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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).

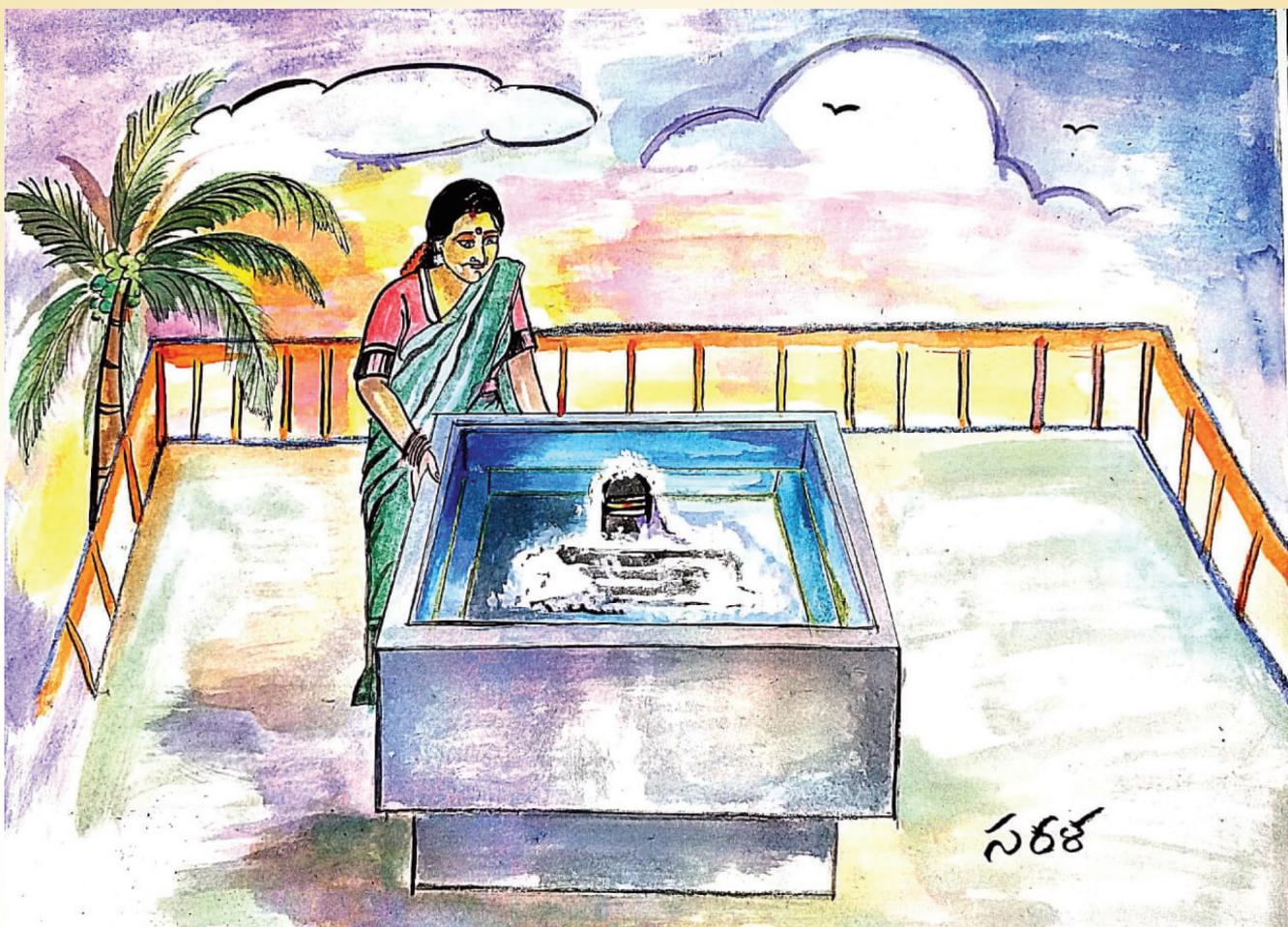
Starting the training from April 2000, thro’ my dreams, He disclosed the actual matter in April 2022. In

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 **March 2019 to August 2020**).

Offering of the Serpent Ornament

Recently, the Telangana government announced a scheme called *Rythu Bandhu*. When I received my first instalment of money under *Rythu Bandhu*, I had a silver *NâgâbharaGam* (serpent ornament) made for our village temple, as per the wishes of the people of our village, and offered it to Lord Shiva on 04-03-2019, on the day of Maha Shivaratri. In the morning, from our house to the temple, we went in a procession with musical instruments. After performing the ritual bathing (*abhishekam*) of Lord Shiva and the serpent ornament, we offered it. That evening, *Maha Shivabhishekam* was also performed to 365 clay Shiva Lingams. The next morning, 05-03-2019, we conducted the ceremonial wedding of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati (*Shiva-Parvati Kalyanam*) and arranged a community feast. On 06-03-2019, we returned to Hyderabad.

During the entire program, I only got a darshan of the Lord, but I did not personally feel any special divine experience. However, my wife received such divine grace as described here.



