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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).

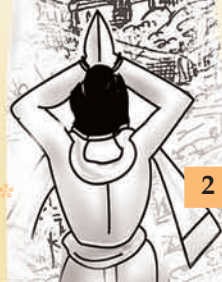
Starting the training from April 2000, thro’ my dreams, He disclosed the actual matter in April 2022. In

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-36 is its part only **April 2022 to July 2022).**

For over two years, due to the fear of COVID, we stayed in Hyderabad while our children were in the USA. Recently, the fear of COVID subsided somewhat. With the intention of attending my sister-in-law’s daughter’s wedding in the USA and also seeing our children, we travelled to the USA from 05-04-2022 to 17-06-2022. Since I was away from the Lord’s service while over there, I deeply longed for Him. In truth, only now am I able to understand life more deeply. By the Lord’s grace, I received many spiritual experiences over there as well. I am recording them in sequence here

The Lord’s Shrewdness

While in the USA, I once again reflected upon the Lord’s divine acts. Though the experiences were old, whenever I recollected them, their inner meaning appeared different and immensely delightful. I wrote thus: When I failed in my first sacred vow, I was deeply distressed. I despised myself. I considered myself an incompetent servant who had brought disrepute to my Lord, and I suffered greatly because of it. Observing



this, the Lord told me that I had succeeded due to the blessings of the bhagavatas (scholarly devotees). However, I could not digest the involvement of others in the service assigned to me. Though bhagavatas are extremely close to the Lord and worthy of reverence to me as well, my mind could not accept it.

Finally, I prayed thus: "O Lord! O Srinivasa Venkateswara! In truth, I failed because of destiny turning against me, or because of my own unworthiness. But You, in order to console me, reduce my sorrow, and make me happy, declared me successful through the grace marks of i.e. the bhagavatas' blessings. For this, countless salutations and thanks to You. Yet, I am unable to accept others' interference in this service. My mind is not agreeing to it. Forgive me for not accepting your word. I feel that I have failed in this service. I committed many mistakes. Many a time, I did not obey what you said. For my own selfish gains, I followed my mind and disobeyed Your command. You told me not to do business, but I did not listen. You permitted it only to the extent necessary for my livelihood for a few years, yet due to attachment I disobeyed You. You told me to give up the sense of 'mine,' but I could not achieve that. You instructed me to remember You every moment, but I became entangled in worldly affairs and forgot. In this way, I committed mistakes in many matters. As a result, destiny turned against me and I lost. There was not even the slightest fault on Your part. In this matter, instead of letting me drown in sorrow, You slowly made me understand myself. For that, I offer millions of prostrations."

I then prayed: "The bhagavatas are yours; they are dear to me as well. I have one request - please listen compassionately. Distribute the entire fruit of this effort among the bhagavatas. That is, distribute it among all those who wrote the japa (recitation of the Lord's name) over the past sixteen years. I do not want it. I shall never ask for this result again. Instead, grant me

another opportunity and bless me with the fortune of attaining You."

Considering my health condition at that time, the Lord, according to my prayer, granted me the service called "Srinivasa Kalyanam." I had to complete a total of 111 Srinivasa Kalyanam and thereby fulfil my *sankalpam*. Thus, by the Lord's grace, I received this second sacred vow.

At that time, Bharata from the Ramayana came repeatedly to my mind. His is a unique role in the Ramayana. Though he had committed no wrong, he suffered punishment as though he were guilty. He writhed in anguish, insisting that he had done nothing wrong. Fate had twisted events so that he suffered like a culprit. He went before Rama, lamenting that he was unfortunate, that he knew of no wrongdoing, begging Rama to believe him and rescue him from that punishment. But Rama consoled Bharata, telling him that he had committed no fault, and that the divine act woven by destiny had to be accepted. Accepting Rama's command with reverence, Bharata ruled the kingdom for fourteen years as Rama's servant. As a result, Rama went into exile, destroyed the demons, protected the sages, and thus the Ramayana came into being. For ages, it has served as a guiding light for humanity, and through it, Rama's grace continues to reach countless readers of the Ramayana.

I felt the same had happened in my own case. That is why Bharata came repeatedly to my mind. Though I had committed no wrong, I lost as though I were guilty.

At last, I was comforted by the consoling words of Venkateswara. With deep yearning, I accepted the second *sankalpam* — the "Srinivasa Kalyanam." Through this, devotees of Srinivasa Venkateswara were receiving the fortune of serving Him and His compassionate grace. I regarded all this as a drama orchestrated by destiny under the Lord's command.



Another noteworthy thing: I had prayed to the Lord for two different desires.

- The first was: “Grant me the fortune of serving You in this lifetime until my heart is fully satisfied.”
- The second was: “By completing 111 crore japa recitations over sixteen years, may I attain the Lord Himself.”

These two were not the same. I assumed that if the second were fulfilled, the first would automatically be fulfilled too, and so I merged the first desire into the second. Later, I forgot about the first entirely. But as soon as the time period of the *sankalpam* ended, Sri Venkateswara reminded me of that first desire again, awakened me to it, and guided me accordingly. Without causing me the slightest pain, He made me establish the second *sankalpam* with my own hands, as though saying, “I am only doing what you yourself asked for.” He is supremely shrewd.

