

shrI vEnkatEsham laxmIsham aniShtaghna mabhIShtadam chaturmukhEra tanayam shrInivAsam bhajEnisham ||

shrI laxmavakshasE rUxanakha shixita rakshasE svapaxaraxA dIxAya nRuharyaxAyatE nama: ||

|| dAsarendare purandaradAsarayya ||

|| dAsarE gatiyu namage hari dAsarE gatiyu namage ||

Dear Haribhaktas,

Pranams.

At the outset, we wish to thank you for your noble contributions towards a great cause. We pray Shri Hari-Vayu-Gurugalu to bestow their Grace on you & your family and lead you towards Satsadhana.

It gives us pleasure to bring to you the **First News-Letter** covering the progress of the project and activities happening at the Ashrama. Starting with this edition, we plan to provide the devotees with a quarterly update in the form of a newsletter thus enabling them to get first hand information on the details and the progress of the project.

Though few of you know some of the initial updates, to keep the things complete and to benefit others who are not aware of the progress, we plan to cover the updates starting from May, 2005.

Visits by Shri Swamiji's in the order of their visiting date:

The Shanku-sthapana (Foundation Stone Laying) ceremony was carried out with all the grandeur on 22nd May 2005, the auspicious day of Shri Narasimha Jayanthi by H.H.Shri Shri 108 Shri Sushameendra Teertha Swamiji, the Senior Pontiff of Shri Raghavendra Swamy Mata, Mantralayam by invoking the full blessings of the Celestial Powers for early successful completion of the Project in all respects

Please visit the following link to view few photographs of the occasion: http://www.sripurandaraashrama.org/photos/sanku-sthapana/

- H.H.Shri Shri 108 Shri Vishwottama Teertha Swamiji, the Peetadhipati of Shri Sode Vadiraja Mata was kind enough to visit this place on 6th December 2005. Having fully satisfied with the location and its surroundings, Shri Swamiji felt extremely happy and opined that this Project is going to be a grand success success beyond the expected levels in servicing the society at large in all respects
- H.H.Shri Shri 108 Shri Vidyadheesha Teertha Swamiji, the Peetadhipati of Shri Palimaru Mata visited this place on <> en-route to Mantralayam. He too was highly impressed with the project and suggested the committee to install bhavya Shri Madhwacharya Pratima within the premises overseeing the Ashrama entrance.
- H.H.Shri Shri 108 Shri Suvidyendra Teertha Swamiji during his visit to Chinna Tumbala Kshetra, the abode of Shri Lakshmi Narasimha installed by Maharshi Bhrigu, happened to visit Ashrama on 1st May, 2007. After understanding the purpose of the project and having looked at the developmental works, expressed his feelings that the project has purna-anugraha of Shri Hari-Vayu-Gurugalu.

Thus having invoked the blessings of Shri Hari through His Dasas, the project committee started work on the **Administrative Office** + **Home** to enable the founder and other trustees to be physically present at the site and personally supervise the progress of the project.

The building was completed in a record time with the blessings of Shri Hari-Vayu-Gurugalu and the same was inaugurated on 31st January, 2007. T.T.D. Shri Appannacharya's brother Shri K. Hanumantha Rao was kind enough to bring along the Aradhya-murthi's of Shri Guru Jagannatha Vittala Dasaru – a great jnAni from Kautala and an ardent devotee of Shri Mantralaya Raghavendra Swamiji – considered to be an amsha-sambhuta of Shri Appannacharya – the karthru of Shri Raghavendra Swamiji's stotra "Shri Purna bodha....".

The next day 1st February, 2007, a huge medical camp was conducted in the Ashrama premises for the benefit of nearby villagers. The villagers turned out in large numbers and took advantage of the free medical services provided by the Ashrama. Dr.K.Ramavara Prasad, MBBS, DLO, ENT Surgeon and Dr.S.Prasanna Kumari, MBBS, MD, Gyn were kind enough to extend their service for this noble cause. Shri Sangesh Gupta of Organic Sales was kind enough to offer free medicines.

Looking at the success and overwhelming response of this medical camp, the trustees are planning to conduct such medical camps more frequently to provide better treatment opportunities for the villagers by engaging additional doctors/ medical staff etc.

We wish to update you on few other activities that are currently in-progress at Shri Purandara Ashrama.

1. Completed Tasks:

- Construction of Administrative building
- Digging work to lay the foundation for the temple.
- Digging work to build Purandara-Pushkarni.
- Electrical power supply obtained and a transformer exclusively for the Ashrama use is constructed.
- A web site (<u>www.sripurandaraashrama.org</u>) has been registered to post the progress of the project, activities at the Ashrama and other details.

2. On going Activities:

- Foundation for the Sanctum Sanctorum is in progress and is going on in full swing.
- Construction of Pushkarni is under way.
- Sculpting of Idols of Lord Srinivasa and other deities is under way near a village in the holy Shrine of Sri Narasimha Devaru, Ahobilam.
- Goshala construction is under way with a provision for 12 to 15 cows.

Please visit the following link to view few latest photographs of Ashrama site:

http://www.sripurandaraashrama.org/photos/ashrama/

Please visit the following link to view couple of videos of Ashrama site:

http://www.sripurandaraashrama.org/Video.html

It also gives us immense pleasure to share with you the lectures of Shri Harinarayana Vittala Dasaru, Managing Trustee & Chairman of the Ashrama, during his recent visit to Chennai to deliver series of lectures on Shri Varna Prakriya Sandhi of Srimad-Harikathamrutasara.

Please visit the following link to listen to the lectures:

http://www.sripurandaraashrama.org/audio.html

We wish to publish the updates on the ashrama activities once every quarter. For more information, please visit www.sripurandaraashrama.org.

"Selfless & Sacrificing Attitude in Reality of a few Dedicated Persons for A NOBLE CAUSE undoubtedly attracts thousands of like minded people in achieving the GOAL".

Pray the ALMIGHTY through Gurus & Great Masters to inspire all of us in realizing this TRUTH at the earliest.

Best Regards Sri Purandara Vittala Seva Trust