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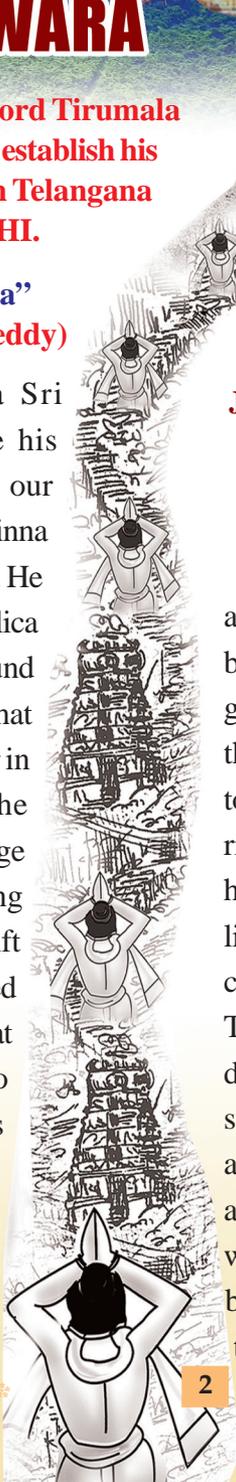
Direction: Lord Tirumala Sri Venkateswara decided to arrange his “HARINAAMA KSHETRA” near our “Garden well” in my native village Chinna Gundavelli, 7 km. away from Sidhipet. He directed me to construct at least the replica of Tirumala Temple upto two compound walls (Silver Doors). He assured me that 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).

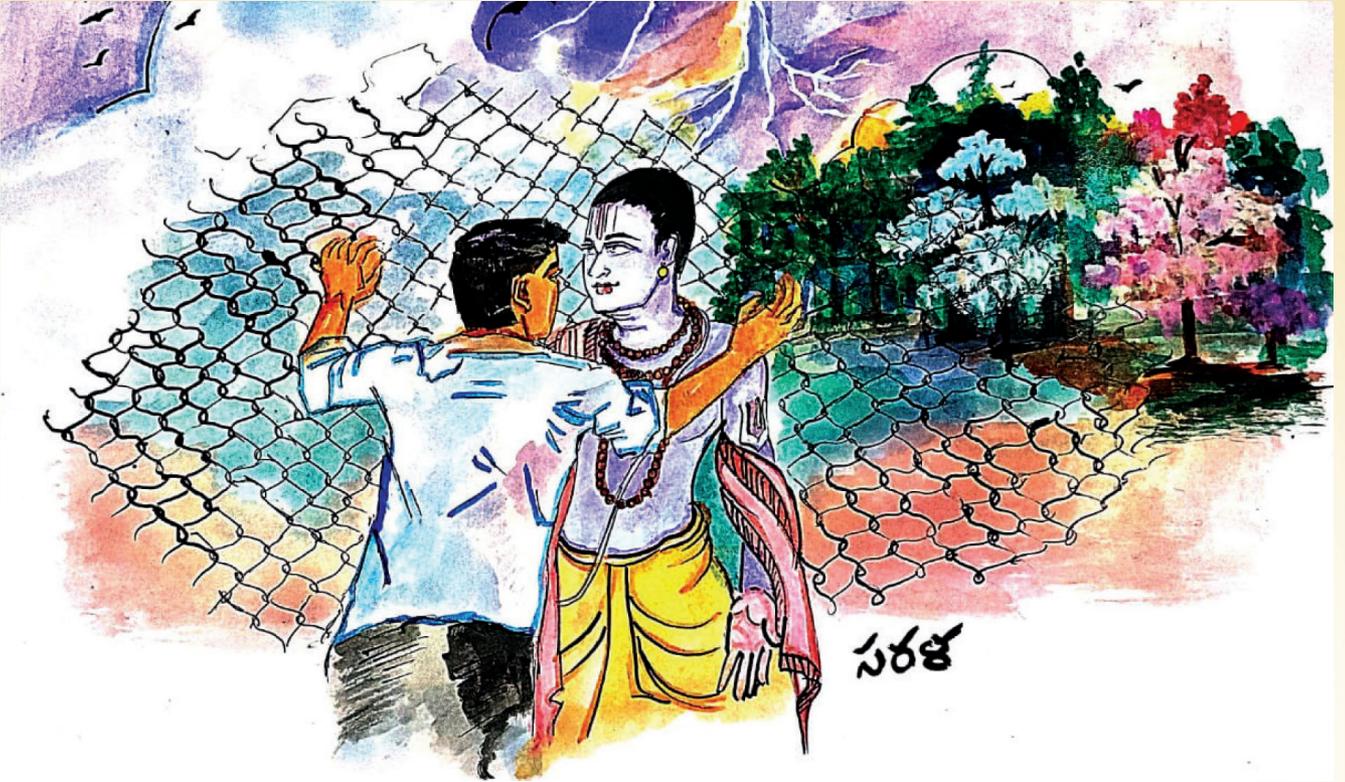
Starting the training from April 2000, thro’ my dreams, He disclosed the actual matter in April 2022. In

addition to this, He ordered me to get the divine feelings published which were blessed by him in order to make the devotees as partners in this programme from April 2023. The publishing of present part-30 is its part only **February 2016 to January 2019).**

