

Sri Vishnu thirtha

Shrihi

Shri Lakshmi HayagreevAbhina Shri Lakshmi Narasimhaya namaha

Shri Maha Ganapathiye namaha

Shri Vishnu thirtha gurubhyo namaha

Shri Purandara dAsarAya Gurubhyo nahama



Introduction

*Shri Harihi Om || NarasimhO Akhila jnAna matha dHwanta divAkaraha
Jayathya mitha SujnAna sukHa shaktHi payOnidhihi ||*

*AchAryO pavanOsmAkum AchAryAnEcha bhArathi
DEvo NarAyanaha Shrishaha dEvi mangala devatha||*

It was in the beginning of the 18th century and happened to be the great sUrya grahana parva kAla. At the banks of the river gOdAvari, the nadhi abhimAni who came to this earth blessing the great rushi Gautama, there were many hari bhaktas taking bath during the parva kAla to get rid of the sins. At this time, came a effaluscent brahmana who had a face filled with happiness. All the other bhoosuras looking at this newly arrived person started thinking "who could be this brahmana who looks very much satisfied and filled with bliss?" A comfortable place was offered by the other bhoosuras to the newly arrived brahmana. Argya, pAdya, achamana and madhu parka was offered by the other bhoosuras and they bowed at to the brahmana.

One of the bhoosura asked the brahmana "Where are you coming from?". The brahmana's lotus face bloomed and he replied "I had the great darshana of Sri Vishnu thirtharu (also known as Sri Jaya thirtharu) and filled with happiness. Since I am with this bhoosura vrunda, I am lucky to have the smarana of Sri tIkAcharya and Sri Vishnu thirtharu". The bhoosura vrunda replied "We are delighted to know about Sri Vishnu thirtha and kindly please narrate the mahimas of that great saint" The brahmana became enthusiastic and replied "I will narrate the mahimas of Sri Vishnu thirtha to the best of my ability". The bhoosuras posted one more question "respected brahmana, Sri Vishnu thirtharu, is he a devataha purusha?, who was his guru, what was the reason for him to come to earth? who were his great parents? Please kindly let

us know". The brahmana replied " Sri Vishnu thirtharu is a devAmsharu(Sri Vishnu thirtharu is believed to be Sri RudrAmsharu). By chanting or hearing about sri hari bhaktas one gets jnAna, bhakthi vairAgya which is path towards salvation. All of you are the blessed ones and you have asked a question according to your real yogyatha and I am delighted to be part of this bhoosura vrunda.". Then started the narration about Sri Vishnu thirtha.

The brahmana continues to narrate the story of Sri Vishnu thirtha who is also known as sri aranyakAcharya. When the devas like Indra cannot narrate fully the mahimAs of this great saint, I will try to narrate to the best of my ability. What can I can about the virakthi of this great saint? In the poovAshrama days, this great saint along with his beautiful wife, sacrificed their whole wealth, left their home and performed kAsta mauna vratha. This great saint, in his heart, was always looking at the lord of Sri rama, praising the lord Sri Vishnu and blessed his devotees.

The history of poorvajaruru Sri Jayathirtha.

In the middle of the rivers Krishna and Tunga, there is a place in the taluk of Sirihatta that is beautiful, auspicious and serene. In this region, in the beginning of 17th century, there lived a very pious brahmana scholar named Sri Thirumala Acharya who was greatly devoted at the lotus feet of Sri Krishna and liked by all the people. One day, Sri Thirumala Acharya was looking into Srimadh BhAgavatha granta and totally immersed at the lotus feet of Sri Vishnu. Some stupid people wanted to test Sri Thirumala Acharya and they started watching him from the top of the roof. Sri Thirumala Acharya had offered his mind and body at the lotus feet of Sri Krishna and did had not noticed the people watching him. Chanting the names of Sri Vishnu, hearing about Sri Krishna, Sri Thirumala Acharya had ananda bhaspa in his eyes. The people watching Sri Thirumala Acharya were astonished at the behavior of Sri Thirumala Acharya and their doubt got cleared. All those people watching Sri Thirumala Acharya learnt that they made a big mistake and fell at the feet of Sri Thirumala Acharya, asked him to pardon them and they became good people.