Dream on 05-03-2019: She saw a large square-shaped tank filled with crystal-clear water. At its bottom was another smaller square-shaped tank. Inside that small tank was a Shiva Lingam, completely covered with cooked rice. She was looking from above and could clearly see the Lingam covered with rice through the pure water of the upper tank. The water was very clear. She felt goosebumps and great joy. Then the dream ended.

Also, at the moment of tying the sacred *thali* during the Shiva-Parvati wedding ritual, both of us were overwhelmed with blissful excitement.

Going in search of the Lord

For some time now, the Lord has not been showing me His divine acts (*leelas*). Saddened by this,

I made earnest efforts to get closer to Him. I began thinking what actions might please the Lord, and accordingly started performing such actions. Unfortunately, due to my fate, I forgot the spiritual experiences I had in the past and could not recall the words He had spoken. Therefore, in order to attain Him again, I began making various efforts. One of them was this: although I had given up my construction business, I continued to occasionally buy and sell plots of land as a pastime. I had promised to the Lord that every rupee I earned from this business would be used only for the Lord's purpose. I also told the Lord that I would build temples for Him with this money. But the Lord did not accept this, and instead, every transaction resulted only in loss. In the meantime, I had a dream.



Dream of 10-04-2019: In this dream, I was wandering, searching for something. On the way, I came across a village. Its old name was something (I forgot), but its present name was said to be *Ande*. The villagers told me that the atmosphere there was very peaceful and cool, and suggested I take some rest for a while. But I did not agree. Then I saw my aunt Bhoolakshmi (my mother's elder sister), who had passed away in 1982, along with her husband Venkat Reddy. It felt as though I was lying on her lap. The dream ended.

Meaning: Perhaps my ancestors were pleased to see me searching for the Lord, or maybe Goddess Lakshmi blessed me.

Consent for the Marriage of Our Second Son, Chi Aravind Reddy

Our second son, Sri Aravind Reddy, had completed his M.S. in America and was working there.

He was now 27 years old. He liked his engineering batchmate, Chi Sou. Praneetha, and asked for our consent to marry her. I became confused and distressed, unable to decide, and prayed to the Lord for guidance. On 25-06-2019, the girl's parents - Sri Guntuka Ravinder Reddy and Roopa Devi of Ramanthapur - came to our house to talk about the alliance. I promised them that I would give my opinion by 29-06-2019. Therefore, I prayed to Lord Venkateswara to guide me on what to do. The Lord showed His grace in this way.

Dream of 26-06-2019: In this dream, I saw the girl Praneetha from very near. She came and stood as close to me as possible. I got an impression as if she already belonged to our family. I took this as a command to give my consent. That was the end of the dream.

After that, I informed her parents of our consent, and wedding arrangements began.

The Lord's Grace Reaches Many Through Our Service

Lately, Lord Venkateswara of Tirumala has not shown me any of His divine acts. A feeling was arising in me that the Lord's compassion toward us had reduced. Never before had we spent so many days without witnessing His divine acts. This was becoming a burden for us, so we decided to conduct the *Rathayatra* only until I reached 60 years of age - that is, until 2020. This year, we decided to begin the *Rathayatra* on 29-07-2019. In the meantime, we prepared to perform chanting and worship at home. On this occasion, the Lord showed Surekha a wonderful divine act of His as detailed here.

Dream of 07-07-2019: She saw a huge snake of great length and thickness. On either side of it, there were countless tiny little snakes, numbering thousands. Surekha was astonished and wondered, "What is this?" Then the dream ended. The next morning, she told me about her dream. I believed it was a divine act of the Lord and a symbol of the Ratha.

The inner meaning of this was that, through our years of service to the Lord, His grace and blessings had reached and spread to countless devotees because of us.

17th Offering of 7 crores of written recitations

On the occasion of the 17th round of offering 70 million written recitations, on the evening of 29-07-2019, the "Namo Venkatesaya" *Rathayatra* (chariot procession) began from our home. Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Sri Ramachandra Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami performed the deepa aradhana (lamp worship) and inaugurated the program. Afterwards, after the Swami gave a beautiful message, we started the procession and served food to all devotees present.

We took the chariot around In Hyderabad, from 30-07-2019 until 15-08-2019. After that, we took it



to Kurnool, Guntakal, Anantapur, Kadiri, and Madanapalle, finally reaching Tirupati on the evening of 21-08-2019. On the evening of 22-08-2019, we submitted the 7 crore written recitations at the feet of the Lord at Alipiri Padala Mandapam (altar for the Lord's divine feet), performed worship, and prayed sincerely to the Lord to accept it. Again, on 23-08-2019 which was Sri Krishna Janmashtami, we performed the "Sri Venkateswara Maha Mantra Yagna" at the Sri Venkateswara Maha Mantra Stupa in the S.V. Dairy Farm, and prayed that all who had written the recitations of the Lord's name be blessed.

At that time, the TTD Chairman, Sri S.V. Subba Reddy, performed the *Poornahuti* of the yagna and submitted the written recitations. He also initiated the 18th round of submission of written recitations. TTD officials and devotees participated in the program, which took place with lot of joy. Afterwards, we went up the hill, had a darshan of the Lord, and returned to Hyderabad. With this, the 17th round of offering of 7 crore written recitations concluded.