In this same way, the five services I have received so far were all made to appear as though I myself had resolved to undertake them. This itself is proof of His divine shrewdness. Reflecting on this filled me with delight.

Thus, reconsidering my past, recognizing the Lord’s divine drama, and understanding the truth behind it, I rejoiced once again.

Reminding Me of My Duty

We went to the USA on 05-04-2022. Because of COVID, we had not gone to the USA or seen our children for the past two and a half years. We intended to stay there for about two and a half months for several events - our second son’s housewarming ceremony, my sister-in-law’s daughter’s wedding, and related family gatherings.

However, seven months earlier, on 21-07-2021, we had undertaken the program called “Srinivasa

Kalyanams.” When we began this undertaking, the Lord instructed that my mind should not become attached to anything else - not worldly affairs, business matters, or any other concerns. Following His command, I stopped all business activities and lived solely with the aim of fulfilling this *sankalpam*, without distraction toward anything else.

Now, the Lord permitted me to pause His service temporarily and go to the USA for these two and a half months. But He repeatedly warned me not to stay there even a single day longer than necessary, and not to become attached to the comforts and worldly routines there. As part of this warning, He repeatedly reminded me of my duty.

From the very first dawn after reaching the USA, for one full week, He reminded me of my duty - one reminder each day. I describe them below.

Reminding Me About the Kalyanam in My Grandmother’s Village

When the Kalyanam program began, the Lord had indicated that a Kalyanam should be performed in Appanapalli, my maternal grandmother’s village where I was born. Since I had not done it yet, He reminded me in the following way.

Dream dated 06-04-2022: In this dream, I saw children playing in Appanapalli, my grandmother’s village where I was born. I saw many children belonging to that village. They were playing happily. I told them, “I was born in this very village.” I also saw some of our relatives there. That was the end of the dream.

Meaning: the Lord was reminding me of my duty - “You still have to conduct a Kalyanam in Appanapalli.”

In Chinnagundavelli, I have a friend named Chittimelli Shekharam. Even when we are not in the village, he takes care of our work there. the Lord now used him as an instrument.

Dream dated 07-04-2022:In this dream, I was in Chinnagundavelli. I had gone there from Hyderabad on some important work and was staying in our old house. I was thinking of returning to Hyderabad. Meanwhile, I went to my friend Shekharam's house to ask him to do some work. After listening to me, he told me to remain in the village that day and go back to Hyderabad only the next day. That was the dream.

Through this dream, the Lord again reminded me that a Kalyanam still had to be conducted in our village.

Before we left for the USA, we had accepted a request from the "Hare Rama Hare Krishna" group in Secunderabad to conduct a Kalyanam at their premises on 26-06-2022. Keeping this commitment, we departed for the USA. Now the Lord reminded me of that as well.

Dream dated 08-04-2022:In this dream, through an inner spiritual feeling, the Lord reminded me that the Kalyanam at "Hare Rama Hare Krishna" in Secunderabad was pending. I also saw that location in the dream. the Lord conveyed that I should not linger on in the USA and should fulfil my duty promptly.

He also showed me another wonderful divine act, but since I forgot the actual dream, I am recording only its essence.

Dream dated 10-04-2022:In this dream, the Lord instructed me not to become lazy and forget these responsibilities, but to be prepared to conduct them on the appointed dates - and if possible, even sooner. He warned me not to become negligent. He also taught me that under no circumstances should I forget my *sankalpam* (sacred vow).

Thus, He inspired me to return to India without extending my stay in the USA by even a single extra day, and to complete my duties.

On another occasion, He said:

1. "Your spiritual practice must remain focused on ultimately reaching your irrigation well (the sacred site near the family land). If necessary, not just a second but even a third *sankalpam* may have to be undertaken in order for you to reach that place together with devotees."

At that time, however, I did not understand the meaning of this statement.

2. He said that the land near the irrigation well would develop with hotels and shops.

3. He indicated that the Lord would reside there, and that many auspicious ceremonies such as Kalyanams would take place there. He further suggested that Sri Vaishnavas would serve there as priests.

The Lord letting me know that ultimately, I was alone

About two years earlier, our elder son, Vedanth, had purchased a house in Dallas, in the USA. We were unable to attend the housewarming ceremony then. Afterwards, because of COVID, we had not travelled to the USA for two years.

Finally, on 05-04-2022, we went to Vedanth's house. The very next morning, on 06-04-2022, our younger son Aravind Reddy arrived there with his wife and stayed with us. They too had bought a new house in Dallas, though construction had not yet been completed, so they were temporarily staying with us. Thus, our entire family — both sons and daughters-in-law - all six of us were living together in one house. After being unable to meet for so long, we were together again after two years. This brought great happiness to my wife Surekha. Naturally, after such a long separation, living together again with one's children and daughters-in-law is something any parent would cherish.

However, Sri Venkateswara was making us live for a special spiritual purpose and according to a defined



way of life. In such circumstances, when Surekha began behaving like an ordinary worldly person, the Lord gave her spiritual awakening. He reminded her of the deeper truth of life and instructed her to understand her true duty. He conveyed this through the following dream.

