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Direction: Lord Tirumala Sri Venkateswara decided to arrange his "HARINAAMA KSHETRA" near our "Garden well" in my native village Chinna Gundavelli, 7 km. away from Sidhipet. He directed me to construct at least the replica of Tirumala Temple upto two compound walls (Silver Doors). He assured me that He will stay here permanently forever in this area by himself and bless the devotees. Also He suggested to arrange Akhanda Harinam Smaran (chanting constantly) by various devotees in shift system with no break. He also informed me to get blessed by Bhagavataas (great devotees) in order to get eligibility to invite Lord from Tirumala besides rigorous practice (Sadhana).

Starting the training from April 2000, thro' my dreams, He disclosed the actual matter in April 2022. In addition to this, He ordered me to get the divine feelings published which were

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blessed by him in order to make the devotees as partners in this programme from April 2023. The publishing of present part-26 is its part only (February 2012 to October 2012).

In this time period, He advised me to stop my business, so that I would be able to secure the solitude needed to strive for attaining the Lord. He personally took on the responsibility of taking care of me. He asked me to be engaged continuously in the recitation of the Lord's name. He encouraged me that I was involved in building the "Padma Peetham", for the Lord to reside permanently. He displayed his pleasure on bringing me close to him, by degrading my economic situation. He asked me to discard all passions. Thus, he set the direction of my life. Let us look at the details of this.

10 years ago, in 2002, when He granted me the good fortune to serve Him, The Lord, Sri Venkateshwara, permitted me to be involved in my business, only to the extent that would allow me to take care of my family. He also told me that He would block me if I tried to indulge in my business beyond this limit. Later, when I forgot this and tried to grow my business, I could not succeed. I became more miserable by the day. While my situation was like this, the Lord set a special direction for my life, while telling me to completely shut my business down. His direction to me was "even if all those around you neglect you, deride you, do not cooperate with you, you should not be afraid or worried that you are alone, but should be immersed in reciting my name. with total devotion and attention and joy. He told me to be like the "Haridasa," who is devoted to Hari, while living in the midst of people of other religions. I did not understand it so when He told me this. The way I understood it was "even when you have lost everything, you should lead your life, happy being immersed in reciting my name." This was a divine deed of awesome quality. I offered a billion salutations to Him mentally, for giving me such wondrous instruction. The details of this divine deed are as described here

#### Asking me to live like a Haridasa

Sometime during this time, I had a feeling in my heart telling me "use your business capital to buy a few plots and put a complete stop to your business." But I did not do so and instead, I took a loan and along with the capital I had, I undertook the construction of a small four storey apartment building, in the Sainikpuri area of Hyderabad. Eventhough, it was a good building, I could find no buyers. My situation then was that if I could not sell the building, I would be left with no livelihood. However much I tried and finally even pleaded with the Lord, it led nowhere. This led to such a mental state, that I did not feel like doing my business anymore. It was during this time, that I had been pleading with the Lord for the last several months, that I was not satisfied with my lifestyle and wanted Him to advise me how I should lead my life. I had a strong internal feeling that I should change my lifestyle. I was highly distressed. The feeling that I was a totally incapable person was burning me from within. Since the last 4-5 days, I started praying to the Lord thus "Lord, Sri Venkateshwara, whatever I have done so far, has been done after informing you. Finally, I have reached a nadir in my affairs. It is like I have been immobilised like my hands and feet have been tied. Only you can protect me. Please forgive my mistakes and protect me." In addition to this, I was also feeling sorrowful that I was getting distanced from the Lord, because He had not showed me any of his

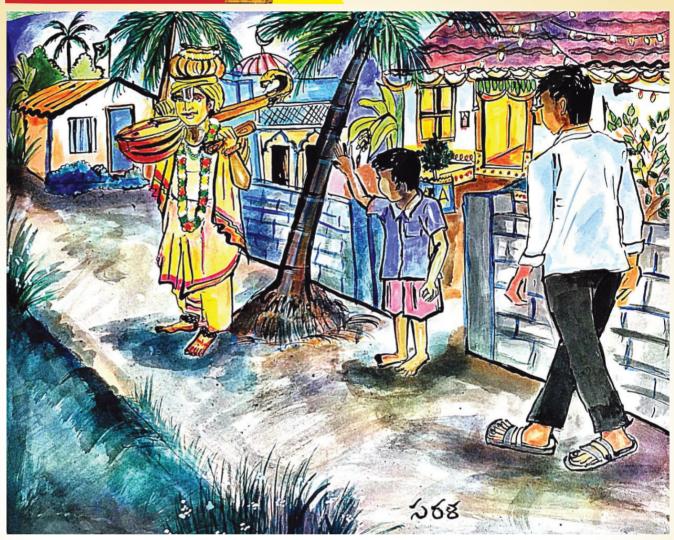
divine deeds. The feeling that however much a devotee strived, it would not be possible to attain the Lord's grace, unless the Lord so wished. I burnt away internally, because my economic position was bad and I was not obtaining the Lord's grace. I conveyed to the Lord that I was putting aside the idea of building the Trivikrama form of the Lord, given that I did not have the means to do so, given my helpless state. I prayed to the Lord with a heart seared by grief, to show mercy to me.