Giving me a darshan by placing His face close to mine

On **05-02-2016**, which was a Friday, my wife and I performed the Friday abhishekamseva (ceremonial bathing ceremony) and offered melchat (velvet garment) to Lord Sri Venkateswara at Tirumala. During the abhishekam, I was seated in front of the Lord, but towards the rear side of the hall, while my wife, being right in front –second only to the Executive Officer - had a much closer view. She was even able to see the lines in the palm of the Lord. Initially, I too was seated close by with her, but when some VIPs arrived, the TTD officials pushed me further back. Because of that distance, I could not see the Lord as clearly and satisfactorily. We were inside the sanctum for 1 hour and 15 minutes - from 4:30 a.m. to 5:45 a.m. when the abhishekam concluded. We felt great joy, but since I was pushed farther back, I did not experience the same bliss as in my earlier abhishekam visits, nor could I see the Lord clearly. Thus, I strongly desired to once again





see the Lord from very close. On 06-02-2016, we returned to Hyderabad in the morning. Though I had booked this seva way back in 2005, I felt disappointed that I had not been able to see the Lord closely and with satisfaction. That evening, in my office in Hyderabad, I prayed to the Lord thus: "O Lord Sri Venkateswara! Though I performed your abhishekam, I did not get to see You to my full satisfaction, nor did I feel contented. It is my longing is to behold you from very near, at less than even a hand's span distance. Please fulfil this desire of mine." In truth, my intention was not literally to see the Lord from less than a hand-span distance, but only to have a close and fulfilling darshan of Him. Because of the disappointment and longing of not having seen Him to my heart's content, I prayed in that manner, yearning for an intimate darshan. The Lord was compassionate. He placed His face against mine, saying "Look, look," and allowed me to see Him. This was a wonderful divine act of His, another precious jewel in my life. The experience was as follows:

Dream of 07-12-2016: I was standing in the balcony at the back of our house, the side facing the University. To prevent birds from entering, a plastic net with one-inch gaps had been fixed across the balcony. I stood there holding the net with both hands, pressing my face almost against it, and was looking at the scenery outside. With my fingers inserted into the gaps at ear level, I was gripping the net. While gazing at the view of the University outside, suddenly the form of my Guru appeared. I did not know who he was, nor could I recognize the face, but in my mind arose the firm conviction: "This is my Guru." Meanwhile, this Guru figure emerged from below and came up in between me and the net I was holding. His face was beautiful, with perfect features, exactly resembling Lord Sri Venkateswara of Tirumala in every way. His complexion was dark, but not extremely so. The moment I saw His features, I thought, "You are not my Guru, you are none other than Lord Tirumala Swami Himself!" His eyes aligned with my eyes, His nose with my nose, His mouth



with my mouth — barely an inch away. Thinking He was my Guru, I first spoke something - perhaps asking, “Why do you not behave properly?” To this, He replied, “If you had wished, I would have done so.” Strangely, His lips did not move; His mouth did not open. Yet, the words were heard as though spoken from the sky. The moment I looked at His face, I realized beyond doubt - “This is my Lord, Sri Venkateswara.” I became dejected. His ears, His nose, His mouth, His small delicate lips captivated me. My mind urged me saying - “Look more, keep looking, look again and again, gaze until your heart’s desire is fulfilled.” And I beheld Him to my heart’s content. Even in the dream itself, I folded my hands and offered countless salutations: “Lord! You have fulfilled my prayer of yesterday in this way.” My joy knew no bounds. The dream ended. Even in the morning, my happiness was at its peak. I felt so blessed to have had the rare fortune of seeing the Lord from such proximity, with his face almost in my face. That vision and those features returned again and again to my memory, and were deeply imprinted in my heart.

Life is evanescent, lasting but aninstant

During a routine medical check-up, it was discovered that there were blockages in my heart, and in 2016 a stent was placed. Though I remained healthy, I realized the truth that life is momentary and fragile. I began to feel sorrow that perhaps this illness had come because the Lord had distanced Himself from me.

The Lord had not gone away - indicating my inner purity

For the past several days, the Lord had not revealed His divine acts to me as He had before. Now He showed them only once in two or three months. Burdened with the thought that He would no longer support me, I was overjoyed when after a long time the Lord once again revealed a divine act of His. I felt

delighted, overwhelmed that I had once again become worthy of His grace.

Dream of 28-03-2016: In my dream I seemed to be at the ashram of Sri Sri Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji. The Swamiji was performing some pujas. I had a very fine vision of him, along with his cohort of disciples - many of whom were there. Among them some were known to me. They recognized me. A few disciples came near me and spoke about the pujas they had performed earlier on my behalf. After that, a very young disciple touched me affectionately. I stepped aside saying it was not appropriate. Then the senior Swami present there told the young disciple not to do that, not to touch me. The dream ended. Overall, I had the vision of the Srivaishnava Swamis, conversed with them, and also had the fortune of seeing Sri Sri Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji.

The meaning – This showed me that, as I had thought, the Lord had not gone far away from me, that the bond between us would continue, and that I was being guided toward cultivating inner purity.

With this, the fifth book out of the six books in which I have recorded my experiences was completed. Until then, I had written down more than 358 dream-experiences and many more inner feelings. Now I began writing the experiences of the sixth part. In this section, up to the date 31-03-2023, there are 203 experiences. However, in these, the recurring theme is mostly my repentance that I had not obeyed Lord’s words properly.

Waiting for the Lord

The last experience in the fifth book was dated 28-03-2016. I started the sixth book on 04-01-2017. For these eight months in between, I did not have any experiences of interactions with the Lord.

From the year 2000 up to March 2016, the Lord had bestowed innumerable blessings and shown many

of His divine acts in order to turn us toward Him. For stretches of even ten days at a time, He created such a condition that I could not bear to be without seeing His divine acts. But from April 2016 onwards, He stopped showing them. However much I tried, it was of no use. For eight months in a row, I had no vision of His acts. Therefore, I readied myself to go closer to the Lord.

I made a determined effort thinking that if I established the Harinama Kshetram as instructed by the Lord, I could regain His grace. The Lord too encouraged me in this by showing me some of his divine acts. And while writing down the experiences of the 31st part on 17-12-2023, I prayed to the Lord to reveal to me what I had done during those eight months. That night itself, on 18-12-2023, the Lord told me: “You are waiting. For example, he showed me as if I had gone to a holy place like Mukthinath, and was waiting in a resting place arranged for devotees by the temple authorities, at some distance from the shrine. But the place I saw seemed to be on a hill in Tamil Nadu, on a flat rock patterned in white-and-black stripes like a tiger’s skin. The Lord indicated that I must keep waiting until the temple authorities sent a vehicle facility like a helicopter. And He also said that, seeing my conduct and inclinations, I was in a better state compared to other devotees.