Dream dated 08-04-2022: In this dream, we were in Hyderabad. Surekha and I were travelling in our Innova car to attend the wedding of some important people in a distant place and were returning home. Our driver Kaleem was driving the car. We were travelling on a grand royal road. It seemed to be the main road of that town. On both sides were many buildings, shops, various markets, numerous vehicles coming and going, and crowds of people walking along the road. The place was bustling with activity. After travelling some distance, Surekha noticed an important person known to her on the roadside. Eager to meet him, she asked the driver to stop the car. She got out and went to speak with him

while the rest of us remained in the car. After speaking with him for about two minutes, she turned back only to find that the car had disappeared. She thought we had abandoned her and driven away. Shocked and wondering what to do, she looked back toward the man she had been speaking with - but he too had vanished. Then even the buildings and shops that had previously lined the road disappeared. Not a single person remained. There were no vehicles, no crowds, nothing. The entire area had become deserted - only open green fields and vegetation remained. There was no one to speak with her, no one to hear her cries, no one even to see her. Surekha was utterly alone. Unable to understand what to do in such circumstances, she felt that I had deceived and abandoned her. Finally, not knowing any other way, she began walking forward alone.

The dream ended.

The next morning, she narrated this to everyone, saying that I had left her behind and that she felt betrayed. I then explained the inner meaning to her: "You are now happily living with the children thinking they are yours. But this is not the ultimate truth; it is only momentary. Sri Venkateswara has shown you the reality of life." I told her that in truth all of us are ultimately alone, and that apart from God no one else can truly be our companion, shadow, or protector. In our case we must be even more careful. I explained that the Lord had created this divine act to make her understand this truth. I advised her to lessen attachment toward the children and instead cultivate devotion toward God, giving the highest importance to His service. I told her that this was the Lord's true message to her. In the days

that followed, this feeling remained in her mind and gradually drew her inward. As a result, some change came over Surekha.

The Lord indicating that the family line would soon expand

Dream dated 10-04-2022: My elder daughter-in-law, Pooja, had this dream on 10-04-2022, while we were staying at our elder son Vedanth's house in the USA. Recently he had purchased a prayer shrine. I had decided that on Sri Rama Navami, 10-04-2022, I myself would install the deity and conduct the first worship there. The previous evening, on 09-04-2022, we had purchased all the necessary items for the puja. They still had no children. Therefore, during this





auspicious occasion, I intended to pray fervently to Sri Venkateswara to bless them with offspring. Repeatedly I prayed, “Prabhu, please show me some sign in response to this prayer.” I thought the Lord would surely show something after the puja. But before the shrine was even inaugurated - on the morning of 10-04-2022 itself, Sri Rama Navami day - my daughter-in-law Pooja said she had seen a dream.

The dream: In the dream, a small money plant that our younger daughter-in-law Praneetha had brought just two days earlier had grown enormously. Its creepers and leaves had spread throughout the entire hall. She was astonished to see how quickly it had expanded. She wondered, “How could this plant grow so much in such a short time?” That was the dream.

She told me this at 7:30 in the morning. Hearing it, I was filled with joy. I had prayed to the Lord to show me a sign after the worship was completed, but I was delighted that He showed it even before that. I told my daughter-in-law that I had never expected the Lord to reveal it so quickly. Later, at 10 a.m., we invited Lord Venkateswara of Tirumala, performed the prayer, and consecrated the idols. I said that this dream was an auspicious sign and an indication of the expansion of the family.

Thus, this was the fourth time that the Lord had indicated to me that a grandson would be born.

Attaining Success – Indication of the Site for the Hari Nama Kshetram

Since my elder sister-in-law’s daughter, Smt. Kavya, was getting married in America on 16-04-2022, we went to their home on 14-04-2022. On the evening of 15-04-2022, a musical program was arranged in the open ground behind their house. At the table where my wife Surekha and I were seated, some longtime friends of Surekha’s elder brother arrived with their

families and sat with us. They had apparently moved to America 45 years earlier. Since they were all well known to Surekha for many years, she told me all about them. She said they had been very wealthy in Hyderabad and had left behind properties worth crores even in those days before moving to America.

Even before this, I had been keeping mostly to myself, remembering Lord Venkateswara and thinking about ways by which my resolve could be fulfilled. On hearing about them, a thought arose in my mind. These people had willingly abandoned property worth crores as early as 1970 and had come to America, working hard and saving every penny. They seemed nobler than me. I saluted their generosity. Comparing myself to them, I felt inferior. They had voluntarily renounced wealth worth crores in 1970, while I, despite receiving countless blessings from my Lord, was still unable to renounce the feeling of “mine.” As soon as this thought arose, my heart melted. Tears flowed from my eyes in repentance.