The Lord's divine acts during the 17th Offering of 7 crore written recitations

From this point onward, the Lord tried to bring as much mental transformation in me as possible and showed the following divine act.



Giving me a message to give up my desires

This dream came to me during the *Rathayatra* on 12-08-2019. It was a wonderful message in which the Lord gave clear direction on how my behaviour and mental attitude should be from now on. But being immersed in the *Rathayatra*, I did not make a note of it immediately. About 20 days later, when I thought of writing it down, I had forgotten the exact details of the dream the Lord had given. However, I had noted down its date and essence briefly. The meaning of the dream was as follows:

Dream on 12-08-2019: Its essence was that for the rest of this life, I should under no circumstances be tempted by anything. I must give up the desire for possessions or anything else. The Lord commanded me to renounce lust, anger, delusion, pride, and envy. He clearly said that if I do not live in this way, I would not achieve the goal of this life. He also warned me to keep my mind extremely steady, otherwise I would be harmed. This was the meaning of the dream. I forgot the exact events of it, but by good fortune I wrote down its essence at that time.

On that day, I prayed to the Lord to grant me the strength to live exactly as He had instructed.

My Fortune – An Analysis

So far, we had completed 17 rounds of submitting 7 crore written recitations to my Lord Sri Venkateswara of Tirumala. In 2002, we had also performed chanting and fire sacrifice and offered the 3 crore recitations written by the late Sri Vadrevu Gavarraju at the same altar. For every round of 7 crore written recitations that we submitted, we used to conduct 7 days of worship at our house in Hyderabad, and on the final day perform prayers to the Lord by lighting lamps before starting the yatra to submit the written recitations. On the day of submission of written recitations at Tirupati, we also used to perform these rituals in front of the altar. In this way, we had performed the $17 \times 2 = 34$ times, and once for the

recitations written by Sri Gavarraju in 2002 - making a total of 35 times – where we had performed the concluding worship for the written recitations of the Lord's name.

During these 35 occasions, at the final worship of the written recitations, the Lord would reveal His divine feet. Over the heap of written recitations, His two feet would appear to be standing. At the same time, I would have the sense that the Lord, in His immense cosmic form, was standing there towering into the sky, in a form corresponding to those feet. The feet, however, used to be clearly visible in black form. The yellow silk garment He wore, also used to be visible up to about 6 inches above the feet. Each time, I would offer flowers, incense, lamps, and fragrances only to those two feet and pray with deep devotion. This divine miracle, which began in 2002, has continued in the same way until now. On one occasion, I shared this matter with the Sri Vaishnava scholar Sri Maringanti Kulasekhara Acharya. He praised me highly and said, "This happens only to those who have attained maturity." Truly, when I behold those dark feet, the joy I experience knows no bounds; I become ecstatic. I considered this entirely the grace of Sri Venkateswara and my fortune. I also prayed that it would continue in the same way for the rest of my life.

Bringing the Guru Home

For the past few months, since I was no longer seeing the divine acts of the Lord as before, I made intense efforts to correct my shortcomings. Despite these efforts, seeing no results, I prayed again and again to my Lord Sri Venkateswara to bless me with a Guru who could initiate me into a mantra. But when I got no response from the Lord, I began to reflect on my life. Then I realized - with sadness - that the Lord had, in fact, sent me a Guru back in March 2008, but I had forgotten. To show me that my ego, my sense of "I,"

had not yet dissolved, the Lord had sent this Guru to me from Tirupati. He was none other than Sri Sri Sri Hayagriva Swami. With the face of a horse, He emerged from a stone, then transformed back into the form of a young man, in such a way that I could understand my own mental state. He said to me, "I am coming from Tirupati. As soon as the Lord instructed me, I immediately set out and came to you." But that day, I had failed to give Him due recognition. As soon as He revealed my mental state to me, I thought that the task given by Sri Venkateswara was complete, and I neglected to worship Him further. I later rebuked myself as a fool for not honouring Him. Now I resolved that from this time onward, I would accept Him as my Guru and worship Him. Accordingly, during the last submission of written recitations, on 25-08-2019, I bought an idol of Sri Hayagriva Swami on the hill and, on 26-08-2019, installed it in my home and worshipped Him with abhisheka and rituals. From then on, I began to worship Sri Hayagriva Swami as my Guru and prayed to Him to grant me deeper knowledge about the Lord as well as the wisdom necessary for my own life. Within three or four days, I also planned to go to Sultan Bazaar and buy garments, as the Lord had earlier instructed, to clothe Him.

Showing me that I would be blessed with a grandson who would be a devotee

On 02-09-2019, which was Vinayaka Chavithi and also a Monday, as usual I performed abhisheka and worship at my home for the Lord and for my Guru, Sri Sri Sri Hayagriva Swami. We also installed Lord Vinayaka and performed worship to Him. Around 12 noon, while watching TV programs, I slipped into sleep. Around 1:30, I had this dream.