The meaning of this was that although I was indeed in a better state than many others in the world, I had not yet attained the state that the Lord desired.

During these eight months, the 14th offering of Written recitations took place in the following manner:

14th round of offering 7 Crore written recitations of the Lord’s name

As part of the offering of 111 crore written recitations of the Lord’s name that had been vowed for Lord Sri Venkateswara of Tirumala, the 14th round of

7 crore written recitations was offered at Tirupati on Gokulashtami, 25-08-2016 (Thursday). Before that, special pujas were conducted at our house for seven days from 24-07-2016 to 30-07-2016 for the written recitations. On 30-07-2016, the “Namo Venkatesaya” ratha yatra was begun. This program was carried out under the special supervision of Sri Sri Sri Pushpagiri Peethadhipati. After traveling around Hyderabad until 16-08-2016, the yatra continued through Krishna Pushkaram areas such as Beechupalli, Rangapur, Alampur, etc., then went on through Nandyal, Giddalur, and Kadapa, and finally reached Tirupati on 23-08-2016. On 24-08-2016 evening, we offered the written recitations at the feet of Swami at Alipiri. On 25-08-2016, Gokulashtami (Thursday), sacrificial prayers to the written recitations were conducted at the Sri Venkateswara Divya Mahamantra Stupa. The Executive Officer, Sri Sambasiva Rao garu, offered *poornahuti* and dedicated the written recitations to the Lord. After that, the 15th round of 7 crore written recitations was commenced. Later, the devotees each offered a portion of the written recitations to the Lord. That night, we had darshan of the Lord on the hill, also witnessed the Lord’s kalyanam (ceremonial wedding), and on 28-08-2016 morning, we returned to Hyderabad.

Receiving prayer beads, initiation into the Mantra, and the First chanting of the Lord’s name

For the past few months, I had not seen the Lord’s divine plays. None of my efforts bore fruit. I felt that the Lord had forgotten me, that He was no longer caring for me. My mind began to doubt whether the Lord was even listening to my prayers. But, recalling past experiences, I thought: The Lord is indeed hearing and seeing everything, only He is not granting me experiences.



I pleaded many times: “Lord, appear before me, hear my prayer, at least grant me some experience of you!” Yet there was no result. Finally, I reached the state of depending only on the Lord’s mercy. I felt that perhaps due to my mistakes, or because I had neglected to establish the Harinama Kshetram as instructed, the Lord had distanced Himself from me. Truly, my very living is only for attaining my Lord. So, when He seemed distant, I suffered greatly. I resolved that, at any cost, I must regain the Lord’s grace, and therefore I must somehow establish the Harinama Kshetram. I began searching for suitable land. I placed advertisements for a suitable place In **Eenadu** newspaper (on 01-04-2017, 07-04-2017, and 14-04-2017, three Sundays) and in Sri Venkatesam monthly magazine. I observed the response of the public. For the past two days, I had been praying: “Can the mahamantra ‘Srinivasa Govinda,

Sri Venkatesa Govinda’ be used for continuous chanting of the Lord’s name?” Finally, after much longing, as if by fortune, this very night I received the Lord’s grace through a small dream. I considered it a great blessing.

Dream of 08-04-2017: In the dream, I had gone to a “HARI” Kshetram resembling an ISKCON math. In that sacred place, there was a Sri Vaishnava Swamiji (a spiritual leader) – extremely accomplished, a great soul, a holy soul. He was said to be the guru of many such centres and had at that time come there. Someone behind me, or perhaps a voice from the sky, told me: “There is a great guru here.” I wished to meet him and stood at the entrance. Finally, this Swamiji came out, looked at me with a smile, and came forward to give me a rosary of Rudraksha beads to use as prayer beads. At that time, I and another hand behind me both stretched out to receive it. But the Swamiji, smiling,

looked only at me and placed the rosary in my hands, blessing me. At once, a deep inner conviction arose that the mantra “*Srinivasa Govinda, Sri Venkatesa Govinda*” should be used for continuous chanting of the Lord’s name. I rejoiced even within the dream. The dream ended.

Since Swami had thus indicated to use this mantra, on 15-04-2017, Saturday, from 6:22 PM to 7:22 PM, in our office, I along with three other devotees began the bhajan. Remembering The Lord and praying for His blessings, we began by chanting only two lines: **“Sri Srinivasa Govinda! Sri Venkatesa Govinda! Govinda Hari Govinda! Venkata Ramana Govinda!”**

We chanted these for one hour, then offered the prasadam to The Lord, performed an offering of burnt camphor, and concluded. Thus, the very first chanting session was held in our office on 15-04-2017 for one hour. We decided to continue doing this every Saturday.

Not Altering His Divine Timetable

On 15-04-2017 (Saturday), after just one hour of bhajan in the evening, I felt tired, and my throat turned hoarse. I wondered: “If this happens in just one hour, how can I sustain doing it the whole day?” I wanted to share my weakness with The Lord. But ultimately, I resolved that whatever the difficulties, I must persist and surrender completely to Him. Even if delayed, now that I had finally entered the path the Lord indicated, He seemed pleased and granted me the following vision:

Dream of 24-04-2017: It was The Lord’s temple. We were looking after the temple affairs. At one point, an utsavam (festival) for Perumal was to be conducted. For that, some arrangements were necessary, including making a few ornaments. We got them made, but somewhat late, and were carrying them from our home to the temple, about 2–3 kilometres away.

Since they were ornaments for The Lord, I did not go alone but, along with my family and a few others, started for the temple. Meanwhile, believing firmly that we would certainly bring the ornaments, and not wanting to let the auspicious time pass, the priests had already commenced the festival without informing us. They brought the Lord in procession, coming towards us on the way. Seeing this, I was overjoyed - because, out of trust in us, they had moved forward, thus saving time. The dream ended.

Meaning: Although I was late in entering The Lord’s path, The Lord had complete faith that I would reach Him without fail. Hence, He did not alter His divine timetable. I felt deep gratitude for this.