Sri Thirumala Acharya had lost his wife in his guruhastashrama and was like a lotus leaf in water. Always at the service of Sri Hari, Sri Thirumala Acharya was sometimes thinking about his future. Sri Thirumala Acharya had no children and was sometimes wondering how he can repay pitru runa. One fine day, Sri Thirumala Acharya who had attained old age, got up early in the morning, completed all the prescribed duties and started walking towards the palace of the king named Nrusimha. On seeing Sri Thirumala Acharya, the king was very surprised, astonished and could not believe his own eyes. The reason for his astonishment was the king had a strange dream. In the dream, the king meets a young and handsome brahmana. The brahmana tells the king that in the morning you will meet a advaitic scholar named Sri KashinAtha shastri who wants to have a debate on "ahum brahmAsmi". At the same time there you will see a old Brahmana like Sri Chavana rushi asking for your daughter to marry. The old brahmana scholar will surely win over Sri KashinAtha shastri and without any hesitation, you should give your daughter to the old brahmana. The young brahmana in the dream continues to say that the Sri Chavana rushi like brahmana is a filled with jnAna, bhakti, vairagya and is not interested in worldly affairs and is only interested in repaying pitru runa. So, king, without any doubt, do kanyAdAna to the old brahmana and you will see sanmangala in all your endeavors. If you fail to offer your daughter, you will be the target for the old

brahmana's curse. This is true, true, true says the young brahmana in the dream and the king explains this dream to his minister.

As per the dream, Sri Thirumala Acharya comes near the king Nrusimha and asks for his daughter to marry. On the same day, Sri KashinAtha shastri arrives and there was a big debate with Sri Thirumala Acharya. The debate was watched by many people and some people had a doubt that how can this old brahmana win over Sri KashinAtha shastri. It so happened that Sri Thirumala Acharya easily won the debate and established "Sri Hari sarvothamma and vAyu jeevothamma" tatva. As a gift, the king Nrusimha offered his daughter to that Sri Thirumala Acharya and accepted him as son in law. It has to be noted that that Sri Thirumala Acharya is none other than the amsha Sri Chavana rushi as per the dream of the king and the young hand some brahmana is none other than Sri Krishna in the disguise.

Sri Thirumala Acharya says to the king that you should do not worry because I am old. Your daughter will give birth to four rushi like sons and one beautiful daughter. On hearing these pleasing words from Sri Thirumala Acharya, the king was convinced and offered his daughter to Sri Thirumala Acharya to please lord Sri Venkatesha.

Sri Thirumala Acharya along with his wife arrived to his native place and lived in a nice home. Sri Thirumala Acharya was performing his grushasta dharma duties very well and was offering all the karmas at the lotus feet of Sri rAmachandra. The lord Sri rAma, being a brahmanya deva, made the words spoken by Sri Thirumala Acharya to the king Nrusimha true. Sri Thirumala Acharya was blessed with four rushi like sons and one beautiful daughter.

Sri tIkAcharya the composer of the granta Sriman nyAya sudha was thinking about how this great granta can be reached to the right people. Sriman nyAya sudha being very cryptic and very difficult to understand by common people, there was a need for a person who can explain all the topics in Sriman nyAya sudha in a simple language. This person has to do the upliftment of this world and summarize Sriman nyAya sudha to common people. There was a need for such great person who is pure in pancha indriya to come down to Earth and do tasks as per the wish of Sri tIkAcharya. The great saint Sri tIkAcharya calls one of his favorite shishya and tells him that you are the person I am looking for and you go Earth and take birth in the sadhvamsha of Sri Thirumala Acharya. Sri tIkAcharya blesses his shishya tells to him that you bear the responsibility of preaching Sriman nyAya sudha in a simple language to the right people on this Earth and Sriman nyAya sudha will be the motivation for you for all the tasks you take.