Dream dated 02-09-2019: In this dream, all of my family members and I were in our old house in our village. In the cot in front of the house, my daughter-in-law's mother, Mrs. Geetha, and a few others were lying

down. My mother or Surekha came and said, "Still lying down? Work needs to be done," and she went near the grain storage bin inside the house and was doing something there. When I too was coming up from the inside, I saw a small baby in the house. As soon as the baby saw me, he shouted "Come... come..." stretching out both his hands, trying to get up, saying "Tha... tha..." (grandfather). I went near him and lifted him up. Then Surekha or my mother, who was invisibly present, said, "He is calling you." The dream ended there. I told this to my wife. Immediately she said maybe the time has come for a baby to arrive in our house, and we might soon hear good news. I believed that this was surely a divine act of my Lord Tirumala Sri Venkateswara and that it would come true. And because He showed our old house in the dream, I felt this child would either be a devotee or someone significant for the upcoming Harinama Kshetra.

Showing the Guru's influence

On 03-09-2019, I went to Sultan Bazaar and bought clothes for my Guru, Sri Sri Sri Hayagriva Swami, as He had once asked. The next day, I dressed Him in these clothes and performed worship. I prayed to Him asking Him to forgive me for buying them only now when He had asked me back in March 2008. I prayed to Him to protect me and guide me so that I could reach my goal. As I had hoped, that night the Lord granted me a wonderful dream.

Dream dated 05-09-2019: I was swimming in a tank, with water all around me. I was swimming toward the bank. That was the dream. Its meaning was that in the ocean of life, I am swimming toward the shore. Its significance was that without receiving training from my Guru, Sri Sri Sri Hayagriva Swami, I would never reach the shore. And I felt that learning from Him was the true purpose of life. I also felt that until I learned from Him, I would be an incomplete person.



State of wanting immediate darshan of the Lord

Tirumala Sri Venkateswara uses all methods - gentleness, gifts, doubts, and force - to draw us onto His path. At one point, He indicated that in the future, we could experience such a great fear that we would desire for an immediate darshan of the Lord. This was through a dream experienced by my wife, Surekha.

Dream dated 30-12-2019: It was 6 in the morning. My wife Surekha, who had been sleeping in her nightdress, woke up and came to the gate of the house still in her nightdress. For some reason, she opened the gate and stepped outside. By the influence of some divine power, she was immediately transported to Tirumala Hill in that same nightdress. Then she realized she was still in her nightdress, had no money with her, and did not know how she had been brought up the hill - she was in a state of confusion. Everyone was going for a darshan of the Lord. She too wanted to see the Lord, but since she was in her nightdress, she worried whether they would allow her inside. After a short while she gathered courage and joined the devotees in the darshan queue, saw the Lord, and came out. Then she began to worry how she would get back home. Not knowing what to do, she thought she would go to the police station, explain her situation, and ask them to put her on a bus to Hyderabad, promising to send the money later. While she was thinking thus, the dream ended.

My wife told me of this early in the morning. I felt that its inner meaning was that very soon a major difficulty would befall us, and at that moment we must be in a state where we could rush to Tirupati to obtain immediate protection. I did not tell Surekha this because she would feel afraid. But because the Lord showed it, it would surely happen.

A Thought

On 07-03-2020 I wrote down a few things from my life.

In this year 2020 I would complete 60 years of age. For the last 16 years we had been conducting the Ratha Yatra. Of all the services to the Lord, this one used to give me the most satisfaction. But no matter how much effort put into it, the work never ended. New tasks kept arising. Because of the workload, in 2018 my wife said we should stop the Ratha Yatra. But I told her, "Let's do it until I turn 60, then we'll stop," and with great difficulty she agreed. It would be ending on the first Ekadashi of this year, 01-07-2020. Therefore, we decided to hold the Ratha Yatra only this one last year and then stop. If it is to continue beyond that, it would only be possible if Lord Sri Venkateswara Himself performed some miracle - otherwise it would not be possible. We even conveyed this matter to the Lord.

Choosing my son as an Instrument to remove the distortions in us

The Lord selects some person and through that person carries out His divine acts. For example: we speak of Ravana asura or Hiranyakashipu as evil men. But through them epics like the Ramayana came into being, spreading the Lord's glory in all directions, and devotees across ages have been uplifted. In the very same way that the Lord had chosen Ravana as an instrument, He began to show His divine acts through our elder son, Chi. Vedant, to change us. As a result, He brought in us the transformation necessary for the establishment of Harinama Kshetra. Let's see those events.

On 12-02-2020, our second son Chi. Aravind Reddy married Chi. Sou. Praneetha. By the time I turned 60, all the life events I had to perform were completed. Our elder son Chi. Vedant came to the wedding with

his wife and relatives. Within four or five days after the wedding, the Lord began working to change us. For this He used our elder son, Chi. Vedant.