I too felt like dedicating the ancestral land near our irrigation well in Chinnagundavelli to Lord Venkateswara. I felt inspired to establish a Hari Nama Kshetram there. I also wished to dedicate our house in the village and build a temple for Mother Mahalakshmi. Thus, the thought arose in me to dedicate all my property to the Lord and His divine consorts. Even today, I felt that my property was of far less value than theirs. I wanted to offer this land to the Lord so that my spiritual resolve might be fulfilled. As my body thrilled with emotion, I prayed to the Lord to fulfil this desire. I felt ashamed that such a thought had not arisen in me until then.

Perhaps this decision of mine pleased Lord Venkateswara. For many days I had been asking Him to indicate a suitable place for the Hari Nama Kshetram, but He had given no answer. Now it felt as though a



step had been taken in that direction. That night, Lord Venkateswara revealed a wonderful matter and filled me with joy. This dream came around 4 a.m. on 16-04-2022.

During my engineering studies, I was active in the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). At one point, I was elected Vice President of our college. After completing engineering in 1985, I filed a nomination in the 1986 Assembly elections from Siddipet for the MLA position. From the same constituency, Shri K. Chandrashekar Rao had also filed his nomination. Later, at his request, I withdrew. Shri Chandrashekar Rao won as MLA for the first time then. I spent a few days with him, but later, disliking politics, I turned toward business.

Afterward, in 2014, Telangana state was formed after separating from Andhra Pradesh. Shri

K. Chandrashekar Rao became the first Chief Minister of Telangana and continues in that role even today. I never met him again after those days. However, he always believed that I was someone striving to grow as a leader. That remained his impression of me.

Now Lord Venkateswara used this circumstance to show the following divine act.

Dream dated 16-04-2022

In the dream, I had achieved success in something in which I had been striving unsuccessfully for many years. I was extremely happy. The joy felt equivalent to winning an election as an MLA or MP. Yet this was not a public election victory - it was success in another matter altogether. I was overflowing with happiness. To discuss when I should take the oath for this new position, and also to receive congratulations, my wife Surekha



and I went to the office of the Chief Minister, the supreme authority and ruler of that region.

We were seated in the chamber of the then Chief Minister, K. Chandrashekar Rao. In front of his table were three chairs. I sat in the middle chair facing him, and Surekha sat to my left.

K. Chandrashekar Rao was seated in his chair with his head bent downward, examining some important files. He knew we had come and were seated before him. He asked us, "So, how does it feel?" - meaning, how did this joy of victory feel after finally attaining success after such a long struggle.

He then asked, "When will you take the oath?" I replied, "As you wish - whenever you decide." To which he said, "Tomorrow I am calling all the Siddipet leaders. You come tomorrow." The meaning implied was that my oath-taking would take place before all the leaders of Siddipet and in their presence.

The dream ended.

Thus, I saw an extraordinary dream. Sri Venkateswara of Tirumala granted me a dream that felt like the very foundation of the fulfilment of my sacred vow.

Offering Seven Acres of Land

Immediately after the dream of 16-04-2022, in which I was told that I had attained victory, I made a firm decision without a moment's delay: I would sell seven acres of land near our irrigation well and some of my properties in Hyderabad in order to construct the Hari Nama Kshetram, the temple of the Lord. From our ancestral property in Chinnagundavelli, I dedicated seven acres to the Lord for the Hari Nama Kshetram. I also resolved to spend a portion of my personal earnings from Hyderabad toward the construction of this sacred place. The moment I awoke from that dream

on 16-04-2022, I took this decision instantly, believing firmly that the Lord would surely accept it.

Another important thing: When the Lord instructed that His Hari Nama Kshetram should be established near our irrigation well, it felt as though the direction of all the spiritual experiences I had received until then suddenly became clear. Every divine act shown by the Lord seemed to lead toward our irrigation well at Chinnagundavelli. He had used our village house and irrigation well repeatedly to grant many experiences.

In my very first spiritual experience, Lord Hanuman had appeared before the cattle shed near our irrigation well, chanting "Jai Shri Ram." I understood this as the Lord's command that the Hari Nama Kshetram should be constructed at the lower side of that cattle shed.

On another occasion, using our irrigation well as a symbol, He said that just as Markandeya - who was destined for a short life - had been granted complete longevity, He would bless me with the fortune of serving the Lord across many births. I understood the true meaning of this only now: if I established the Hari Nama Kshetram near our irrigation well, the Lord would be remembered for generations because of it, and devotees would continue receiving His grace and blessings there.

I was overwhelmed with joy thinking that the Lord had granted exactly what I had inwardly desired - that no one else should dominate or control the Hari Nama Kshetram. I also began to feel that this undertaking would not be accomplished by my efforts alone, but that, in due course, the cooperation of my parents, my lineage, my village, the surrounding region, and all devotees of Shri Venkateshwara would also become part of it.

There was another mysterious aspect to the Lord's divine act. Fifteen years earlier, my father passed away, when I was still a minor, he voluntarily transferred

the entire irrigation well property into my name. Since it was his self-acquired property, neither my sister nor my sons had any claim over it. Furthermore, during my childhood, my parents believed that a divine presence existed there, and every year they conducted a festival at that spot for the sake of my health.

Reflecting on all these things, my mind changed completely. I felt that the Lord had been guiding our lives according to a carefully designed plan. My birth, physical traits, education, and personal inclinations all now seemed necessary for the fulfilment of this sacred mission.

