting of the Holy Veda Mantras.



Pujya Acharya ji Maharaj chose to speak from the much celebrated Sri Ramacharitmanas by Goswami Tulasidas ji. The anecdote of the meeting of Lord Sri Rama with Mata Sabari is filled with lessons on Bhakti and Sadhana.

Pujya Acharya deems this divine upadesha as highly necessary in the life of a Sadhaka. Pujya Acharya said that Bhakta Shabari stands as an ideal in the invocation of Bhakti in our hearts. Bhakti is the preliminary step to Jnana and without which the even the study of the highest scriptures remains incomplete.

Narrating different stories of the Ramayana, Pujya Acharya elaborated on the many significant aspects of Bhakti. He says that it is impossible for us to inculcate the feelings of Bhakti unless we recognize the nirantara Karuna or Grace of the Lord in our lives. He proclaims that the presence of the slightest sign of disappointment in our lives is really an indication that we are not really a Devotee and compares such a person to a waterless cloud.



Pujya Swamiji in these lectures takes us exhaustively through each of the nine steps of developing Bhakti and While explaining them, Pujya Swamiji gave yardsticks to

measure our graduation in this path by quoting innumerable examples from the lives of Bhaktas. While these delightful lectures fill each ones heart with Bhakti, they also pave an encouraging path to self improvement in our sadhana.



The purnahuti of this Jnana Yagna was performed on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

The devotees chanted Hanuman Chalisa invoking Lord Hanuman's blessings for more such opportunities for Rama katha in their lives. Harathi was

performed and was followed by anna prasadam.

The devotees at the Tri-State Hindu temple expressed their joy in having the great fortune in attending such discourses and requested Pujya Swamiji to grace them with His benevolence every year in the form of such divine discourse.

AVV thanks Smt & Sri Mythili Sudheer for their support in this Jnana Yagnam.



**The next discourses in USA will be conducted at Mason, Ohio on Sri Vishnu Shatpadi Storam by Sri Adi Sankaracharya from the 2<sup>nd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of May. All are welcome.**

For the complete schedule of Pujya Acharya's lectures in USA, please visit our website – [www.arshavidyavahni.org](http://www.arshavidyavahni.org) . You may join our mailing list for the complete updates on our further activities and lectures.

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**-----Jai Sri Ram!!-----**