On one occasion, he had to go to a small function at his in-laws' house. But due to some work, Surekha said she could not go. For this small matter itself, my son Chi. Vedant behaved extremely harshly with his mother. He shouted so loudly the roof seemed to fly off, threw tables, chairs, and phones to the ground. He frightened her so much that Surekha was trembling. Her mother's heart was hurt. The son who she thought would always be her support and shadow behaved so rudely and scolded her that her mind was broken and wounded. This made the thought firm in her mind that her only true companion and shadow was God. Trembling with fear of her son, she reached a state of immediately wanting to have darshan of the Lord. She said she had never been so frightened in her life.

This unexpected incident immediately made me understand the Lord's play. But I told no one. I thought, let's see what more the Lord plans to do. I only felt that a step had been taken in that direction.

Instructing me to keep my mind on the right path

From March 2020, the COVID pandemic spread throughout the country. People became afraid to see each other. The government declared a lockdown. Unable to go outside, everyone had to remain in their own homes. In such circumstances, people began watching movies and serials to pass the time. I too, staying at home, began watching one movie a day. During this period, the Lord showed me a divine act. What I wrote that day about it is as follows:

28-04-2020: Because of the COVID-19 lockdown, staying at home and watching movies brought about a change in my mental state. I began to lose the constant remembrance of the Lord. Perhaps

my mind wished to be like what was shown in the movies or perhaps it became tainted under their influence. That is why, though I am a positive thinker, I began to have negative thoughts. As a result, my focus on God decreased. I noticed this myself and tried to come out of its effect. But again, I became a slave to bad thoughts and behaved accordingly. Seeing this, the Lord caused this heartfelt message to arise in me tonight:

“Your mind is straying from the right path. It is thinking about something it should not. You must always keep your mind in the path pleasing to God, always think positively.” From the following days onwards, though I still watched movies, I stayed away from negative thoughts. I firmly resolved to live remembering what the Lord told me.

I could not get a darshan of the Lord

In 2007 I had booked four tickets for the Tirumala Lord's **Poornabhishekam Seva**. The date for this Abhishekam Seva was 19-06-2020. For many days I had been wishing to see the Lord fully and satisfyingly during this service. But because of the coronavirus, TTD had stopped all services. As a result, I could not have the darshan of the Lord. I prayed, “Lord! I am yearning to see You, please grant me permission.” In today's dream the Lord gave me hints regarding His darshan and blessed me.

Dream of 16-06-2020: For the past few days the Tirumala temple had been closed. Now it had opened. Permission was given for devotees to have darshan, but they were asked to maintain distance and a queue was started. I had not gone to Tirupati. I was here in Hyderabad. Yet from here itself I saw the queue of devotees at Tirumala Lord Venkateswara's darshan. Then the scene changed. It was some other temple resembling Tirumala. That temple had several huge trees in its premises, in a serene atmosphere. Devotees, chanting “Govinda! Govinda!” with great enthusiasm,



were standing in a very long queue for a darshan of the Lord. Seeing this queue, I too wished to stand in it, but as it was so long, it seemed as if darshan would not be possible. I tried in many ways to see if there was some other route. But finding no other path, I remained disappointed. Meditating upon Him in my mind, I kept watching the queue. The dream ended.

From this I understood that I would not get the Lord's darshan.

The next day I phoned Tirupati to inquire, and they replied: "All of the Lord's services are currently being performed privately. Devotees are not being permitted. After the management takes a decision on this, we will inform you. Until then no one will be allowed."

Whatever it may be, after a long time my Lord again showed me His divine act in my dream, which filled me with great bliss.

The foundation for my Second Resolve

Tirumala Sri Venkateswara has chosen me as His instrument. His main Aim is that I should render His services, attain worthiness, and establish a Harinaama Kshetra (a holy place for chanting God's names). It did not occur to me that I had not succeeded in completing the submission of the 111 crore written recitations which service He had granted me, but the Lord knew it. Therefore, while I was still in a state of sleep, He awakened the servantfeeling within me and gave me another resolve. Let us see how He used my 60th birthday for this.

In 2002, I had undertaken the service of submitting 111 crore written recitations to the Lord of Tirumala, which was completed in 2018. After that, although I had decided to continue this service for the rest of my life, because the vow had been fulfilled, my mind was no longer as deeply absorbed in the Lord's

service. The earlier zeal and eagerness had diminished. In a way, this was my resting time - a transitional phase before the next resolve. Meanwhile, the first Ekadashi (01-07-2020), my 60th birthday, was approaching.

The seed idea for 111 Kalyanams of Tirumala Sri Venkateswara

On every first Ekadashi and Vaikuntha Ekadashi festival, it was our practice to conduct *Bhaja Govindam* inviting a large number of devotees. Moreover, since the first Ekadashi of 2020 (01-07-2020) was my 60th birthday, I decided to conduct *Bhaja Govindam* on a large scale. But due to the COVID-19 pandemic's havoc in the world, we could not hold the *Bhaja Govindam* program on the first Ekadashi. However, since it was my Shashtipoorthi (60th birthday), we privately conducted the Lord's Kalyanam in our own home in Hyderabad, with only eight family members present and with fear. During this Kalyanam, the servant-feeling in me awoke, and various kinds of feelings arose:

I felt sorrow that I had to conduct the Kalyanam of my Lord Sri Venkateswara — the Creator, Preserver, and Dissolver of this entire universe — in such seclusion. My blood boiled. I felt it was an insult to my Lord and could not bear it. I wanted to take revenge on these circumstances. But, having no choice, we conducted it with so few people.