Overall, I became deeply ecstatic when the Lord accepted our irrigation well. At first, I could hardly believe it. I even doubted whether what I had seen and heard was truly real. So I prayed again, asking Him to confirm it once more. I pleaded with Him to grant permission for His Hari Nama Kshetram to be established near our irrigation well and to accept it.

I prayed that until He made the matter absolutely clear to me once again, I would cling to His feet and would not let go until my question was answered. Inwardly, I tightly held both His feet and declared that wherever He went, I too would hang on to those feet and follow Him. I begged Him day and night that I would never release His feet even for a single moment.

But the Lord speaks a thing only once. It is my responsibility to remember it and act accordingly. Though I continued praying for several days, He did not repeat the message again, and so I stopped asking.

On one occasion, when I prayed to the Divine Mother for permission to conduct the Kalyanam ceremonies, She said that She had a house in Chinnagundavelli and invited me to come there. Because of this, I initially thought of dedicating our village house to the Goddess. But eventually I felt it would be better to consult elders and construct Her shrine at a suitable

location beside the Hari Nama Kshetram near our orchard. Whenever I think of the Divine Mother, it is primarily Kolhapur Shri Mahalakshmi who comes to my mind. Therefore, I felt that the Lord's temple here should resemble the Tirumala temple, while the sanctum of the Goddess should at least follow the architectural model of the Kolhapur Shri Mahalakshmi temple. However, I decided that I would consult elders and make a proper decision regarding this matter.

Decision to Provide Proper Facilities

Between 25-04-2022 and 29-04-2022, the following thoughts arose within me.

When the Lord granted me this service in the year 2002, He instructed me to undertake the vow of offering the sacred *bottu* (traditional mark on the forehead) to Him. In response, I took a vow that I would offer 111 crore recitations and then place the *bottu* on His forehead.

Afterwards, I resolved: "Once I place the *bottu*, O Lord, I will never let You go. I will invite You into my home."

That led me to another thought: If I was inviting the Lord into my home merely by placing the *bottu*, then if He truly came to me according to His divine will, how could I ever ask Him to leave again? Would I even have the heart to say such a thing? Could I bear His departure?

Then another thought arose - if I were to pray that at least one divine aspect of the Lord remain permanently established here, where should He reside?

I realized that the proper abode for Him would be the Hari Nama Kshetram.

Since I am merely His servant, I felt that He would certainly come not just for my sake alone, but for the welfare of the world and for His devotees. Therefore, I developed the feeling that this blessing should be shared with all devotees.



the Lord should come from Tirumala to this Hari Nama Kshetram, and both I and His devotees should receive this fortune. A strong desire arose within me that one divine aspect of Him should remain permanently established in this Kshetram.

I also felt that, as far as possible, the facilities available for the Lord in Tirumala should likewise be arranged here.

Spiritual Instruction to Surekha

Immediately after the marriage of our second son, Chi. Aravind Reddy, the COVID pandemic began. Therefore, from that time onward (2020), the children were in the USA while we remained in India. After nearly two and a half years, being together again with her sons and daughters-in-law brought immense joy to Surekha.

As for me, I did not wish to stay in the USA for too long. But Surekha desired to remain there for a longer period. Understanding this, Shri Venkateshwara showed the following dream to Surekha and caused her to return to Hyderabad promptly.

Dream dated 15-05-2022: This was the dream Surekha had. In the dream, the maidservant who worked in our house in Hyderabad was also working in the house in the USA. Thinking that nobody was watching her, she was pouring salt water over fresh vegetables with a feeling of dislike, causing them to wither and spoil, and then throwing them away. But Surekha carefully observed all of this. That was the entire dream.

I explained its meaning to Surekha in this way:

“You wish to stay here for more days, but the Lord is indicating that even if we extend our stay by a single extra day, the children may begin to develop a feeling of detachment or irritation toward you. They may not express it outwardly, but inwardly such feelings could arise.”

After hearing this, Surekha changed her mind.

Command to build in the likeness of the Temple

After receiving the command to establish the Hari Nama Kshetram near our irrigation well, many thoughts began arising in my mind regarding the temple design. (Back in 2009, when the idea of the Hari Nama Kshetram first came to me, I had originally intended to build a replica of the Tirumala temple, but later forgot about that idea.) I began studying many temple models known to me. I considered designs similar to the Shri Venkateshwara temples at Chikkadpally and Jubilee Hills, or perhaps a plan somewhere between the two. One day I felt like constructing it in the shape of the Tirunamam (the traditional V shaped mark on the Lord's forehead); another day I thought of a conch-shaped structure. For nearly a month I struggled with such ideas. Finally, on 21-05-2022, the day of the Shravana star, we visited the Shri Venkateshwara Temple in Prince Colony, Dallas, for darshan.

