

A brief about Sri. Thillasthanam Swamy

(English Version)



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About HH Sri Thillasthanam Swamy

HH Srivan Satagopa Paramkusa Ramanuja Mahadesikan was the 24th Jeer of Ahobila Mutt .

Sri Satagopa Ramanuja Yatheendra Mahadesikan (Sri Thillasthanam Swamy) was born in the Poorva Ashrama lineage parampara of this 24th Jeer of Ahobila Mutt . He was born to Dikshitar Seshadri Acharya in the Vrischika month under the star Mrigasira on 28th November , 1871 . His name originally in Poorva Ashrama was Neelameghacarya.

As he spent bulk of his early life in Thillasthanam near Thanjavur (Tanjore) he was popularly and fondly referred to as Thillasthanam Swamy by one and all .

Sri. Thillasthanam Swamy made ceaseless efforts to promote Sanathana Dharma in general and Srivaishnavism in particular .

He was deeply religious right from his boyhood and regularly performed Agnihotra , Vedadyanam , etc and pursued his vedic studies. He had his Panchsamskara from the 35th Jeer of Ahobila Mutt and also commenced his studentship under him. Thus his association with Ahobila Mutt commenced from his early years .He continued his studies under subsequent Jeers of Ahobila Mutt .In this way , he acquired a wide range of knowledge and was fully conversant with the theory and practice of Srivaishnava tradition .Later he joined the panel of Aradhakas at the mutt , to worship Lord Malola Lakshmi Narasimha. Later , he became the personal staff of the 38th Jeer , HH Sri Srinivasa Satagopa Mahadesikan and continued his studies too. He also received Preshya Mantra (for Sanyasins) from the Jeer.

In this way Neelameghacarya (a.k.a Thillasthanam Swamy) continued his service in Ahobila Mutt. He acquired a wide range of knowledge progressively. One day a Srivaishnava appeared to him in the dream and said " Put to use the wide knowledge acquired for the good of people and promote Srivaishnavism " this made him think and he decided to take up Sanyasahrama . He entered Sanyasahrama on 30th September 1914 with the blessings of the then Jeer of Ahobila Mutt . After becoming a Sanyasin , he assumed the name " Sri Satagopa Ramanuja Yathindra Mahadesikan but he continued to be popularly and fondly called as Sri Thillasthanam Swamy.

After becoming a Sanyasin , Sri Thillasthanam Swamy travelled all over the country and performed Panchasamsakara , delivered lectures and discourses on Srivaishnava philosophy and Srivaishnavite literature. In this way he promoted Srivaishnava culture and traditions of Ahobila Mutt. Sri Thillasthanam Swamy remained an individual Sanyasin (though he was promoting Ahobila Mutt) and this enabled him to visit every nook and corner in South India which is really praiseworthy since in those days transport was rather difficult. His ceaseless travels created great interest in people to pursue Srivaishnavite traditions .A large number of people all over South India became his disciples. People of the Mysore State (Now Karnataka) had great affection and regard for him.

Even though Sri Thillasthanam Swamy was carrying out the routines of a Srivaishnava Sanyasin ,what attracted people to him was his profound knowledge and ability to retrieve them spontaneously to meet the challenges or doubts of individuals. On one occasion , when he was in Mysore ,there was difference of opinion amongst the scholars present regarding the 'Prayaschitta' rites prescribed in vedic tenets .(A Prayaschitta rite is a corrective rite to undo any shortcomings in the original rite.) Sri Thillasthanam Swamy explained lucidly the efficacy of Prayaschitta rites quoting various sources including commentaries of sages and learned scholars. Indeed all were awe struck at his profound knowledge and efficient presentation. In this way , a large number of people were attracted towards him . Gradually , he became a symbol of authority and all would consult him on every matter like construction of temple , worship procedures at temples , various rituals etc. Similarly , his lectures were also complete .To make students understand principles clearly , he would use parables or other techniques. He worked devotedly to spread Sanathana Dharma and also ensure his students realise God's grace.

HH Sri. Thillasthanam Swamy's association with Sri. Prasanna Krishna Swamy temple , Bangalore

HH Sri. Swamy would stay for long periods at Bangalore , and would conduct his programme of lectures while staying at Sri. Prasanna Krishnaswamy temple , Thulasithottam , Bangalore. He took great interest in the working of the Sri. Prasanna Krishnaswamy temple and organised the worship procedure at the temple , according to Agama and Vedic precepts. He also arranged the installation of Sri. Adivan Satagopan Mahadesikan Divya Mangala Moorthi at the temple .In year 1942 during his stay HH Sri Swamy renovated the 75 year old Brahma Ratham and also started Ratha Yatra around the Lanes of the temple. Even now, the same Brahma Ratham is used for Brahmotsavam (only the chakram / wheels have been re-conditioned a few years back).

Sri Thillasthanam Swamy's devoted work and scholarship and easy accessibility enlarged his following of admirers and devotees. He continued his programme of promoting Sanathanadharma , throughout his life. During the last stages of his life , he lived at Srirangam (Near Tiruchirapalli) in Tamil Nadu . Sri Thillasthanam Swamy attained Brindavanam on May 4th , 1956. HH Sri Swamy's Brindavanam is located near the Dasavathaara Sannidhi in Srirangam near Trichy .