In one sense, this was also my Shashtipoorthi program, so the pain of having so few people increased even more. After this, I prayed to the Lord to grant me more opportunities for service for the rest of my remaining life. That is — along with the service I was currently performing, I wanted another type of service, one that would continue until the last stage of my life.

After 60 years, my life belongs entirely to the Lord; I prayed asking Him to utilize it in his service properly. I said, "I am only an instrument. Please make

me perform works that will benefit the world. Grant me the opportunity to live as Govindadasa until the end.” My heart leapt with longing for the Lord’s service, and I prayed that He would grant me another great service, suited to my age and my ability, as well.

Perhaps in accordance with this desire of mine, or for some other reason, I developed the wish that my Lord, Tirumala Sri Venkateswara, should have many ceremonial weddings (kalyanam) performed by His devotees. That is... I did not wish to conduct all these weddings myself, but rather that they should be organized by the devotees at the places requested by other devotees. In a way, anger and frustration arose in me over the current circumstances. My Lord, being so great, could not tolerate performing them alone. In that anger, I prayed to Him asking me to make me take a pledge I would get many ceremonial weddings conducted in the presence of thousands of devotees and asked Him give it His blessing. The thought behind this became the seed for this program of 111 weddings.

Over the past two years, since I felt that my earlier resolve had been fulfilled and that I had not been performing the service to the Lord with full diligence, the desire for another service of the Lord intensified within me. I began praying in various ways every day, asking the Lord to bless the idea of performance of His ceremonial weddings. After thinking day and night for 18 days, I finally came to the firm decision that it must be done. I had not told my wife about this until 19-07-2020. I decided that day to inform her. I prayed to my Lord Sri Venkateswara that my wife too would agree. I reasoned that once a resolve is made, I must remain committed to this vow, since I acknowledged that I am a restless, fickle human being of Kali Yuga.

On that day, 19-07-2020, at 11:34 a.m., I wrote down the procedures and methods regarding these weddings as a formal resolve.

Resolve for the Weddings

1. In my remaining lifetime, I must conduct at least 111 weddings for Tirumala Sri Venkateswara, with not less than 7 weddings per year.
2. These weddings must be conducted by devotees, not by me or my wife.
3. These weddings should be held in various regions, on dates suitable for the devotees, in their own areas.
4. The costs of the weddings should be shared: partly by us and partly by the devotees, and they should be encouraged to do so.
5. The weddings should convey the teachings of the Lord. Devotional songs of Annamayya should be sung. It should provide a platform for devotees.
6. The weddings should be performed according to scriptural guidelines, with processions and dance, ensuring satisfaction for the Lord and the devotees.
7. These weddings should be conducted solely with the welfare of the devotees and the world in mind. Ultimately, they should promote the well-being of all, protect people from diseases like COVID-19, and bring peace and happiness.

I wrote down this resolve encompassing these seven points. Then I prayed to my Lord Tirumala Sri Venkateswara to accept this, to grant permission for the weddings to be performed, and to provide the necessary strength and the cooperation of the devotees.

The following afternoon, I told my wife Surekha that we should conduct all 111 weddings. I decided to pause the chariot pilgrimage and take up this program. At first, she was afraid and said it could not be done by us. I tried to convince her.

I told her it was not a burden for her. And since Surekha, who had been hurt in the past by my son’s behaviour, recognized that Sri Venkateswara Himself



was hers and that He was always ready to act for her sake, she ultimately agreed. In this way, my son's misbehavior ended up helping Surekha change.

The Lord's divine actsto make the ceremonial weddings happen

Afterwards, with the intention that my Lord's wedding should take place in a very beautiful and highly attractive way, I placed an order for two elegant thrones and 21-inch tall Panchaloha (five-metal) idols of the Lord and the mother Goddess. I also intended for these idols to be coated in gold. In this way, the wedding preparations began. I was satisfied, feeling that the Lord had granted me this service.

However, I did not expect that the Lord would reveal His divine plan for the wedding arrangements so soon. In a way, it seemed that the Lord Himself was more eager than we were. He showed the wedding arrangements in detail: where to conduct them, how to conduct them, how the Namo VenkatesayaRatham should be used, using elaborate dress codes, parades of guards holding conch shells and discs, and dance performances. The first such vision was as follows: in this vision, the Lord showed me that this wedding should be held in the village where I was born, Appanapalli. But at that time, I did not fully understand the meaning of this vision. Two of my maternal uncles had passed away, but their wives - my aunts - were still living.

