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At the Peetam

Sri Rajarajeswari Peetam RUSH New York.



On April 18, Sri Chaitanyananda Natha performed a *Sathyanarayana Pooja* and a *seemandham* at the residence of Dr. Sharma in Syracuse. On April 25, he performed a *pooja* at the residence of Smt. Sudha Thillaiambalam in Boston. He also gave a talk on "Goddess Worship in Hinduism" at the Sri Venkateswara Temple in Pittsburgh on May 2. One the same day, he performed a *pooja* at the

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Gurukul and Programs of Sri Vidya Trust

As readers will know, Guruji has set up an organization called "Sri Vidya Trust," (SVT) based at Devipuram, India. The objective of this organization is the wholistic (i.e. spiritual, economic and social) upliftment of the rural poor in India. An organization called Gurukul has been set up in the United States, based at Buffalo, NY, to support the cause of SVT. Gurukul is being run mostly by students.

The first part of an article explaining the activities of Gurukul as well as the programs of SVT appeared in the last issue of Sri Chakra. Here is the second part.

SVT'S PROGRAMS TO ASSIST THE POOR.

WE WISH TO COVER ABOUT 200 VILLAGES, 20,000

HOUSEHOLDS IN 10 YEARS.

HOUSING PROGRAM

REASONS FOR CHOICE: 1. Resources stay in village. 2. Create works in village. 3. Makes poor accessible to Banking system, by creating assets for them. 4. Binds people to the village. 5. The really poor get the jobs in low cost housing. 6. The value of the asset keeps increasing. We want people to build houses for themselves. SVT provides Rs 5000 as collateral to obtain a loan of Rs 15000 from bank. Rs 12,500 goes for construction of the house; Rs 7500 will be given as a loan for the family at low interest to start some income generating activity which will help them to earn a living and pay off the debt.

RESOURCE PERSONS PROGRAM

REASONS: To create a supportive environment in each village by having 4 people as resource persons living in the village, consulting the people to decide their programs, interacting with SVT, transferring appropriate technology to the people of the village. They will be 1. A Motivator, 2. tackle the attitudinal problems, teach them the values of cohesive working, and such: 2. Technician, 3. Link person, and 4. a Teacher. Together, they will be maintaining their own motivation to achieve progress. Each of them will be paid about Rs 400 per month.

Padmavathi Peetam. The next morning, he consecrated two more *peetams* in Pittsburgh, the *Sri Devi Peetam* at the residence of Dr. Swaroop Koehler and the *Andal Peetam* at the residence of Mr. Subrahmanyam Murthy. He also performed *poojas* at the residence of Mrs. Rita Narang in Rochester (on May 16) and Mr. Sathyamoorthy in Toronto (on May 23). On May 30, he performed a *pooja* on the occasion of the *Sashtiabdhapoorthy* of Dr. V. V. Raman in Rochester, and on June 6, he conducted a kids' program in Boston.

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PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT

Keep in mind the rural, agricultural, cottage industry based people whom you are trying to help. You can mail used clothes, tools, books, 16 mm films or educational videos in NTSC or PAL formats. We may some times not be able to use them directly; yet we can try to develop software based on good ideas. The subjects can be agriculture, low cost housing ideas, energy, transport, crafts, carpentry, masonry, food processing, packaging, marketing, tourism, small industry management, personal relations, group working, etc. You can even send cartoons. We will edit them putting labels in local language.

PROVIDE YOUR TALENT SUPPORT

If you are coming to India, come to SVT. Encourage your American friends also to visit. We will receive you with love, and take good care of you, and provide a productive base. We will take you to one or two villages. You can see their problems first hand. Then sit with us and give us your ideas. Bring your tools; you can work on any project you like for say 1 to 3 months. We will provide you free accommodations and food during your stay here.

(To be continued)

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM
SRI RAJARAJESWARI PEETAM
N/A

TEMPLE TIMING

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
MORNINGS - 9:30 am -1:00 pm
EVENINGS - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
AND USA HOLIDAYS
ALL DAY (9:30 am – 9:00 pm)

Your opinion

Sri Chakra welcomes your articles, views and comments on this endeavour. We would very much like to know what you would like to see in this journal. Please send us any material that you would like to be published

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REASONS: Literacy makes information available on paper to reach the masses; moves them from memory based system to a referral based system of living. it builds self confidence, and possibly can prevent exploitation. SVT wants to make literacy- meaning the 3 R's available to every one in its domain. While doing this, it wishes to generate software media of educational nature which will help spread this to neighbouring areas too, where the idiom has not changed drastically. It is running already 30 schools with about 20 children per school in nearby villages giving free non-formal education for two hours in the evenings. We wish to enlarge the scope to 6 hours a day, bring adults also in: increase the wages of teachers from the present Rs 108 per month to about Rs 400 pm.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP.US.

PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

ANY AMOUNT, 1, 5, 10, 20 per month, or 100, 250 \$ one time can help, in the following ways.

1 \$ can support one child's education for one month. To support a child, you can commit 1 \$ per month, or 5 children for 5 \$, or ten children for 10 \$ a month.

20 \$ can support a resource person for one month in a village, or run a school for one month.

250 \$ one time can help a family get a home where you will be always welcome, and also to make them self sufficient, putting them on their feet again. If you are unable to give this much, we will pool contributions together, no problem.

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