The Lord Feeling Hurt

In creation, along with God, there also exists the power of evil. This power prevents us from approaching God, creating obstacles and diverting the mind towards worldly matters, thereby blocking the divine path. Perhaps this is what happened to me.

Though the Lord revealed many divine acts to me, within a few days I would forget their impact and revert to my ordinary ways - sometimes even acting contrary to the Lord’s will. This displeased the Lord. At times, He would punish or scold me. One such serious incident occurred in my life. It was like this. For the past few months, I had not shown due attention to *Sri Venkatesam* monthly magazine. There were many reasons for it - writers were not contributing enough articles, the public was not reading it in large numbers, and I myself was not able to focus properly, so even the editorials were not being written well. In short, the magazine was being run in a manner that felt as if it were being done under some compulsion.

On the evening of 01-05-2017, a negative thought about the magazine came into my mind. Since



for many days The Lord had not given me any spiritual experience, I had become discouraged. Altogether, in my mind I felt: “There is no real use in me continuing this magazine. As per The Lord’s command, I will continue it only until the 16th completion of the seven crore written recitations offering. After that, even if The Lord punishes me, I will stop it.”

That meant September 2018 - another 16 months. I thought I would keep it running until then and then close it down. I also ensured there were enough articles to last until then. With this month done, only 15 issues remained. I even thought of this calculation.

I felt like telling this to my Lord Sri Venkateswara, but I couldn’t say it. Words wouldn’t come out of my mouth. So instead, I prayed saying, “Lord! You know what is in my heart.” I waited to see how the Lord would respond. But for a few days, there was no response. Meanwhile, in my mind, this thought kept growing stronger. For the past 15 years, we have been doing three kinds of service every year - Offering of seven crore written recitations, Namu Venkatesaya rathayatra, Sri Venkatesam monthly magazine. But now, due to physical strain, financial difficulties, and the heavy workload caused by the rathayatra, we decided that after completing my vow in 2018, we would stop publishing the Sri Venkatesam magazine, and after I turned 60 (i.e., post - 2020), we would also stop the Namu Venkatesaya rathayatra.

The only activity I resolved to continue lifelong was the offering of written recitations. I told myself: “I am not serving just to fulfil a vow to The Lord. I am His servant. As long as I live, I will give every devotee who comes to me a free copy of my Lord’s book to write down the recitations of his name.” Thus, I decided to discontinue the magazine and the rathayatra, but continue the written recitations program lifelong. At the time of printing the written recitations books for the

16th cycle, I decided to include a note clarifying that the written recitations program would not end with 2018 but, with the Lord’s grace, would continue lifelong. The Lord accepted this decision. But He did not at all tolerate my thought of giving up the Sri Venkatesam magazine. He allowed my idea of closing it to remain for three more months, and then gave a suitable reply.

Another important matter: From the time I began the 15th round of submission of the seven crore written recitations, a strong feeling gradually grew in me - the desire to attain the Lord directly. I felt that after completing the 16th cycle, my Lord would certainly give me a great reward - perhaps even the fortune of His divine darshan. Therefore, I began eagerly waiting for that moment.

This feeling transformed me deeply at a mental level. By constantly keeping my mind fixed on The Lord without a moment’s break, I became detached from worldly concerns, to the point where people began to say I was becoming absent-minded.

The 15th cycle of submitting 7 crore written recitations of the Lord’s name

For the 15th cycle of seven crore written recitations offering, we began the rathayatra on 21-07-2017. It went all over Hyderabad for 17 days, until 07-08-2017. Then it continued to Vijayawada, Guntur, Bapatla, Chirala, Ongole, Cheemakurthi, and Nellore, and finally reached Tirupati on the evening of 13-08-2017. We did not face any difficulties throughout the journey. The devotees were happy, and so were we. On the evening of 14-08-2017, at the “paadala mandapam” (Pavilion to the Lord’s Feet), we offered the written recitations to The Lord’s holy feet. We prayed that the desires of all those who had written the written recitations be fulfilled and requested Him to accept our service. On the morning of **15-08-2017**, at the S.V. Goshala, we performed puja and yajna. Since the

Andhra Pradesh government was conducting their state flag-hoisting in Tirupati that day, the E.O. (Executive Officer) remained with the Chief Minister and could not come for the yajna poornahuti (concluding act of sacrificial prayer). Instead, the Dairy Farm Director, Sri K. Harinath Reddy, performed the poornahuti. Finally, the Joint E.O. arrived. Afterwards, we offered the written recitations to The Lord in the *stupa* and then formally began the 16th cycle of seven crore written recitations. Thus, the 15th cycle of seven crore written recitations offering was successfully completed, and the 16th cycle commenced. According to my own resolve, this was to be the last one; but I still thought, "I will act according to The Lord's will." After that, we went up the hill, had The Lord's darshan, and returned to Hyderabad on 18-08-2017.

My experiences of the Lord during the 15th Written recitations Offering - "So, are you exhausted so soon?"

For the past several months, I had decided that I would close down the Sri Venkatesam magazine by September 2018. Even if I had to endure the Lord's punishment, I was firm that I would shut it down. I was totally determined to do this. But The Lord did not like this idea of closing the magazine. Because of this, The Lord became extremely angry. Finally, using a word whose intensity of baseness was equivalent to the intensity of my dispassion that made me decide on closing the magazine, He made me change my mind. At once, my mind experienced a turn around, and I decided to continue the magazine. This divine act was as described here. On the morning of 29-07-2017, the Lord gave me a very intense dream. For the past several months, the way my outlook had been transforming and my mind settling along it, it felt as though The Lord was very angry with me. It made me feel like a master punishing or threatening a servant when the servant

makes a mistake. The Lord sternly warned me as though saying: "*So, are you exhausted so soon?*" It makes me embarrassed to even mention the actual words He used.