Dream of 07-08-2020: In this dream, I saw a festival in Appanapalli, the village where I was born. I and my eldest aunt, Smt. Ratnamma, were present, and the festival was taking place at her home. For this festival, we wore new clothes - myself in a traditional dhoti and she in a yellow sari. The entire village was present, and the festival was full of art and celebration. Although my aunt is about 84 years old and still healthy, in this vision she appeared bent due to her age. This meant that since we cannot predict the future,

the Lord was showing that His wedding should be conducted in Appanapalli so that she, family members, and the villagers could receive the grace and blessings of Sri Venkateswara. However, at that time, I did not fully grasp the significance of the dream

Indication to hold the weddings in a large, grand place

About a week later, another vision was shown to me. Even then, I did not fully understand it. In this vision, we went to a special function-hall-like place suitable for play and weddings. The entire place was beautifully decorated with colourful paper. It appeared to be a wedding hall well known to us. Alongside the wedding, we arranged for dance programs. The vision was as follows

Dream of 14-08-2020 : This dream was very vivid. It was not at our home, but we went to a distant, hotel-like place where festivals were conducted. There, we prepared everything necessary for a wedding and a dance festival, as if it were a wedding of someone very intimate to us or our family. We were in a large three-storey building, in front of which was a road approximately 80 feet wide. We felt that the road outside was more suitable for the ceremony than inside, so we made the arrangements for the ceremony to be held there. The remarkable thing was that we decorated it beautifully. But then, an object about four or five feet long and two feet in diameter, wrapped in a white cloth, was brought on a bullock cart. We decorated it very beautifully and tied flowers and colourful papers all over the area and performed dances. Later, we placed that cloth-covered object somewhere safe, like in a locker, for a day or two and then brought it back again on the festival day. Once more, we decorated it with various flowers and colourful papers and carried out the festival procession very grandly. People danced, leapt, and celebrated. The whole area turned festive. The dream ended.



I had this dream between 4:30 and 5:15 in the morning. This same dream repeated twice. At the time of the dream, I didn't understand its meaning. But its true meaning was as follows -

We must perform the wedding (Kalyanam) at a place where many devotees can witness it. It should not be done at home for a small group of people. The wedding platform should be decorated beautifully. Dance programs and devotional songs should be arranged. If possible, the road itself should be converted into a stage for the event. The welcoming ceremony should also be organized properly. As for the four-foot-long cloth-wrapped object - this was none other than the Lord Himself. Perhaps because we had ordered the idols of the Lord and the Mother Goddess but had

not yet seen them, I thought the Lord was not visible. Or perhaps we had not yet attained the worthiness to see Him. The dream also indicated that the Lord would be carried and preserved like this and then brought out again for the festival.

Informing me that the responsibility for making the weddings happen was mine

Tirumala Sri Venkateswara always granted His services to me in a special order. The idea for each service used to first appear as a small spark in the mind. Later, He used to show me more divine acts related to it. The influence of these acts intensified my determination to perform that service. At that point, I used to pray to the Lord with utmost devotion, asking Him to grant me the service. Finally, I used to say:



“Lord! You promised me that you would bless me in this lifetime with your services until I felt satisfied. I am not yet satisfied. I have the desire to perform this service - please grant it to me.”

I used to pray thus with the deepest humility. Then the Lord used to grant me the service, saying:

“Look... because you have asked for this service so humbly, I am granting it to you. Therefore, the responsibility to carry it out effectively is yours.”

Although in truth the Lord Himself is the one making it happen, He shows His cleverness by placing the responsibility for managing it on my shoulders.

In the past too, for the services He granted me -

1. Sri Venkateswara Divya Maha Mantra Stupa
2. The annual offering of 7 crore written recitations
3. The Namō Venkateshaya Ratham
4. The Sri Venkatesam Monthly Magazine
5. The *Bhajagovindam* program

- He followed the same sequence. Now, for the ceremonial weddings too, He had granted them by showing me the following divine acts of His.

“Confirming That My Path Was Right”

After the 16th round of submission of the 7 crore written recitations, although I continued with the services, my former intensity and eagerness had diminished. In a way, I was living a retired life. It felt like I had gained freedom. But I did not like this. I wanted to serve the Lord for my entire life, feeling myself always indebted to Him. Therefore, considering my current age, I prayed to the Lord to grant me another suitable service. By my good fortune, I was blessed with the service of performing His ceremonial weddings. I was happy about this. Without letting go of this opportunity, I began making every possible effort to manage it most effectively.

And I wanted to do this strictly according to scriptural injunctions without any mistakes, so I decided to take the advice of elders. In August 2020, I asked the Sri Vaishnava Vedic scholar Sriman MaringantiKulasekharacharya about this. I told him that I was having 21-inch idols made for the purpose of the ceremonial weddings and requested his opinion on them and on the weddings themselves. He said performing the weddings was good but disagreed somewhat about the idols. He explained that if 21-inch idols were being specially made for the purpose of weddings, then as per scriptural rules, daily worship—pujas and offerings—must be performed to them. Otherwise, it would amount to disrespect. Alternatively, he said, we could give them to a temple so that daily incense, lamps, and offerings would be made to them, and we could then use them when needed. He warned that we should not keep them with us without such daily rituals. If we stubbornly insisted on keeping them ourselves, he said it would be better not to conduct the program at all. Since daily incense, lamps, and offerings were not feasible for us, I felt as though a thunderbolt had struck my heart. Saddened that the wedding service might slip away from me, I could not bring myself to accept his advice. I argued with him for a while, saying that there were temples which opened only once a year and yet were accepted, and that in the past Lord Swami had accepted even garlands offered by Goda Devi which still contained strands of hair. I also said that in 2003 we had made the *Namō Venkatesaya* chariot and placed eight idols in it in the same manner, and for the past 18 years we have been using that chariot only for a month each year without performing daily offerings.