The Lord who is of a merciful nature showed me a marvellous divine act that night. He told me to continue with my services to him in a happy state of mind, even in this state where I had lost everything. He advised me to model myself on the lines of a "Haridasa" who found himself living in the midst of people of other faiths. He set a nice direction for my life. This was like a pearl among my experiences. The divine act was as described here.

Dr. Puligadda Vijayalakshmi was the honorary editor of our monthly journal Sri Venkatesham. Her elder daughter, Dr. Lalita Vani also ran a column titled "your knowledge" in the journal. Dr. Vijayalakshmi had a younger daughter named Usha Lakshmi. I used to visit them now and then and have pleasant banters with them. The Lord showed me his divine act, using these people as characters

**Dream dated 19-02-2012:** I had gone to Dr. Puligadda Vijayalakshmi's home, for something, based on her invitation. It was around 5 p.m. and Dr. Vijayalakshmi or Dr. Lalta Vani had not yet come home from office. The other members of their family invited me in cordially. I indulged in conversing with them on desultory topics. At that instant the scene changed. I found myself in the cattle shed like structure, behind their home. The younger daughter had just then come home from school. She was repeatedly coming to me and telling me something. She told me that her brother was a skilled astrologer and could predict the future correctly, for he had worked a lot on his skill in this area. On hearing this, I was excited to learn about my





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future. At that moment, it started raining. Because the shed was leaking some, I became wet. In the meantime, Srimati Vijayalakshmi and her elder daughter DR. Lalita Vani came home. We conversed for a while and then decided to go out for a dinner to some restaurant, for which 4-5 of us set off in an autorickshaw. But the driver of the auto, instead of taking us where we had asked him to, took us to a different place. It was completely a Muslim locality. It was like the lanes in the old city portion of Hyderabad. While we were wondering that the driver had brought us to a strange place, one of the local leaders there stopped the driver. Since they had asked, the driver stopped the vehicle. And the driver became afraid looking at the local leader and starting folding his palms to him. In appearance the driver seemed like a follower of that person. In the meantime,

I got out of the auto and they took me into the home of that leader. All the others with me stayed in the auto and were outside, on the road. They took me into a large house. There I saw the local leader and someone who seemed an MLA (all of them seemed to be Muslims). They made me stand in front of him and told him something. But the local leader ignored me and went on talking about something important to the people by his side. The next level leaders kept looking at me. The senior level leaders went away from there after which the next level leaders took me to another house in that locality and spoke to me. They asked me to pay them 5,000 rupees as if I had done something wrong. I felt sad at this and thinking why I should pay the money, told them that I wanted to meet the senior leader. To which the next level leaders said that because they were asking, they had limited it to 5,000 rupees; if it were up to the senior leader, he would ask for more. In the meantime, Dr. Vani who was in the autorickshaw on the road, came there saying she was ready to pay the 5,000 rupees which had been agreed upon. I did not agree to this injustice, and saying I would ask the senior leader, I started off alone searching for him. I searched multiple lanes for him. Wherever I saw, it was only Muslim people and their homes. There was no one whom either I knew, or who was a Hindu. As I was searching thus, I could see each house distinctly, because it was a bright moonlit night. Unexpectedly, I saw a Hindu house. It stood as if without any fear despite being the sole Hindu house in the midst of all the Muslim houses. It was decorated with mango leaves and flower garlands. On its walls, doors and all over it was decorated with turmeric and vermillion. It was dazzlingly lit with electric lights. The owner of that house was a "Haridas." He was decked up nicely in the traditional way, wearing a dhoti and had a brass pot on his head and had castanets in his hand. On his forehead he had a nice "tirunamam" and was just stepping out of the house. His young son, accompanied him to the door, as if to bid him farewell. When I looked again, the Haridas had already gone some distance away from his home. His young son, who was in the courtyard was bidding him farewell. I could see the Haridas with a tirunamam on his forehead, a brass pot on his head and a pleasant smile on his face. He had a peaceful demeanour that anyone looking at him would develop a feeling of devotion to God. The sight of the house, its splendour and the Haridas generated a feeling of immense happiness in me. I wondered "How is he living in the middle of this Muslim locality, in the midst of these people, who thrived by looting others? Who gives him alms? Moreover, he seems to be living without any fear or worry and full of happiness". Even in my dream state I had the notion that the Lord had brought me here only with the purpose of showing me the house of this Haridas, in the midst of the Muslim locality. My dream ended. I interpreted it to mean that if I lived like the

Haridas, it would do me good in the future. I also had the notion that all my sufferings would end shortly.

