



A KrutajñāṭAnjali (Humble Tribute) to our AcArya Saarvabhōuman
(Acharya Ratnam)



HH the 45th paTTam SrImadazhagiya singar SrIvaNN SaThakopa SrI NARaYaNa yatIndra mahAdeSikan
On the occasion of His satAbhisheka mahotsavam at Srlrangam in 2006



His Holiness the 45th jeevar of SrI Ahobila maTham, SrImate SrI LakshmiRsimha divya pAdukaa sevaka SrIvaNN SaThakopa SrI NARaYaNa yatIndra mahAdeSikan, ascended to paramapadam at 12:05 AM Indian Time, Sunday the 19th of May, 2013. Our AcArya ratnam, who illumined our paths, welcomed us with parama vAatsalyam and inquired always about our well-being is no longer with us. His stellar and pioneering kaimkaryams to SrI VaishNava community will be very much missed. His august and auspicious presence and His smiling face will always be remembered by His Sishya koTis.

The loss of one's AcAryan is always a cause for one's immense personal sorrow. In the case of a sadAcAryan like SrImat NARayaNa yatIndra mahAdeSikan, who has done so much for so many for so long, it is impossible to contain the grief except through the repeated recitation of His *taniyan* and reflection on His matchless affection for His SishyAs, His superior AcAram, His strict anushTANam, His tapas, His vairAgyam, His bhakti for His own AcAryAs, His adoration of MALolan and Dolai KaNNan, His MaTha nirvAha sAmartyam, His inimitable upanyAsa Saili and other limitless guNAdisayams.



HH 45th paTTam SriImad Azhagiyasingar performing tiruvArAdanam at Sri MALolan sannidhi at Sri Ahobilam

Our Azhagiyasingar belonged to the NallAn Cakravarti VamSam celebrated by TiruvenkaTam-uDaiyan Himself, who chose Ahobila divya deSam to perform the TadiyArAdhanam to celebrate His kalyANa mahotsavam with SrI PadmAvati tAyAr. Our dear Azhagiyasingar's upliftment of facilities and services at the divya deSa sannidhis in general and Ahobilam in particular are well documented.

SrI MaTham has ArAdhana mirAsu at a few divya deSams like Ahobilam, ThiruveLLUr, PullambhUtankuDi and AdanUr and His kaimkaryams there stand out. For instance, at ThiruveLLUr, the nirvAham of this divya deSam was handed over to the 31st PaTTam SrImat Azhagiyasingar in the year 1842 C.E; since that time successive Azhagiyasingars have improved the vibhUti (aiSwaryam) of SrI Vasumati sameta SrI Vaidya VIRarAghava perumAL. The 45th PaTTam SrImat Azhagiyasingar, SrI NARayaNa yatIndra mahAdeSikan paid special attention to the divya deSams with FIVE BrndAvanams such as ThiruveLLUr, where His own KAlakshepa AcAryan, SrImat InjimeDu Azhagiyasingar has His BrndAvanam. The building of a brand new MaTham there, the samarpaNams of a new car (tiruttEr) and precious AbharaNams to the divya dampatis are some of the instances of outstanding Kaimkaryam there. At PuLLambhUtankuDi and AdanUr divya deSams administered by SrI MaTham, there are Five more BrndAvanams including that of the Ahnika granta karta, the 26th PaTTam, SrIranganAtha yatIndra mahAdeSikan. The BrndAvanam of the 16th PaTTam SrImat Azhagiyasingar is behind the western temple walls of the EmperumAn of PuLLambhUtankuDi. KaNNaDi aRai, nUTana vAhana samarpaNams and ratnAngi kaimkaryams were completed at this divya

deSam. NityArAdhana arrangements (tiTTams) have been conceived and implemented here and at so many other temples belonging to SrI MaTham. New branches of SrI MaTham have been established at divya deSams like ThiruppullANi.

The foresight and planning to realize easy access to the Ahobila Kshetram and the nava Nrsimha Sannidhis there are stellar examples of the approach of a visionary. Thanks to all those completed Kaimkaryams, thousands of SishyAs and local residents throng to Ahobilam today and visit the various sannidhis without the troubles encountered by Tirumangai AzhwAr.

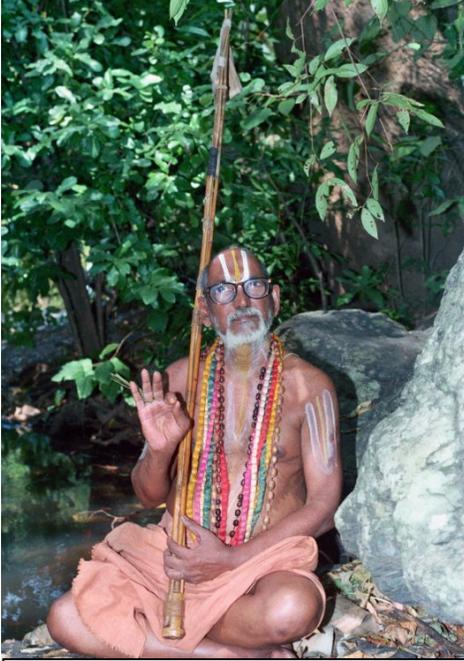


From one corner of India to the other, Our AcAryan has performed MangaLASAsanams at the divya deSams and abhimAna sthalams. He has gone on sancAram with MALolan three times from HimAlayAs to KanyAkumAri. When one realizes the "impossible" logistics of planning and executing these many sancArams to bless the SishyAs with samASraya/bharaNyAsam as per the original command of MALolan, one shudders at the magnitude of these upakArams. Sometimes His CAturnMAsyams took place at the divya deSams like ThiruppullANi, SrIrangam, PuLLambhUtangudi et al. SishyAs and abhimAnis thronged there to be close to their AcAryan over extended periods of time and enjoy His soulabhyam.