The moment I saw the Lord, I felt the joy of beholding my dearest beloved. I kept gazing at Him for a long time. Again and again, I beheld Him from head to toe, every inch of His divine form. My joy knew no bounds. At one moment, that joy reached its peak. After performing a few circumambulations, I prayed once more thus: “Lord! Please bless me so that my mind remains firmly fixed only upon Your lotus feet. Grant me the grace to establish the Hari Nama Kshetram in our village and arrange for uninterrupted chanting of the Divine Name there. Let my mind remain absorbed only in that. Please ensure that the Kalyanam programs continue without obstacles.”

After praying thus, I moved some distance away and sat facing the Lord. I simply wished to keep looking at Him. So, without disturbing the devotees, I sat farther back in the temple, directly facing Him, gazing

continuously at the Lord. My wife, son, and daughter-in-law sat even farther behind me in chairs.

At that moment, the Lord revealed the following divine vision which only I perceived.

Divine Vision dated 21-05-2022: The Tirumala temple appeared vividly before my eyes - its various sections up to the first compound, then the sections extending up to the second compound, and further up to the third compound. Especially luminous were the portions up to the first compound: the Lord Himself, the Sayana Mandapam (Sleeping platform), the Ramulavari Meda (the building for Lord Rama), all the way to Garudalwar (the Lord's vehicle Garuda), and thereafter the sections up to the *Vendi Vakili* (Silver courtyard). Finally, a strong conviction arose within me that the Lord's Hari Nama Kshetram should be built only as a replica of the Tirumala temple.

I felt that constructing up to the Silver Entrance would itself be sufficient, and that the temple and the Hari Nama chanting center could then be arranged separately there. I also felt that, from the very beginning, a complete and beautiful master plan should be prepared, and that I should construct as much of the Tirumala temple replica as was within my capacity, leaving the remaining portions for future generations of devotees to complete. This realization came while I was sitting directly before the Lord. Therefore, I believed that He was instructing me to replace all the various designs I had been considering with this one alone.

In truth, when the idea of the Hari Nama Kshetram first arose, my original intention had indeed been to build a replica of the Tirumala temple. That was the authentic original resolve. But later, thinking it impractical and financially difficult, I had started looking for alternate models that seemed easier to execute. However, the Lord now made it clear that I should not do that. He commanded that only a replica

of the Tirumala temple should be constructed. Actually, the most important part of the temple is the section extending from the Dhruva Murti (statue of Dhruva) up to Garudalwar. That portion should be built exactly as it exists there. But to accomplish the entire structure properly according to scriptural tradition, construction would need to extend up to the Silver Entrance. Within that framework, certain necessary modifications and additions could still be made.

Another type of understanding also arose in my mind, as follows.

Disregarding Negative Thoughts

When the Hari Nama Kshetram is begun in Chinnagundavelli, many strong negative thoughts also arose within me - that I would not be able to do it, that I would not be able to live there, that the place was unsuitable, and many other such notions. I felt that without paying attention to these thoughts, I must move forward and fulfil the resolve. This alone is the work pleasing to Lord Venkateswara; this alone is what He would approve of, and this alone is my duty. I resolved to remember this carefully and follow it.

On 23-05-2022, at around 2:15 in the night, I woke up and could not fall asleep again. Thoughts arose about Lord Venkateswara's love for His devotees, His divine acts, and the works He was making me perform. I wondered: How did the Lord enter our lives? How was I first drawn into His divine acts? What kinds of divine acts did He first employ? Reflecting on these things filled me with amazement.

For the past twenty-two years I have been witnessing His divine acts. I have experienced thousands of them. For the last twenty years I have been engaged in His service. Yet until now, I had not fully understood the true purpose behind the works He was making me perform. Only after gradually giving up the sense of "mine" since last year did I begin to understand



something about His intentions. Earlier, though He showed me divine acts and carried out His service through me, I could not grasp His true secret. Finally, only after surrendering completely to Him as per His command and firmly resolving that “the fulfilment of the divine resolve is my goal,” did I begin to understand at least somewhat the meaning of His divine acts.

At the irrigation well – instruction to widen the path

the Lord instructed that His Hari Nama Kshetram should be established at our irrigation well in Chinnagundavelli. The moment I heard this, my joy knew no bounds. I wondered whether what I had heard was really true and prayed to the Lord to say it once again. But He did not repeat it. However, today, through a symbolic indication, He conveyed that it was indeed true. I was overjoyed. The divine act was as follows:

Dream dated 09-06-2022: On one side of the road leading to our irrigation well lies our land, while on the other side lives a man named Golla Yellaiah. In this dream, Yellaiah’s sons were encroaching upon the road by reducing its width and extending their compound wall so that even the trees near the boundary trench would fall on their side. Seeing this, I could not tolerate it and demolished the wall. This happened near our irrigation well. They had built the wall only two days earlier, and it was still fresh. Unable to bear it, I pulled it down with both my hands. That was the dream.

Its meaning: the Lord’s command was that no one should be allowed to encroach upon that pathway, and that it should instead be widened. In another sense, I gained complete conviction that the Lord had truly accepted our irrigation well. I felt immense joy.

Praying for the Fortune of Living Together

On 11-06-2022, I prayed to the Lord for a wonderful blessing. I prayed that He grant me the fortune of living together with Him. That is, for the first time, I

spontaneously prayed that the Lord come and reside with me. Since this feeling arose from the depths of my heart, my body thrilled with emotion while praying. Tears of joy flowed from my eyes as I prayed with utmost humility. This desire came from my lips for the first time.