The Haridas, who was in the midst of a Muslim locality, never bothered whether the people there gave him alms or not. He did not care to label the people around him as good or bad. He was happy keeping his house beautiful, and always chanting the name of Lord Hari with a smile, without worrying about others. Not just himself, but he was keeping his family members too happy. One sight of him was enough to make me understand "My sole objective is attaining the Lord.... not my situation or my surroundings." It was for this reason that even in my dream state, I thought that the Lord had brought me to the locality to show me the house of the Haridas. For someone like me who did not have a preceptor, the Lord acted as one and educated me about my duty. I who had a disturbed mind, once again remembered my duty.

In the previous times, those who wished solitude, used to retire to the forests, but my situation would not permit me to do that. Every opportunity the Lord provided me for his services, I had to be amongst people and perform. For this reason, he wanted me to "stay amongst people and live like the Haridas, who was living amongst people of another faith." But what we inferred as his message at that time was that even in our state of having lost everything, we should continue with the recitation of His name with a happy mind.

#### Telling me that I was building the Padma Peetham

The Lord, Tirumala Sri Venkateshwara showed another marvellous divine act. It was in a sense a prediction of what was to happen. He told me that I was making all preparations for the descent of the Lord Venkateshwara in the Harinama Kshetra I was proposing to establish at Chinnagundavelli. He told me that I was working on building the Padmapeetham, on which the Lord would stand. I understood the meaning of this divine act too much later. The dream was as described here.

Dream dated 04-03-2012: There was a construction exhibition going on in some place that resembled the Hitex exhibition centre in Madhapur. The big builders of Hyderabad were exhibiting models and layouts of the projects they were involved in. Lots of people were visiting the exhibition. I too went to see the exhibition. I felt deflated when I saw the kind of gigantic projects that were being exhibited there. I felt, I too could have been one of the big builders who were participating in the exhibition and my projects could have been displayed here, and my not being able to do so was the Lord Venkateshwara. I felt grieved that I was not in such a position. In the meantime, I saw the display of a building of 7-8 storeys, which attracted me very much. Somehow, I felt that building belonged to me. Suddenly, I saw the building sprout petals like a lotus from the first storey. Now it looked like a lotus extending its petals, which meant it was a lotus and not a residential building. My dream ended. When I had the dream, I did not understand the inner significance, but I got to understand it later.

The Lord's message through the dream was "don't worry that you have not achieved anything great in your business; you are in the process of building the "Padma Peetham", necessary for installing the Lord's idol

#### Surekha experiencing sorrow

Date 24-03-2012: I told my wife Surekha today, about the dream of 19-02-2012, in which the Lord had told me that I should continue serving him with joy, even though my economic status was badly degraded. At that, she recalled to her mind, our economic condition and shed tears thinking how long we would have to endure these difficulties. This shook me up. I once again prayed to the Lord. This indicated that we held the belief that the Lord would help us on the economic front.

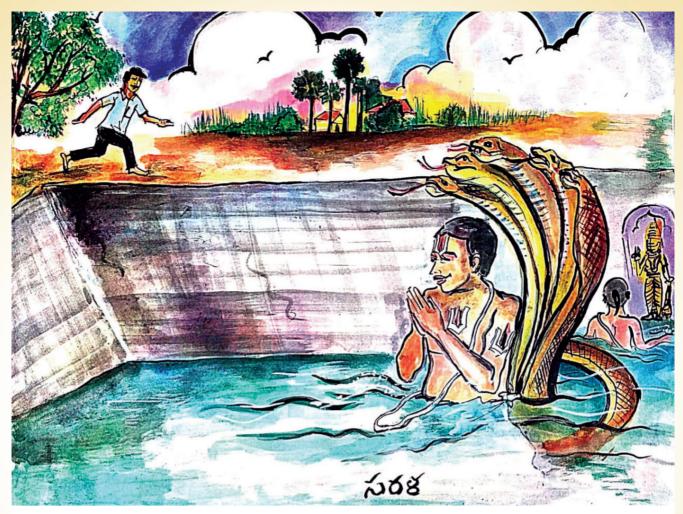
#### Renouncing the desire to lead a pleasure filled life

Date 25-04-2012: Since we were green card holders, it was necessary for us to visit the US every year. This year we travelled to the US on 05-04-2012 and returned on 01-05-2012. During this time, the Lord gave us some advice and also showed some divine acts. Since I would be away from the Lord and suffer from longing for Him during the stay in the USA, He told me several important parts of his advice while we were there. What he told us was as below