Thus Sri Thillasthanam Swamy served the cause of Srivaishnava traditions for a full forty two years.

A large number of devotees and admirers of HH Sri Swamy assembled at the Sri. Prasanna Krishna Swamy Temple , Bangalore to consider a suitable memorial for him under the Chairmanship of Late Sri. B.V. Rama Iyengar . This assembly decided to set up Sri. Thillasthanam Swamy Kainkarya Sabha with the objective of celebrating HH Swamy's Thirunakshatram and Aradhanam every year . This assembly also approved a simple constitution for the sabha . Further the assembly constituted the Sabha's management committee with Late Sri. Dr. K.Srinivasachar as the president and Late Sri Mannargudi V Narayana Iyengar as the Secretary and also members .

Sri Thillasthanam Swamy Kainkarya Sabha was formed in the year 1957 to commemorate the memory of Sri. Thillasthanam Swamy . The Sabha has been conducting his Thirunakshatram and Aradhanam since then without fail . Year 2016 marks the completion of 60 years since the sabha was formed . A good number of scholars and public assemble at Sri Prasanna Krishnaswamy temple , Tulasivanam , Majestic , Bangalore and conduct Sevai - both Divya Prabhandam and Veda and large number of people congregate on these occasions. HH Sri. Swamy's Divya Mangala Moorthi has been consecrated at Sri Prasanna Krishnaswamy Temple . The original Padukas of HH Sri Swamy is preserved at Sri. Prasanna Krishnaswamy Temple and devotees are offered Paduka Teertha during Swamy's Tirunakshatram and Aradhanam functions . Recently in year 2016 Sabha decided to provide a Valli Kavacha for the original paduka in order to preserve it for future generations .



Sri. Prasanna Krishnaswamy Temple & HH Sri. Swamy's Divya Mangala Moorthi



HH Sri. Swamy's Divya Mangala Moorthi



Swamy's Original Paduka with Valli Kavacha

HH Sri. Thillasthanam Swamy Brindavanam

As mentioned earlier Sri Thillasthanam Swamy attained Brindavanam on May 4th , 1956.

HH Sri. Swamy's Brindavanam is located at Srirangam near Dashavathara Sannidhi.

Given below are some rare photos of the Iyala Goshti held during that time .







Mannargudi Sri. V. Narayana Iyengar & Mannargudi Sri. (Prof.) V.Gopalswamy Iyengar are seen in this photo





The pictures below depict the Brindavanam as it existed in the 1960's and subsequently with a compound wall built in the mid 1980's . Overall the Brindavanam was in bad shape and accordingly Sabha had recently in year 2014-15 undertaken to complete revamp and renovate the Brindavanam which has since been completed and a Nandavanam has also been developed adjacent to the Brindavanam .



HH Sri.Swamy's Brindavanam@Srirangam in the Late1950's

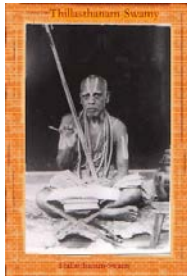


HH Sri.Swamy's Brindavanam@Srirangam with Compound wall in 1980's



Fully renovated Swamy Brindavanam in 2015

Youtube - Video Link Swamy Brindavanam Renovation <https://youtu.be/O3H0iD3DxUU>



HH Sri. Thillasthanam Swamy Thanian

Sri Rangesha Yathisha Desikamane Paadaravindaashyayam

Sri Srivasa Satari Yogi Charana Nyasta Atma RakshaBharam

Sri Rangesha Satari Samyami Guroho Karunya Vikshadpadam

Srimat Lakshmana Munim Karunya Purnam Bhaje

Lakshmi Narsimha Divya Paduka Sevaka

Sri Satagopa Ramanuja Yathindra Maha Desikaya Namaah

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The Sabha has taken up to promote the objectives set out by Sri. Thillasthanam Swamy in a humble way . Sri. Thillasthanam Swamy laid great stress on Sandhya prayers and meditation of the Lord through Srivaishnava mantras .The sabha's first effort was therefore to bring out in a simple way the essence of 'Srivaishnavism' by bringing out it's first book 'Srivaishnavism' . After the success of this book and based on several requests the next book was 'Sandhyavandanam' and later followed up by several similar books and pamphlets entitled 'Vedic Pranayamam' , ' Vedic Approach to Healthy Living ' , 'Vedic Rituals - Their relevance today ' , ' Vishishtaadvaitha', ' Upanayanam' , ' Vedic Wedding ' and recently ' How God Regulates Human Life - Ramanuja's Vishishtaadvaitha – in the light of discovery of God Particle by Dr Higgs Boson – Relevance & Significance)

The objective of the sabha's web site <http://www.thillasthanam-swamy-sabha.in> is to share the information in this area with others on Global basis via the Internet . In line with this objective all the books are very nominally priced and can be sent by courier/ speed post upon request to addresses in India . For requests outside India the books are being sent as e-books upon request .

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