The fundamental belief that we have towards our AcAryans is expressed by this Sloka vAkyam and focuses on what SrImat NARayaNa yatIndra mahAdeSikan has accomplished :

ye naiva gurUNA yasya nyAsavidyA pradIyate
tasya VaikuNTha dugdhAbdhi dwArakAs-sarva yeva saH

This Slokam states that the AcAryan, who blessed the Sishyan with nyAsa vidyA is veritable VaikuNTham, DwArakA and the milky Ocean, all put together. That



HH the 45th paTTam SriMat
Azhagiyasingar on the banks of
bhavanAsini river at Sri Ahobilam

AcAryan is every sacred place. That is what He is for us and He is indeed our naDamADum daivam.

Manu Smruti stresses the importance of vandanams for AcAryans, who bless us with MokshopakaraNa vidya (*AdadIta yato j~nAnam tam pUrvamabhivAdayet*). BharadwAja samhita vAkyam states that the one dear to AcAryan and the sishyan, who adores the AcAryan will gain Moksham (*paramAm siddhi*) undoubtedly :

gurUNA yoabhimanyeta gurum vA yoabhimanyate
tAvubhau paramAm siddhim niyamAdupa-
gacchataH

The importance of AcArya sambandham has been emphasized in Srutis, smrtis, itihAsams and purANams. All of us have the blessings of sadAcArya sambandham. That sambandham in the past has elevated Kshatrabandhu, PuNDarIkan and they became "AcAryavAn" and enjoyed Moksha sAmrAjyam:

pApishTaH Kshatrabandusca PuNDarIkasca puNyakrt
AcAryavattayaa muktau tasmAdAcAryavAn bhavEt - SrImat rahasya traya sAram

It is thru AcArya KaTAKsham that we gain every soubhAgyam (*AcAryasya prasAdena guroranugraheNaiva pumAn pUrNa prajAyate*). SvAmi DeSikan has revealed that there is no one, who is greater or equal to our AcAryans (*AcAryAdiha devatAm samAdikAm anyAm na manyAmahe*). SrI NArAyaNa yatIndra mahAdeSikan, who has ascended to paramapadam today is such a sreshTAcAryan for us.



AcArya's carama tirumeni at Srlrangam

aDiyEn concludes this AcArya vandanam and smaraNam on the first day of His ascent to SrI VaikuNTham with a pAsuram from SvAmi NammAzhwAr (TiruvAimozhi: 8.3.10 : *Kalakkamillaa naltava munivar karai KaNDOr....*). The paasuram performs this upadeSam through SaThakOpa MAmuni: "AcAryas with their **unmuddled perception**



acquired through their intense tapas immerse themselves deep in bhagavad guNAnubhavam and engage in mangaLASAsanams and AcAryakatvam. They are veritable nitya suris without any samsAric fears. They serve their Lord with joy on this earth . We as their fortunate SishyAs and prapannAs become objects of their careful protection (rakshya vastus) and feel comforted and secure."



Our daNDavat praNamams to SrImat Azhagiya Singar adorning both the hamsa mudrai on His finger and the VaNN SaThakopa birudu awarded by SvAmi NammAzhwAr Himself at AzhwAr Thirunagari for the founding jeeyar of SrI MaTam.

||SrImate SrI LakshmiNrsimha divya pAduka sevaka SrIvaN SaThakopa SrI NArAyaNa yatIndra mahAdeSikaya namaH||

||SrImate SrI RanganAtha yatIndra mahAdeSikAya namaH||



aDiyEn
rAmAnuja dAsan
Oppiliappan Koil V.Sadagopan

NOTE: As ordained by Sri MALolan, the paTTAbhisheka mahotsavam of HH 46th paTTam SriImat Azhagiyasingar SriImate Sri lakshmiInrsimha divya pAdukaa sevaka SrIvaN SaThakopa Sri RanganAtha yatIndra mahAdeSikan is scheduled to be held at SriIraNga divya deSam on May 23rd, 2013. The paTTiNapraveSam will be celebrated on May 31st, 2013

||SrImate SrI lakshmiInrsimha divyapAdukaa sevaka SrIvaN SaThakopa SrI RanganAtha yatIndra mahAdeSikAya namaH||

Some videos of HH 45th paTTam SrImad Azhagiya Singar upanyAsams:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPSeh0G-0Ec>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVxW7Ep47cY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxZ68k9nJG0>

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