On the 23-04-2012 a thought crossed my mind - "Why was the Lord bringing me to the US? What is he planning to advise us for which reason he is bringing us to the USA?" I immediately prayed to the Lord saying "Lord, please teach me the lesson that you plan to teach me!" I went on praying this way for the next two to three days. One day i.e. on 25-04-2012, we had gone visiting a mall, and were looking at all the different objects on display there. There were luxury goods and different kinds of tools and equipment to be seen there. On seeing these, the following thought repeatedly arose in my mind "Don't nurture any desire for these objects, discard any such desires." It was as if the Lord was showing me the superior living conditions and the life of comfort that one could have in the USA and was telling me "All of this is short lived and if you have to realise the goal you have decided on, you should discard all such desires." To state the truth, I too was not too fond of pursuing the pleasures and comforts of life. But I understood this as the Lord telling me, to wipe out even the faint traces of any such desire

#### Exulting with joy for having brought me on to the path He wanted

The Lord was very happy for having brought me close to Himself by degrading my economic situation. It was as if He was jumping with joy. I would consider this episode of my life as the equivalent of a faultless pearl. The divine act that he showed me was as described here



I remembered two instructions that the Lord had given me. On 19-02-2012, he had ordered me to perform his services with extreme devotion and with an ecstasy that would make me forget myself. On 25-04-2012, he had ordered me to lead my life by discarding all desires. I felt that if I remembered these instructions well, and lived my life accordingly, I would be able to satisfy the Lord, it would be beneficial for me and I would be able to attain my goal. Hence, I prayed to the Lord saying "I am starting to lead my life as you have instructed me, and so give me the strength necessary to stick to this path" and immediately started leading that life. That day passed off with great joy and contentment and cheerfulness for me. I thought to myself that nothing in the world was mine, and that I was just a servant of the Lord Sri Venkateshwara, and started living life as He had ordered. The day passed by quickly

with this thought in my mind. I had my food as usual and went to sleep. Though I had already felt that the Lord would be happy at this change in me, I prayed to Him, asking Him to note this change in me and slept. The Lord was happy to note the change in me and showed me and Surekha a divine act each. The divine act I was shown was as described here. It was in the form of an example that showed how since the past few years I was being cheated and was subjected to economic losses

**Dream of 26-04-2012:** In the year 2005 I had given an advance of rupees 3 lakhs, to Sriman Murali Dhar Gaud and his sons who used to live at Nagaram, with the intent of purchasing their land. But in truth that land was not theirs and I ended up without getting the land. They had not returned the advance to me either. The broker who mediated this transaction along with a

few other gentlemen, told me some more comforting lies and got an additional 3 lakhs from me, and got another plot of land registered for me, which they said belonged to Sriman Murali Dhar Gaud and his family. Finally, it turned out that even this plot did not belong to them and in fact the plot itself was under litigation. My problem became even more complex. They did not return me the money I had paid them, even after I asked for it. So, I went ahead and filed a case against them. The court issued an arrest warrant in their name. This frightened Murali Dhar Gaud and his sons, due to which they came to me and made a compromise with me, under which they registered a portion of the land of the house they were living in, in my favour. They pleaded with me that they would return my money within 6 months, failing which they said I could take the land. I agreed to this. It so happened that Murali Dhar Gaud passed away soon after. The sons thereafter refused to give me the land. There were several incidents of this nature, wherein whatever I tried, I would lose my money, but would not get any returns.

The Lord showed me today's divine act, using Murali Dhar Gaud. In this dream, I had travelled to a remote village where Murali Dhar Gaud lived, to get money. However, the village was deserted and I did not see Murali Dhar Gaud. I thought he had left the place because he knew I was coming and wanted to avoid me. The village contained only peopleless homes and streets. I felt my journey had been in vain and having no other option, decided to go back. In the meantime, I felt very thirsty. To have some water, I went to an irrigation well situated on the outskirts and climbing its parapet looked into the well. What I saw there was surprised me. The well had a slope by which one could reach the water level. The water was very clear. I saw Sriman Murali Dhar Gaud in the well. Unlike his usual attire, he was wearing a dhoti and had a tirunamam on his forehead, and immersed in the water up to his waist, he was praying facing me. Behind him there was "Adi Sesha'' with five hoods spread out which was staring at me. At first it seemed like a live serpent. But as soon as

Gaud was under the hood. In a way he appeared like the Lord Srimannarayana. Beside him, there was another god and a priest. The Murali Dhar Gaud I was seeing here was not like the Murali Dhar Gaud I had known earlier. Though he had the same face, he was more like a brahmin priest with the Tirunamam and with a sacred thread. On the rim of the well, by the side of the water, I saw more statues of gods and devotees. As soon as I climbed the rim and put my foot forward to go down to the water, Murali Dhar Gaud who looked like a priest looked at me with a fleeting smile. In my dream state I sensed that he had the thought "See, I have compelled you to come to here (to Him)" in his mind. He appeared to be exulting with joy and pride for having made me come to Him. The inference I made while I was still witnessing the dream was "He made me suffer an economic crisis, diverted my mind from other objectives and brought me to Him."I also sensed that this person who appeared to be like Murali was an illusion created by the Lord Sri Venkateshwara. My dream ended here.