Dream of 29-07-2017: Since I was in the middle of the rathayatra, I was exhausted and slept deeply. At 5 a.m., I had this dream. It was like a racing competition. I had to reach a particular house as per the rule. For this, I was traveling a long way in a racing jeep. I was seated in the front passenger seat, next to the driver's place. But there was no driver visible; still, the jeep was moving at great speed. An unseen force was driving the jeep. We had almost reached our designated house - just a very short distance remained. The house was visible, situated in the middle of a long street. Only about ten more steps and the goal would be reached. Just then, I felt the urgent need to defecate. I experienced severe stomach pain and, despite all efforts, could not hold it back. Finally, even before we reached our target place, I had to relieve myself inside the jeep. But strangely, this jeep already had arrangements for such things. Neither I nor the jeep was soiled or harmed in any way. I saw everything clearly - everything was fine. But I wondered: "Why did it happen like this?" The dream ended.

At first, I could not understand its meaning. After reflecting on it for three or four days, I finally grasped its correct significance. To put it briefly, it was like this - I felt as though the Lord had mockingly said, "So, when you came this close to the goal, have you started 'shitting in your pants'?" (which is the slang for 'losing courage') - meaning, He was commanding me to continue the Sri Venkatesam monthly magazine. This pained my heart greatly. I felt ashamed that because of me, such a lowly expression had to be uttered in connection with such a great Lord. I begged His pardon and prayed for forgiveness, admitting my mistake.



Protection from Evil Forces

In this world, along with God, evil forces also exert their influence. By various means, they try to pull us away from the Lord. They do not approach those who are constantly engaged in His remembrance. After I gave up my professional work and gained some solitude, I did not make full use of it for spiritual remembrance. Sometimes my mind would drift toward worldly matters. In addition, recently while seeking marriage alliances for my elder son, I interacted with many people as a normal person, in a worldly way. Thus, there was some interruption in my remembrance of the Lord. Taking advantage of this, the evil force tried harder to distance me from Him. But with the Lord's grace I made many attempts to overcome it. Finally, that evil force made a tremendous effort to end me. That divine act was like this:

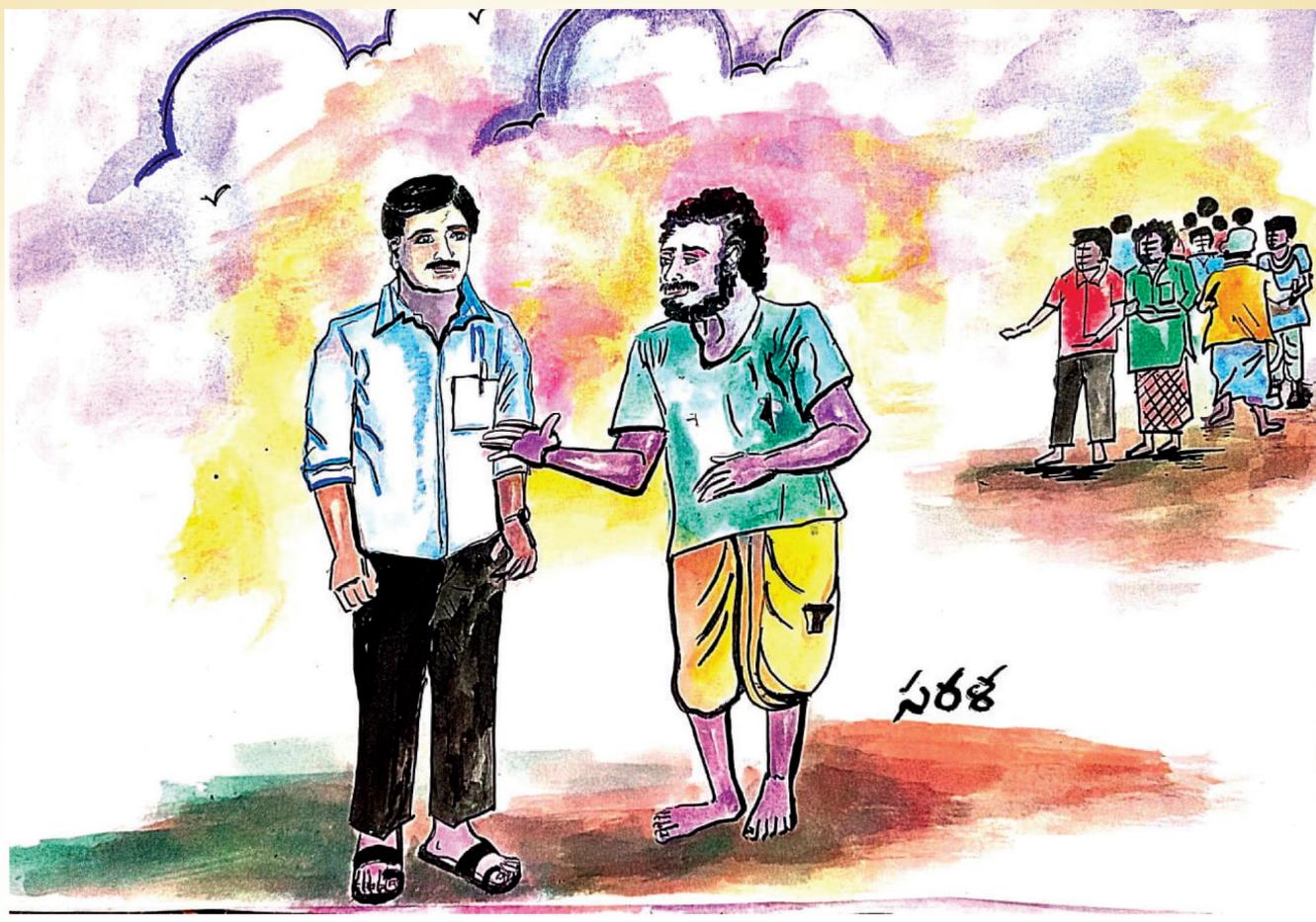
Dream of 10-10-2017: This was an extraordinary dream. I was sitting on the back of a tractor. An invisible person was driving it, taking me to an unknown place. I was wondering, "Where is he taking me?" He drove me into a desolate area, surrounded by hills, mounds, green meadows, and dense trees. It looked like a cremation ground. Big, well-fed, glossy vultures were flying all over that place. Eventually, I understood it was indeed a cremation ground, though it was very calm. This person took me deep inside that desolate place. Immediately suspicion arose in me - why had he brought me here? Then I heard a voice: "No matter how much you shout, no one will come here." Thinking that perhaps no one would help me, I nevertheless cried out loudly, twice, so that all could hear: "Venkateswara! Venkateswara!" That person then tried to drive the tractor into a deep well. If I fell into that well, I felt that no one outside would see me, and I would be trapped inside. But before he could drive into it, I jumped down from the back of the tractor. Out of fear, I awoke. The dream ended.