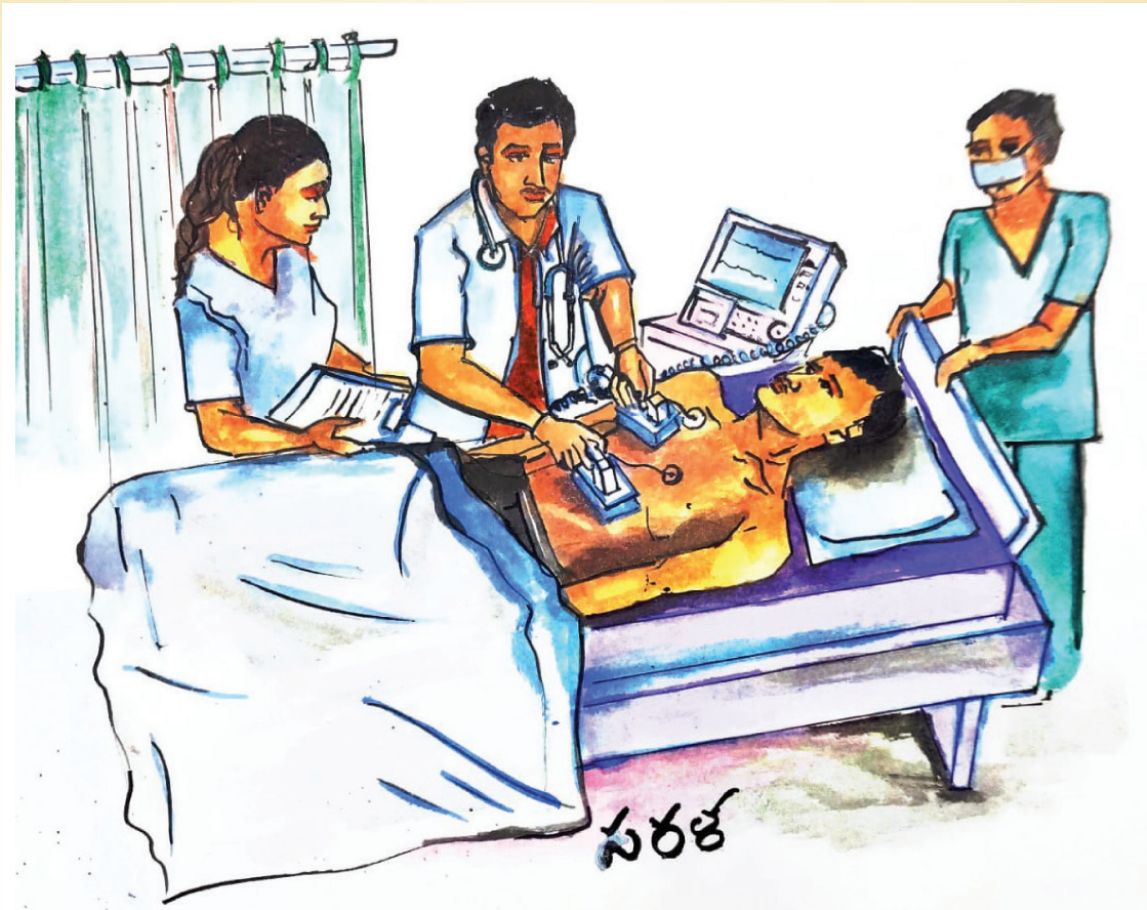
Another thing: this time the Lord guided me very firmly so that I would fulfil the resolve. He instructed that my mind should remain only on remembrance of His name, on His service, and on how to fulfil the resolve - who would perform the Kalyanam, how they should be approached, when and whom to contact. My mind should not wander toward other matters. I too greatly reduced my attention toward worldly concerns.

However, whenever my mind turned toward worldly matters - even if I watched movies or spent some time thinking about such things - I would be unable to sleep that night. I would suffer greatly trying to fall asleep. This happened both while I was in the USA and after returning to Hyderabad. Through experience I learned this. Only after admitting, “Lord, I have erred; forgive me,” would sleep return. For this discipline imposed by my Lord, I offered countless prostrations.

After returning from the USA to Hyderabad, on 24-06-2022 I spoke with the Tirupati Agama scholar Sri Pandita Vedantam Vishnu Bhattacharya about the Lord’s resolve — that He had instructed us to build the temple up to the first compound in our village and establish the Hari Nama Kshetram there. I sought his guidance regarding constructing the temple according to Agama principles. He was very pleased and agreed. He said he would come to see our irrigation well.

Instruction Not to Become Like a Living Corpse

07-07-2022: That night I had a dream. After seeing it, I wondered what it meant and why such a dream had come. But after a day had passed, while reflecting upon it, the Lord showed mercy and revealed its meaning.