I saw it, it turned into a statue. Sriman Murali Dhar

In this fashion, he asked me to discard all desires for anything worldly and serve the Lord with unprecedented devotion. He conveyed to me that this was the path He had chosen for me and the path he wished me to follow. I paid crores and crores of obeisances to Him for this

(An explanatory note: Lord Sri Krishna stated thus once "Whichever devotee of mine, I feel like bestowing my grace upon, I first take away all his possessions. He will lament because of lack of wealth. All his relatives will desert him. Thus, after facing many difficulties, he will make friends with my devotees. He then will gradually gain spiritual knowledge and attain me.")

#### The Lord feeling happy

My method of living as described above pleased the Lord very much. In addition to showing me a divine act, He showed a divine act of His to Surekha too and made her very happy. The divine act was as described here.

Each time, we went to the USA, we used to make all arrangements to ensure there was no hindrance to either the Sri Venkateshwara maha mantra peetham or to the monthly journal Sree Venkatesham. In addition, we would call up every two to three days to understand how things were progressing here, and would advise on what needed to be taken care of.

Dream of 25-04-2012: In my dream, we were in Hyderabad. Apparently, I had been somewhere on a business-related matter. As for Surekha, she had gone somewhere and was getting back home. At that time, it was noticed that there was a huge amount of smoke coming out from under the door to the balcony of our bedroom. There was no one at home. But since the amount of smoke that was coming out was alarming, a few people had gathered there and were watching what was happening. Meanwhile Surekha reached home. She asked the people in the servant room, about what was happening. They told her fearfully, that something seemed to be burning inside and there was a lot of smoke coming out. She opened the door, went inside and climbed up to the first floor, where our bedroom was and looked inside. She saw a rod of frankincense was lighted and emitting smoke. The smoke seen outside was the smoke from the Frankincense. The servants who saw only the smoke were fearful that something was burning inside. Her dream ended here. The inference from this was that the Lord was very happy with us and had blessed us.

#### **Our trip to Kashmir**

My elder son, Chiranjeevi Vedanth had recently finished his bachelors of engineering and was getting ready to go the US for his masters. Since he already had a green card, he would also be settling down in the US. We therefore decided to go on a family trip to Kashmir. We reached Kashmir on 21-05-2012. Today, I had two dreams and Surekha had one

Dream of 22-05-2012: In my dream, I saw a few temples. I went into one of the temples. In the past apparently a great priest used to be attached to the temple. Since he had passed away, his son who was 40 years of age, was the priest there. He had vibhuti on his forehead and possessed a beautiful complexion. By his side, he had his son who was 7-8 years old. I only saw the priest and his son in the courtyard of the temple. I did not step inside to see the god inside the temple. The dream ended here.

Today we saw the Sivalinga established here in Srinagar by Adi Sankaracharya, and the place where Adi Sankaracharya did his penance.

My second dream: In my dream, apparently, I was the administrator for a temple of Lord Sri Venkateshwara. I was busy planning and preparing for the celebratory events for the Lord. That was all the dream was

I thought it may have been about the 10<sup>th</sup>cycle of submission of written recitations of the Lord's name, or about the establishment of the Harinama Kshetra

Surekha's dream: My mother was alive in the dream. Some grand religious ritual was to be conducted at our home. Surekha was getting everything ready for the ritual, in line with my mother's instructions. That was all the dream was.

We interpreted this to mean that the opportunity we had at present, to perform the Lord's services came to us from our elders, and they were the initiators of it

#### **Preparations for the Rathayatra**

On 25-05-2012 I had another dream as described here

Dream of 25-05-2012: In this dream I saw Dr. KV Ramanachari. He started to tell me about some task that needed to be done. But I reminded him about the impending rathayatra. He remembered it and said "Yes, the rathayatra needs to be completed," and did not tell me about the task he wanted me to tell me about.