Thus, this evil force tried to kill me, but by The Lord's grace I was saved.

Guidance for Funding the Construction of the Harinama Kshetra

Since the Lord had been so displeased with my conduct, I resolved to please Him equally by fulfilling His wish. I decided to start searching for suitable land to establish the Harinama Kshetra. I particularly wished for it to be in a place accessible to me, so that managing it would be easier. On 03-01-2018, at the suggestion of a friend, I went to Gajularamaram near Hyderabad, to visit a hillock there. I envisioned constructing a Sri Venkateswara temple at that place. We looked at suitable land and thought about how it could be built. Finally, when I suggested that the temple be built as a replica of the Tirumala Temple, they happily agreed. Moreover, they said that it should happen through my hands and under my guidance. I too considered it my good fortune and rejoiced. I was overwhelmed, thinking that the time had come for my dream to be fulfilled. Early the next morning, I searched for books in our office, collected models and measurements of the Lord's temple, and began pondering over the plan. How should it be done? How should funds be arranged? Whom should I approach for different tasks? Eventually, I felt that everything would happen only according to my Lord's will, and so I prayed to Him in my heart for help. The Lord showed me a beautiful dream in the following manner:

Dream dated 05-01-2018: In this dream, I saw an old man. He appeared to be like a madman, unstable and disturbed. Some people were chasing him, trying to take something from him. He, however, was trying only to escape from them. At last, somehow, he secretly met me in solitude, and without anyone else knowing, he made me the heir to his wealth and granted me power of attorney. Only he and I knew of this; no one else.



We were walking in the bazaar. Then, on some pretext, he came close to me, made sure no one else was around, and spoke to me. To my surprise, I realized that he was not actually insane - he was a good and sane person. He told me this: In Tirunelveli (it was some Tamil town name, I forgot exactly), there are three lakh acres of land. Go, search for it, and protect it. He said he was appointing me as the heir to it. Hearing this, I was astonished. I too felt that, as far as possible, I should go to that region without being noticed by anyone. Then the dream ended.

Meaning: Although I did not have sufficient funds to construct the Harinama Kshetram, the Lord Himself would arrange for the funds in some way.

Only God is yours – an introspection

Time went by. In the meantime, some sorrowful events occurred in my life. These events brought a great change within me. On 26-04-2018, I wrote down the feelings that had deeply impressed upon me in the following manner: Man has no refuge other than God. This is the eternal truth that applies to every living being. But for one to truly understand it, the right time must come; until then, the mind does not grasp it. I earned so much. My family members are enjoying it happily, living in comfort. They think I am the cause of this happiness. They all respect me greatly. They even consider me their life itself. But when the time comes, these very people whom you call your own will no longer remain yours. Be careful - they may even turn



against you. Then what truly belongs to you? Only God alone is yours. Even the wealth you earned with great effort and sweat is not truly yours. It will not support you when you need it. The only one who will support you is God Himself. As for wealth, the people around you, or even your own family members - when will you understand their true nature? Only when the grace of the Lord falls upon you. At that moment, their real nature will be revealed. Until then, the false ego that says “these are mine, this is my property, I earned it” drowns us in illusion, in the yogamaya (the divine power of illusion) of Shri Hari, and we remain deluded. We fail to grasp the true wisdom of life.

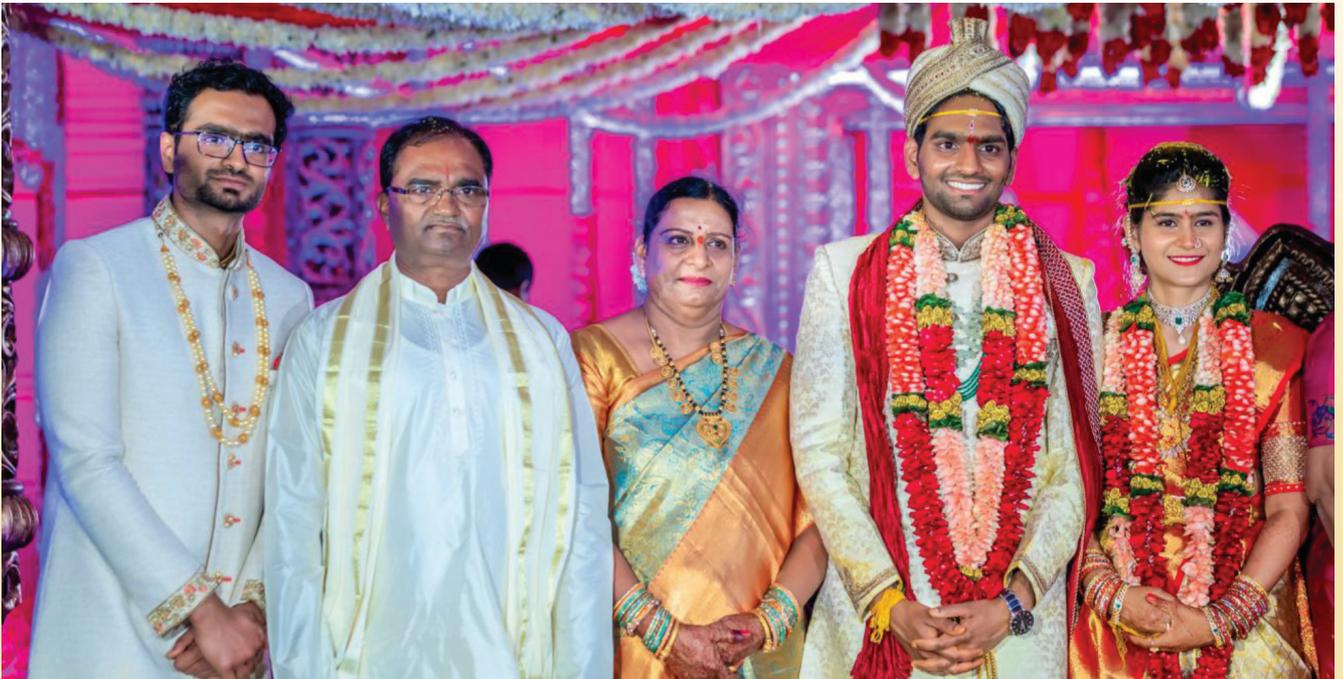
Whenever we free ourselves from this illusion and whenever we realize the truth of these forms, that is the time when we get to understand that the grace of Lord Shri Hari has been bestowed upon us. From that day onward, since we have grasped the truth, it is best to live without ever forgetting the Supreme Lord. His service alone should be the goal of our life. We must not trust anything in this world, we must not develop attachment or affection towards anything, we must not