Moreover, I said, the Lord Himself had accepted it and granted many devotees spiritual experiences through it. He replied that such cases are extremely rare - one in a crore. But since I had intimacy with the Lord, he advised that I should once again ask the Lord

and decide. Following Sriman Kulasekharacharya's advice, for several days I began praying fervently to the Lord to show me the right path. With utmost humility I begged Him to grant me, in whatever way possible, the service of conducting the ceremonial weddings. Finally, I prayed saying "Lord Sri Venkateswara! You promised me that You would bless me with service until I am satisfied in this lifetime. I am not yet satisfied. Please grant me this service."

I prayed in this fashion every day, every moment, with tears streaming from my eyes. One day in the prayer room at our home, I prayed thus "Lord! I have not been satisfied with the services You have granted me so far. Now I am starting with the service of performing your ceremonial wedding service. For that, I need Your and the mother goddesses' 21-inch idols. I am ignorant, small, and unaccustomed to offering daily incense, lamps, and offerings like in a temple. Even if I try, I cannot do it regularly. Please forgive me. Please grant me permission to make Your idols and begin this program." Immediately, a strong encouragement arose in my mind telling me "If the idols are used for the very purpose for which they are being made, that is enough." This thought came to me. I felt the same way as I had in the past with the chariot, and now again I felt I should proceed in the same manner. A feeling also arose that I should move forward with the program and not fear obstacles. With tears of joy streaming from my eyes, my body shivering with goosebumps, and a shiver running through me, I resolved to go ahead, not as Sriman Kulasekharacharya had said, but as my inner conviction guided me.

That night the Lord too revealed His intention to me through a beautiful divine act. He told me to go ahead. My joy knew no bounds.

Dream on 20-08-2020: It was the courtyard of a large temple. A ceremonial water tank related to the

temple was located at a considerable distance from the entrance. Before going for the divine darshan, I intended to take a bath in the tank. I tied a traditional short cloth around myself and entered the temple compound for bathing. At that time, a guru and his group of 20 disciples were already bathing in the tank. Upon seeing them, I immediately recognized them as guru and disciples because the disciples were bathing reverently without talking to each other. The disciples appeared to be between 20–25 years old, bathing at various spots across the tank. The guru, however, was over 60, older than me, not a priest but seemed to possess excellent scriptural knowledge. He was tall and robust - definitely someone worthy of the title of guru. As I approached, they continued their bath. When I stepped into the tank within the temple compound, the guru noticed me from a distance. We looked at each other. Initially, I assumed they were some unknown guru and disciples. Later, I realized that they were none other than the Vedic scholar Sriman Maringanti Kulasekharacharya and his disciples. From afar, Sriman Kulasekharacharya began to engage with me on a particular subject, and I responded in my own way. The discussion was very serious and intense. The guru gestured from the tank for me not to enter. He stood waist-deep in water, raising both hands in an X shape. However, I ignored his warnings, arguing and eventually reaching the water's edge. He continued questioning and debating me from within the water. Eventually, before entering, I sat on the edge of the tank. At that moment, a miracle occurred. Because his disciples were bathing on both sides, the water became muddy and clouded with the turbidity spreading. Yet the water directly in front of me - from the edge to the opposite side, about six feet wide - remained crystal clear. The sand and stones at the bottom were clearly visible. There was no impurity. It seemed as though the water was inviting me to enter and bathe. From my position, I could clearly see the sandy bottom across



the six-foot-wide strip, while on either side, the water was muddy. I was amazed. Finally, I was ready to enter. I sat on the edge, dangling my legs in the water, gently moving them back and forth, waiting to step in. After this, no further words came from the guru. The dream ended.

This indicated that the Lord had accepted my approach. He conveyed that I could have the 21-inch idols made and conduct the weddings as I had intended. The path was clear, free of obstacles. I felt immense joy. I rejoiced, realizing that the Lord had blessed me with the service of conducting His ceremonial wedding.

Although Sriman Kulasekharacharya's instructions were scripturally correct, I felt that Lord

Tirumala Sri Venkateswara, wanting to grant me the opportunity to serve, had lowered His own stature to agree with my approach. Even though I had tried to follow Kulasekharacharya's method, it was not possible entirely. Therefore, I understood that it was the Lord Himself who consented to my way. With this, my determination to serve the Lord grew even stronger, with greater devotion and a firm resolve to perform the service flawlessly.

My current status: I searched for the Lord. I received the message to renounce my personal desires. I had a darshan of the Lord's feet 35 times. I brought my guru home and performed worship. The service of performing ceremonial weddings of the Lord 111 times was granted to me.

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