He also agreed to come to attend the initial ceremonies related to the rathayatra. That was all the dream was

What I inferred from this was that the Lord too gave importance to the activity of his services. It could also be that He was accepting our services

### The Lord taking responsibility for my economic wellbeing

The Lord Tirumala Venkateshwara gave me a marvellous message. Our economic status had degraded over the last few years. And a few months before, the Lord had asked me to completely close down my business. But I had my worries...as to how to manage my life, how to ensure there was no lapse in the services to the Lord etc., to which He gave a nice response. He told me that He would take the complete responsibility and that I should not worry. This would rank among the most marvellous gifts that God could give his devotee. The details of it are as described here.

On 03-06-2012, which was a Sunday, our entire family went to Tirumala and performed the "AbhideyakaAbhishekam" (ritual bathing of the armour of Lord Sri Venkateshwara). When we had a darshan of the Lord, I prayed to Him, to grant me two boons. The first one was "Lord, our entire family has come here to pay obeisance to you. As my elder son is leaving for the USA, it will be a long time before all of us to come to Tirumala as a family unit to pay obeisance to you. Hence, please accept these prayers, and also always be by his side and protect him (So that the Lord's presence would be with him always, we had made him wear a locket of the Lord)"

The second boon: Since the last few years our economic situation had been rapidly degrading by the day. Anything I undertook ended up in a loss, which diminished my position. A few days ago, I had prayed to Him asking Him, what I should do, if my position were to completely go down. As per the dream of 19-02-2012, He had told me that even if I lost everything, I should continue my services with utmost devotion and

love for the Lord, and that I should discard all desires and put a complete stop to my business. I thought about it a lot, which made me see that there were several troublesome issues in that course of action. So, I prayed to the Lord with a sorrow filled heart thus "Lord, each year the various services like submission of the written recitations, rathayatra, the monthly journal, would mean basic expenses running into lakhs of rupees. In addition, I also need to employ people to support me in performing these services, without whose help I cannot perform these services. I do not have any other income, apart from my business. If I do not engage myself in some activity, how I can get the required money? How should I take care of my family? Everything in society is linked to money. Th need for money will keep increasing as the days go by. If I sit at home without doing anything, how will I be able to manage my life? Hence, please allow me to engage myself in business or please show me some other way. If not, then I would be hard pressed to perform the Lord's services and manage my life. So please protect me." In response, the Lord showed me this dream

Dream of 05-06-2012: In my dream, I and my wife Surekha were in front of a Fakir's house. At that time, the fakir too along with his wife was standing in front of his house. He spoke to us with courtesy and love, while looking at us affectionately. He was dressed in a lungi and a shirt. His wife was standing by his side. The house apparently belonged to him. We learnt that he did not engage himself in any other activity, except meditating on God. In the compound of their house, there was a guava tree. It resembled the guava tree we had in our home. While in the dream itself, the sight of this guava tree reminded me of the one at our home. The tree had a lot of fruit which were quite large and resembled Papayas in size and shape. I was astonished looking the fruit. I wondered how guavas could attain that size. The fakir plucked one of the fruits and gave it to me. The scene changed and we found ourselves at the rear of the house. Even on the rear side of the house, there was another guava tree, of the same size as the one in the front, with fruits of the same size. The fakir plucked a fruit from this tree too and gave it to me saying "These are God given and have grown by his grace." He forced me to take them saying "These are God's blessing." I took them. The fakir had a son who was around 8 years of age, who stayed with them. They lived by eating the fruit. The fakir did not engage himself in anything else apart from meditating upon God. My dream ended here.

My inference – I too should trust that God would secure everything to meet my needs. I should put a stop to my business and engage myself fully in his services and in his prayers, and should keep myself away from worldly affairs. The Lord himself would either increase my resources or provide for me through some other means so that I had enough to take care of two aspects – my life and the Lord's services. He wanted me to be completely away from business and other worldly affairs and be immersed in thinking about Him and praying to Him

### Submitting 7 crore written recitations of the Lord's name for the tenth round

For this round, we conducted prayers for seven days at our home, starting from 09-07-2012. After completion of these prayers, the rathayatra started off on 16-07-2012. Eminent people like Sri SriSri Srinivasa Vratadhar Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamy, Sri Ramanachari, Sri PVRK Prasad, Sri KandaadaiRamanujachari, Dr. P Vijayalakshmi came to see off the rathayatra. From 17-07-2012 to 02-08-2012, the chariot toured all over Hyderabad and after that going across Mahabubnagar, Kurnool, Nandyala, Aallagadda and Cuddapah, we finally reached Tirupati on 08-08-2012. Onn the evening of 09-08-2012, we proffered the 7 crore written submissions at the feet of the Lord at Alipiri for the 10<sup>th</sup> round and prayed to the Lord. In the early hours of 10-08-2012, which happened to be "Gokulashtami," we conducted prayers and "homa" near the Sri Venkateshwara Divya Mahamantrasthoopam. After that, the then TTD EO Sriman LV Subramaniam did the final offering of the homa, paid his obeisance to the written recitations and offered it to the Lord. He also initiated the 11<sup>th</sup> round of submission of the 7 crore written recitations and left. The other devotees present there too, submitted portions of the written recitations to the Lord.