desire anything, and we must not cling possessively to anything. Only Lord Shri Venkateshwara is our goal. He alone is our God. Let us always pray to never forget Him!

Thus, through certain sorrowful incidents in my life, the Lord began to change me so that I would have no interest in anything else in life apart from Him. Since the Lord was no longer showing His divine acts as before, I became anxious and started making efforts to correct my own shortcomings and to try, in my own way, to draw closer to Him.

Marriage of my elder son, Chi. Vedanth

Recently, on 06-07-2018, the marriage of my elder son Chi. Vedanth took place with Chi. Sau. Pooja, daughter of Shri Nagireddy Sanjeev Reddy and Geeta, residents of A.S. Rao Nagar. This too happened only with the blessings of the Lord. We had seen many families in our search for a bride for my son, but when we went to this Sanjeev Reddy household, I felt a certain calm atmosphere in my heart along with the sense that they are our people. Naturally, such a feeling arises only by



the Lord's grace. Therefore, without making any inquiries about the bride's family, we immediately agreed and conducted the marriage on 06-07-2018. Afterwards, when we went to Tirupati for darshan, the great Jeeyar Swamiji there blessed us saying, "Suputra praptirastu" ("May you be blessed with good progeny"). Instantly, I felt assured that this would soon come true. Since the bride Pooja was pursuing her master's degree in America, after the marriage both of them went to the U.S., where they are now living and working.

Comparing myself with others

During this period, I realized that my behavior, habits, and way of thinking were different compared to others. At the same time, I began to feel attracted to pure and sattvic foods. I did not like hotel food or party foods. I did not enjoy worldly amusements either. Instead, I cherished the company of devotees and solitude. In reality, a devotee considers the Lord's satisfaction to be of utmost importance and chooses to live with less rather than more. But worldly people behave as though they have more than others in order to create the impression that they are great in society. This is the difference between a devotee and a worldly man!

This difference became very clear to me during my son's wedding. Even my children, raised in our household, behaved with some humility and a sense of living with less. For a devotee, God is the strength; for a worldly man, wealth is the strength.

The Lord's hand protecting me from danger

On 23-07-2018, it was the first Ekadashi of the year. On this day, we were supposed to conduct Bhajagovindam. But since my elder son's marriage had taken place on 06-07-2018, and as relatives and children had already returned to America, and I myself

was exhausted from the wedding bustle - and because TTD (Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam) did not give us their hall - we did not conduct Bhajagovindam. For this reason, on that first Ekadashi, I earnestly begged the Lord again and again to forgive me. But an evil force, however, was not allowing me to go near the Lord. It tried to keep me away from Him by creating attraction towards worldly matters. But since I had resolved to dedicate as many births as needed to repay my debt to the Lord, by His grace I was able to escape from the influence of that evil force. Once again, in this way, that evil force tried to harm me. Perhaps because I had behaved somewhat in a worldly manner during my son's wedding, it took advantage of that and tried to draw me towards itself. But by the Lord's grace, I was saved.

On 25-07-2018, after attending a function at Banjara Hills related to newly established relatives, I returned home tired and slept deeply. Then, early in the morning after 4:30 a.m., I had this dream.

Dream of 26-07-2018: I was in a very large and luxurious house belonging to someone. The bathroom was very spacious and comfortable, and inside it there was an expensive landline telephone, the kind shown in old movies, with a costly golden receiver. I went into that bathroom to bathe. The doors were closed, but a sense of suspicion overcame me. I felt as though some conspiracy was happening to kill me or cause me harm. As I poured water over my body to bathe, the bathroom became wet all over with water. Suddenly the phone rang loudly. I thought that this call had come to convey some important message to me, so I picked up the receiver. Immediately, words came from it: "Be careful! Be careful! They have rigged it to give you an electric shock..."

As soon as I lifted the receiver, an electric current spread through the water covering the bathroom floor,



from the receiver. The shock was about to strike me. At once, from behind me, a black hand adorned with golden ornaments at the wrist appeared and held the receiver itself. It prevented the shock from touching me. The dream ended. In this way, the Lord Himself saved me. I felt that perhaps He had once again turned me back towards Him, away from worldly attractions.

