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Sloka || Charitham Raghunathasya Shathakoti Pravistharam |
Ekaikamaksharam pumsam maha pathaka nashanam ||

108 Divya Desam Yatra

108 divya desams yatra is starting on auspicious Sri Rama Navami day April 15th 2016, Friday from Bhadrachalam. After performing prayers to Sri Sitarama panchaloha utsava murthis at Bhadrachalam, Priest Padmanabha acharyulu is carrying the idols to 108 divya desams.

Main Goal of the divine mission

Holy prayers are being offered to the Lord on behalf of all the devotees for

- The welfare of World peace, health, wealth and Peace of mind for everyone
- Good education, flourishing business, jobs for the younger generation with all-round prosperity
- Blessings for good alliances and timely marriage,

Sri Sitarama Parivara divya desa yathra-worship

It is extremely happy to know that priest Sri Padmanabha acharyulu is blessed with the sankalpam, with the grace of Lord Sitarama and Sri Shirdi Saibaba to visit 108 divyadesam yathra along with the Sitarama parivara panchaloha vigrahams.

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In addition to having darshan and blessings of the God at divya desam he performs abhisekam and archana on behalf of all devotees to Sitarama parivaram utsava murthis in the holy river (pushkarini) and gets the Sitarama parivaram worshipped along with the presiding deity in every divyadesam. This is really a great karyam!!! and divine mission.

This divine yathra begins from Lord Sri Sitarama temple, Bhadrachalam after Sri Sitarama Kalyanothsavam and Sri Rama Pattabhisekham. The yatra proceeds towards Srirangam- the abode of Lord Sri Ranganatha with his consorts- Sridevi and Bhoodevi known as bhoo vaikuntam., followed by remaining divya desams, conclusion with **Sri Sathya Narayana Swamy Vratham, Sri Rama Taraka Viswa Shanthi Yagnam** and **Sri SitaRama Shanthi Kalyanam** at naimisharanyam for the universal peace and well-being.

Divya Desam – Importance

The saints or Alvars are considered as 12 supreme devotees of Lord Vishnu who were instrumental in popularizing Vaishnavism. The religious works of these saints in Tamil, the songs of love and devotion, are compiled as “NALAYARA DIVYA PRABANDHAM” containing 4000 verses and the temples revered in their songs are classified as 108 DIVYA DESAMS. Among these 108 divya desams , 105 are in India – like Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat, Uttaranchal and Uttara Pradesh, 1 in Nepal. Remaining 2 divya desams are considered as celestial- the Ksheera Sagaram (Ocean of milk) and the Paramapadam (Vaikunatam). We cannot reach to two places with our physical body and can visit only 106 Divya Desams. According to Divyasuri Charitra, Guru Parampara Prabhavam, Periya Tiru Parampara (lineage of Gurus) texts, these Alvars were considered as the incarnation of some form of Vishnu. Traditional dates take them to the age of Shuka from the period of the Bhagavata Purana, many are from Dwaparayuga, while Nammalwar belongs to the early part of Kaliyuga.

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Our revered ancient Rishis /Munis and avathara purushas (those sent to the Earth by the God from his abode to restore Dharma and to eradicate adharma) enshrined the God (Idols) in the temples built as per Vasthu Sasthram (Vedic science of construction of temples) and Agama sashtra (the Vedic science of worshipping God) and so enshrined Gods/Goddesses are being worshipped by themselves and later on even after their life (avathara samaapti, they exist in divya desams in subtle form and monitoring the services rendered to the God-such temples are known as Divya Desams. In Kaliyugam (present Era) we cannot see God, but the God is gracing us with his boons in his Archavatharam means he could get enshrined in Vigraham or Murthy (Idol) by Vedic procedures.

SitaRama panchaloha utsava murthis to 108 Divya Desams

Benefits - Temples use the idols made out of panchaloham alloy of five noble metals. The idols we worship and also the kalasams of temple gopurams (Towers) are made out of panchaloham. The panchaloham idols have cosmic effect. They store and emit positive cosmos and the theertha we obtain by abhishekam of panchaloham idols has got medicinal values .Bringing of idols directly from sculptor and worshipping at home or newly built temple is not permitted in our tradition. They need prathishta (empowering the idol with divine power by Vedic rituals so that the God actually lives in the Idol) or at least we have to get the idols worshipped for about one week in any temple so that the idol attain divine power before bringing anywhere for worship. Even Ramadasu (Kancahrla Gopanna) brought Sri Sitarama idols to Bhadrachalam from Sri Rangam Temple, Tamilnadu. By taking these Utsava Murthis to 108 divya desams, the power from the main idol (Vigraham) from all 108 temples will be transferred to these idols so that the Idols become so powerful. It is difficult to understand the love and affection of Mother towards her children so also the grace of God towards his devotees which is immeasurable and one cannot evaluate the same.

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In the present era of mechanical and stressful life perhaps we miss to visit our local temples. Then how one can afford to visit Diya desa yathra? It is for sure that the one who blessed with the accomplishment of 108 divya desa yathra will attain salvation-Moksha. Prior to that all his worldly difficulties will disappear and blessed in 'plenty' by the Lord Sriman Narayana. Further, he attain the status of 'Guru' who is eligible to bless those who could not have the divya desa yathra rather, it is also our tradition that by just saluting and having blessings of a person from a divya desa yathra one can get the immense blessings of the presiding Deity of that particular divya desam and can be in the path of achievement of four goals of life – Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha.

Baba's philosophy

As per Sri Shirdi Sai baba's philosophy, Baba loved Sri Vishnu sahasranama sthotram chanting all his life and promoted Sri Rama Navami utsavams at Shirdi.

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