In the course of the submission of the 7 crore written recitations during the 10<sup>th</sup> round, the Lord showed me two marvellous divine acts of His. In one of them, he indicated that I needed to evolve even further and assured me that I would attain the Lord in the future. In the second one he showed me how I had grown in stature as an intimate servant of the Lord. The divine acts are as described here

### The need for me to spiritually evolve further to attain the Lord

He presented this divine act in a way that needed a lot of analysis. On 16-07-2012, the rathayatra would start off from our home. In the pre-noon hours, someone called me up and spoke to me sarcastically saying "I have called you back, since I saw a missed call from you. I understand you are going on a rathayatra. DO you really believe there is something like heaven?" He continued this way speaking from a Christian perspective and tried to convert me to their religion. I understood this and countered him by saying "What do you know about the Hindu religion? Don't talk about something you don't know. I do not have a desire to attain heaven. You first study about Hindu religion, understand its meaning and then talk. If truth be told, all religions of the world, including the Christian religion have emerged from Hinduism." I did not know what else to say after such a harsh retort and put the phone down. But the thought that I had not been able to respond in a befitting manner took root in my mind. It disturbed me a lot. Moreover, the economic stress I had been facing over the last 2-3 years and there being no relief despite repeatedly requesting the Lord, made it conducive for this thought to take root. My devotion

to the Lord wavered. I started praying to the Lord, asking him to eradicate this thought. The content of the dream was this

Dream of 29-07-2012: In my dream, I guess I was at our home in Chinnagundavelli. I had to go to my objective which was the irrigation well in our fields. At that time there was a deluge. Everything around me was flooded. Nothing was visible – houses, hills, trees! It was just a sheet of water. I was confused, not knowing which way to go. Even the sun was not visible. But the way was one, I knew and had travelled before. Since I had prior experience, I could infer the direction I should travel in. Overall, it was a confusing situation. My dream ended here.

The next morning, when I recalled the dream, I tried to increase my devotion and faith in the Lord. I felt ashamed of myself and asked the Lord to forgive me. I inferred that the Lord had shown me the state of my mind. The words of the caller who had spoken about the Lord in a demeaning way hurt me a lot. I was grieving since the last 20 days that I had not been able to respond to the caller in a suitable manner, because I had not spiritually evolved to the extent required. The Lord who understood this, put me at ease by providing me a beautiful response. He asked me "Couldn't you have said "Show me Lord Govinda, and I will do whatever you ask me to?"" Which meant that I would be able to attain the Lord in the future. I felt very happy. In this manner he indicated to me that I should grow further spiritually if I wished to attain the Lord

#### **Indicating to me that I was an intimate servant of** his

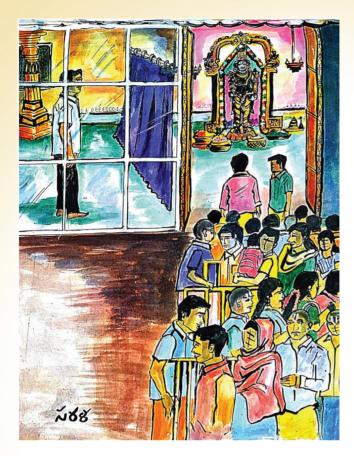
In my second dream, He promoted me to the ranks of His intimate servants

On the evening of 04-08-2012, the chariot "Namo Venkateshaya" had to travel in the city of Kurnool. While we were coming from Mahabubnagar to Kurnool, the local SP there blocked us with a force

of about 100 police personnel. He did not let us go around the city of Kurnool. Even after the local organizers and I protested, the police did not agree to let us travel in the city of Kurnool. They escorted us and left us at the temple of "Bugga Rameshwara" which was about 30 km from Kurnool. Legend had it that the temple was established by Sri Parashurama in the "Treta" era. That night we spent in the temple itself. That we were not allowed to go around the city of Kurnool, hurt us a lot. I repeatedly pleaded to the Lord about it, but I was completely helpless. I wanted to convey to the Lord that the rathayatra was interrupted and prayed to him repeatedly. That night I had a dream

Dream of 05-08-2012: In my dream I was at the office of the Sri Venkateshwara maha mantra Peetham. The board of the office should have read "Maha mantra Peetham." But following the orders of the local SP, white coloured stickers were pasted over the letters "mantra" and "tha." I saw this in my dream. I went to quickly convey this to my Lord Sri Venkateshwara. I saw Him in a large court hall, where He was accepting a lot of requests from his devotees. The place was filled with thousands of devotees. I too went with great eagerness to have a darshan of the Lord. But to do that, I did not go the way other devotees went. Using the privileges given by the Lord to his intimate devotees, I went by a special route and stood near the Lord. There was a curtain in front of me. On the other side of the curtain was the Lord. A priest was to remove this curtain after sometime. My dream ended here. The hall I saw, how it was, where the Lord was, where his devotees were, where I was, how I saw the hall in my dream – all of these I am showing here

Since I could approach the Lord using a path allowed only to His intimate devotees, I felt that I had gone from a servant of the Lord to being an intimate servant of the Lord. This made me very happy.