16th round of submission of 7 crore Written recitations

For the 16th round of submission of 7 crore written recitations of the Lord's name to Lord Sri Venkateswara at Tirumala, we began the "Namo Venkateshaya" rathayatra on 09-08-2018. This program took place under the direct supervision of Tridandi Sri Sri Sri Srinivasa Vratadhar Swamiji. Many devotees participated. The yatra continued in Hyderabad until 26-08-2018, after which it moved on to Mahabubnagar,

Kurnool, Nandyal, Allagadda, and Kadapa, before finally reaching Tirupati on the evening of 01-09-2018. On 02-09-2018 evening, the written recitations were offered to the feet of the Lord at Alipiri. On 03-09-2018, which happened to be Sri Krishna Janmashtami, after conducting sacrificial prayers and concluding prayers at the Divine Mahamantra Stupa of Sri Venkateswara, the written recitations were presented to the Lord. At that time, the TTD EO Sri Anil Kumar Singhal did not come. Chairman Sri Sudhakar Yadav, Joint EO Kola Bhaskar, and others attended. Afterwards, the steps for the 17th round of submitting 7 crore written recitations were initiated. Devotees participated very enthusiastically and offered the written recitations of the holy names. Thus, the full total of 111 crore written recitations, which I had resolved to complete - 7 crore each year from 2002 to 2018 over

16 years - was successfully offered to my Lord. I reported this to Him and prayed that He may protect everyone. I prayed that He grant me the fortune of being His humble servant at His feet. And we resolved that this program of submitting written recitations should continue until the end of this life. I had also decided to conduct the rathayatra only until the year 2020, when I would complete 60 years of age, and then stop it.

Offering to the Lord: Immediately after returning from Tirupati, on the evening of 06-09-2018, I prayed earnestly to the Lord in my office and offered to my Lord, Sri Venkateswara of Tirumala, the fruits of all the submissions of the 7 crore written recitations which I had been performing every year for the past 16 years, the results of conducting the “Namo Venkatesaya” rathayatra every year from 2004 to 2018 for a total of 15 years, and the results of publishing the Sri Venkatesam monthly magazine since 2007. Since the fruits of service belong to the Master and not the servant, I declared that I was offering everything to Him alone. With great joy, I poured water into my hand and let it flow at His feet as a symbol of total surrender. Thus, I surrendered all the fruits of my service accumulated over 16 years to my Lord, keeping nothing back for myself.

I prayed: “It is Your responsibility to protect me, Lord. Allow me to remain your humble servant at your feet. My joys are yours, your sorrows are mine.” With these feelings, and with tears of joy flowing, I ended the prayer with immense happiness. On that occasion, I had completed the 16th cycle of submitting 7 crore written recitations. Having returned from Tirupati at 7:30 a.m. that day, I offered their fruits to the Lord within 12 hours. I also told Him: “I can never repay Your debt, The Lord, but I am at least trying.”

Letting me know that I had not yet succeeded

Thus, having offered the fruits of all my 16 years of various services to the Lord, I marked His forehead with *bottu* and invited Him into our home, with faith that He would surely show some divine act. As expected, He did show a divine act, but it did not satisfy me. I could not understand His will or the meaning behind it. That divine act was as follows:

Dream dated 07-09-2018: In the dream, desiring that I should grow further spiritually, it seemed that the Lord got me admitted into a higher class at Osmania University College of Engineering. In the dream, all my classmates had become older compared to earlier times. The final exams were going on, but I had not studied anything. I was asking my friends anxiously about what to do. Still, I had faith that somehow things would turn out well, for The Lord would show mercy. I saw my classmates very clearly in the dream. I kept thinking - How will I pass? How will I write the exams? The dream ended.

The meaning of this – Though I had offered 7 crore written recitations for the 16th cycle, I had still not reached the level the Lord expected of me. It meant that I still needed to gain knowledge. In truth, this is what I myself had asked for! I prayed, “Do not abandon me thinking Your will is fulfilled. I still wish to serve You more.” I thought perhaps this dream was the effect of that prayer, and that I had yet to grow as the servant of The Lord. And the Lord is the ruler of this universe. He has countless duties. Whenever possible, He will surely shower grace upon me and come to our home - I waited with that faith. Even though I had served for 16 years without a single mistake, this incident disheartened me and I found it hard to believe. Still, I went ahead and stated in the Sri Venkatesam magazine that my vow was completed with letters as large as palm leaves.



Bhajagovindam not accepted by the Lord

Unlike earlier times, the Lord stopped had showing His divine acts. Finally, Vaikuntha Ekaadashi arrived. On that day, i.e., 18-12-2018, in the evening, I organized Bhajagovindam on a large scale at Habsiguda. I made excellent arrangements for a thousand devotees. Two revered spiritual leaders - Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Sri Ramachandra Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami and Sri Sri Sri Pushpagiri Peethadhipathi - along with Sri Ramanachari garu also attended. But because of the cold that day, not many devotees came. Only about 250 - 300 people attended. At the end, by early morning, I asked The Lord, "Did You like this Bhajagovindam?" I got the impression that He was not pleased. So, I began searching within myself for where I had gone wrong. I felt that perhaps my inner sense of having spent a large amount of money was the reason The Lord did not accept it. I begged forgiveness.

Search for a Guru

20-01-2019: Since it had been many days without experiencing the Lord's presence, I felt a sense of distance from Him. Added to that, like an ordinary human being, I began indulging more in worldly matters. YouTube, WhatsApp, and other distractions pulled my mind in many directions. Since I thought my sankalpa (vow) had already been completed, I focused on worldly things instead of spiritual practice. But I did not pay proper attention to the practices for attaining

the Lord. Reflecting on this, I felt deeply pained and prayed to the Lord in this way: "Lord! I know nothing. I do not know how to live, how to behave. I have no Guru. My sadhana is not bearing fruit. So please become my Guru Yourself, initiate me with mantra, and lead me on the right path." I prayed again and again. Then I thought, I must simply wait for the Lord's grace and leave it to my fate - time alone would reveal how my future would be, and what kind of transformation He would bring about in me. I resolved firmly to pray several more times specifically for a Guru.

My current state: I have had a darshan of the Lord from an extremely close distance. I had become accustomed to satvic food and also become pure internally. I had received prayer beads and also been initiated into the mahamantra. I had resolved to continue publishing the monthly magazine. The Lord had protected me from evil forces. I had offered the fruits of my 16-year vow to the Lord. Now I wait again - for a Guru.

Blessings of 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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