On 16-04-2022, the Lord had told me that I had attained victory. Even afterward, He instructed me to remain vigilant regarding this matter. In the future, discouraging thoughts might arise within me regarding this undertaking — thoughts such as: “Why so much effort?”, “Why spend so much money?”, or “I cannot live in the village of Chinnagundavelli.” Therefore, I had written to myself that none of these thoughts should be heeded. Lord Venkateswara once again conveyed the same message through this dream.

Dream of 07-07-2022: Two men were hurriedly brought into the emergency ward of a hospital by people related to them, believing that they were facing some critical problem. One of them was dark-complexioned, about six feet tall, and around forty years old. The hospital staff laid him on a bed and, assuming he was

not breathing, began giving him electric shocks on the chest with two instruments resembling flat irons, similar to the treatment given to heart-attack patients. But there was no movement in him. They tried three or four times, yet no response appeared. Finally, they gave up hope. At that moment my gaze shifted to his face. His eyes looked normal. He even seemed to be breathing. It appeared as though nothing at all had happened to him. Yet, because he did not move or respond, he appeared to onlookers like a living corpse. In reality, though I was not physically there, I seemed to be present there. The dream ended.

Its meaning: I understood this as the Lord’s instruction that I should never carry out my resolve like a “living corpse” - lifeless, spiritless, or without inner vitality.



Wish on My 62nd Birthday

10-07-2022: Today was the first Ekadashi of the year and also my 62nd birthday. I made a prayerful wish. I prayed that I should fulfil the divine resolve entrusted to me by my Lord; that Lord Venkateswara should establish His permanent residence in our village of Chinnagundavelli and bless the people of that region. I prayed that this alone was my wish for my 62nd birthday. On this day, at the Sri Rama temple in Kakatiya Nagar, *Bhaja Govindam* and the 20th Srinivasa Kalyanam were conducted.

Sending My Father to Me – Prayer for the Lord’s Permanent Residence

We decided to conduct the 21st Kalyanam at Chinnagundavelli on Saturday, 30-07-2022, and suitable arrangements were underway. One morning, while practicing pranayama, a feeling arose within me that during the Chinnagundavelli Kalyanam, the entire village should collectively pray, inviting Lord Venkateswara of Tirumala to establish His permanent residence in our village. I felt that this intention itself had been planted within me as the Lord’s command.

I also prayed humbly to the Lord that since I was conducting the 21st Kalyanam at Chinnagundavelli, He should send my late father to stand beside me in support. Then the Lord showed the following divine act, saying that He was sending both my parents to me.

Dream of 21-07-2022: On the morning of 21-07-2022, around 5 a.m., I had a dream. In the dream, I had gone to a new place, perhaps for a Kalyanam. I was searching for accommodation to stay. Shops and lodges lined both sides of the road with many different signboards visible. Someone arranged a room for me in a lodge or dharmashalalike accommodation. I entered and saw it; it was good enough. I felt that my late mother was also with me, though I did not actually see her. For some reason I came out and looked at another room.

It seemed even better. Since it was only for one day, I thought this second room would suffice. Finally, for some reason, I alone came out and stood on the road. At that moment, some rowdies were transporting a group of people in captivity inside a double-decker bus. The bus was overcrowded, with people even hanging from the footboard. As I walked a little farther down the road, another crossroad appeared, and the bus stopped in front of me.

Then my late father, Sri Pullagurla Venkata Reddy, stepped down from the bus and walked toward me. He did not appear as he did in his final days, but in the form of his youthful years. He wore a white dhoti, a Nehru shirt, and a white shawl draped around his neck. Though he had come from such a crowded bus, his clothes were neither crumpled nor stained; they were dazzlingly white. The moment I saw him I felt immense joy. He too saw me and walked happily toward me. A strong sense of “our family” arose within me — the same feeling I had in my younger days before marriage, when we all lived together in the village. I felt that my mother was with me, and that my father had just arrived. But my younger sister Lalitha was still inside the bus. The rowdies had not released her. Seeing this, I became distressed and thought, “Oh no, my sister is alone inside that bus - how will she get out?” Crying “Lalitha!” I ran toward the bus. But I realized she was stuck in the middle of the crowded bus and could not come out. In truth I did not see her, but I strongly felt she was there. As I moved closer to the bus, it departed.

The dream ended.

In this dream I saw my father very clearly, radiant and healthy. I did not see any sorrow in him over my sister remaining behind; that sorrow existed only within me. Perhaps the bus represented the world of illusion, and the meaning was that my sister had not yet come out of that maya. My father, on the other hand, appeared

as though he had simply come from the village, peaceful and joyful. I felt that he was happy because, according to his wish, a step was finally being taken toward establishing the Lord at Chinnagundavelli. I also felt that both my parents had come to assist me in this sacred undertaking.

At the same time, the Lord also indicated that up to this point there still remained within me a subtle longing for recognition and greatness.

Kalyanams Conducted During This Period

During this period, the 19th and 20th Kalyanams were conducted.

My Spiritual State

the Lord taught me that a human being is ultimately alone and should never remain separated from God.

He selected our irrigation well for the Hari Nama Kshetram. I offered seven acres of land for the Kshetram. I resolved to build it in the likeness of the Tirumala temple and provide suitable facilities there. I also prayed for the blessing of living together with the Lord.

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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