### Reaching the half-way mark of where the Lord desired me to be

We had established the Sri Venkateshwara maha mantra Peetham, In the year 2002, on the day of Vijayadashami, with an intent of performing the services of the Lord. The Lord showed me that by the Vijaya Dashami of 2012, I had reached only the half way mark of where the Lord desired, I should be. He conveyed this through a divine act of His, which was like this

24-10-2012 was the day of Vijayadashami. It was my habit to check on every Vijayadashami day, how far I had progressed spiritually in performing the Lord's services. On the evening of 23-10-2012 I prayed to the Lord saying "Lord, it has been ten years since I have established this organisation to perform your services, and we are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> year. In these ten years, I have submitted 7 crore written recitations of your name 10 times. You know it better than I can, what I have achieved and how much I have succeeded in moving towards my objective. Also, You know it better as to how much more I need to achieve. Hence, I request you to kindly let me know what my status is." The Lord accepted my request and showed me a divine act in line with my request

**Dream dated 24-10-2012:** Every year on the first Ekadashi day (the eleventh day of a new fortnight) and the "Vaikuntha" Ekadashi day, we used to conduct the "Bhaja Govindam" program at Hyderabad. A strong feeling started asserting itself that since we were running short of money, we should probably not conduct it this year. In the divine act that the Lord showed me, it was as if He was hitting two birds with one stone i.e. answering my earlier request and addressing this feeling

In my dream, I was at the old house in our village. I was standing near the well in our backyard, leaning against it. Apparently, Sri SriSriTridandi Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamy was visiting us. He was standing next to me. The Swamy said to me "Sai Reddy, you should give a hefty monetary gift." I responded saying I would surely do so. I asked him what his expectation was. He told me that I should give hm 30,000 rupees. I had the thought that I should give 15,000 rupees, but I could not say this to him explicitly. So, I said "Certainly Swamy, I shall satisfy you. I will give you an amount that will satisfy you" and went away from there. My idea however stayed the same, that I should give him 15,000 rupees and make him feel satisfied. But it looked like he would not be satisfied. To escape him, I went to Siddipet, though I did not have any purpose in going there. I assumed that if I came home late, he would have left and so, came home towards midnight and went to bed, covering myself fully. Since I had gone to bed late, I woke up late the next day assuming that the Jeeyar Swamy would have gone away and removed the sheet I had covered myself with. The Jeeyar Swamy was sitting next to me, looking at me and he tapped me on my shoulder. I reacted and turned towards him, and seeing him, I offered my salutations to him. He responded by saying "my gift?" and stretched out his



hand for it. I told him that I had not been able to give it to him yesterday due to involvement in some work and would give it to him today, and went away from there. When I entered the house again, the intimate disciple of Jeeyar Swamy, Sriman Kalyan Chakravarti, came towards me, wearing the tirunamam and said "Jeeyar Swamy has stayed back today only to receive the monetary gift, though he was scheduled to travel to some other place today." To which, I responded saying "I do not know how, but actually I forgot about it. I will surely give it today" and went into another room. My dream ended here. I inferred from this dream incident that my trying to give him 15,000 rupees when the Jeeyar Swamy had asked me for 30,000, was an indicator that I had only progressed to the halfway mark in my spiritual journey. And since we could conduct the Bhaja Govindam program with 30,000 rupees, we spent some more money and conducted the program

My current state: The Lord told me to lead my life like the Haridas who was living in the midst of people of other religions. He told me not to mope about not being successful in my business. He told me that I was in the processing of setting up the Lord's padmapeetham. He told me to develop myself even more to attain the Lord. He demonstrated extreme joy for having taken me closer to Him. He conveyed to me that I had reached only the halfway mark in my spiritual status.

**Blessings of the Lord's devotees:** As ordered by the Lord Tirumala Venkateshwara, with the only intent of gaining your benediction and to make you all a part of the Lord's mission, even if it is just for you to receive His blessings, we are publishing all these divine acts of the Lord. Hence, we request every devotee who has read these divine acts, without any regard to age or gender, to remind yourself of the Lord and bless that we succeed in our mission at the earliest.

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