By the grace of Sri Hari, vAyu and Sri tIkAcharya , Sri Thirumala Acharya gets to know the good news. Sri Thirumala Acharya becomes very excited and says to himself that his grandson, the person Sri tIkAcharya was referring to would make his poorvajas pAvana and thanked Sri Hari for giving such a great gift.

Smt. BhAgeerathi, one of the daughter in law of Sri Thirumala Acharya, was very devoted to the lord and elders. Sri Thirumala Acharya, called this daughter in law and blessed her that you would get a victorious son. Sri Narahari, son of Sri Thirumala Acharya and the husband of Smt. BhAgeerathi got blessed by his father. Sri Thirumala

Acharya calls his son Narahari and his daughter in law and says that out of many sons you would have, this son would be the one who would have the complete blessings of Sri tIkAcharya, an ardent devotee of Sri Hari, a great scholar and victorious. This jeetEnridya son would preach the shastras of Srimadh Acharya to the right people and would bring good name to our family. Sri Thirumala Acharya continues and says that my predictions have never failed and just watch the signs during your pregnancy. During your pregnancy, Sri tIkAcharya would come in the form of a sarpa rAja and blesses you with this great son. Sri Thirumala Acharya instructs his son Narahari to keep the name "Jayathirtha" to his grand son.

Smt. BhAgeerathi and Sri Narahari were very happy to hear this news and had full confidence in the words of Sri Thirumala Acharya and they bowed at the lotus feet of Sri Thirumala Acharya. Smt. BhAgeerathi, was always at the service of Sri Hari and was very respectful towards her father in law.

The birth and childhood of Sri Jayathirtha

With the blessings of Sri Thirumala Acharya, the good deeds performed and anugraha of Sri tIkAcharyaru, Smt. BhAgeerathi became pregnant. During the pregnancy, Smt. BhAgeerathi had interest in listening to Srimadh BhAgavatha and other suthShAstra of Srimadh Acharyaru. As per the predictions made by her father in law, Smt. BhAgeerathi had the darshana of Sri Shesha devaru near her head. The Shesha had opened its face (hede), was showering fragrance all over the face and this made Smt. BhAgeerathi to get scared. The wise people around her suggested her to offer milk to the Shesha and so did Smt BhAgeerathi. The Shesha was very pleased, it drank the milk and disappeared. Smt. BhAgeerathi was scared a little bit and a devine voice (ashareeravAni) was heard. The voice said, the words of your father in law is true, the one who is bowed by many devas and who has the aAvEsha of Sri Shesha devaru (Sri tIkAcharyaru) has entered your womb and is going to be reborn again. Name the male child whom you are going to deliver as "Jayathirtha". On hearing these words, Smt. BhAgeerathi's fear vanished. During the pregnancy period of Smt. BhAgeerathi, Sri Thirumala Acharya left this world and reached Vaikunta and this made Sri Narahari and Smt. BhAgeerathi to feel sad. The marriage of other brothers of Sri Narahari took place after the demise of Sri Thirumala Acharya. On a very auspicious day, smt. BhAgeerathi delivered a beautiful baby boy just like Sri Krishna in the samvatsara year named "Eshwara". Sri Narahari performed all the prescribed jAtha karma vedic rituals and named the baby as per the instructions of Sri tIkAcharya as "Jayathirtha". All the baby plays of Sri Jayathirtha during the baby years was like of Sri Krishna's mahime and the baby grew like the first half moon. The parents were extremely happy looking at the plays performed by their beloved son Jayathirtha and years passed by and Jayathirtha entered his childhood phase. Sri Narahari performed the vedic ritual "Choula" at the right age and when the child Jayathirtha completed eight years, upanayana was also performed. Sri Narahari preached the great Sri gAyatri mantra to his son Jayathirtha and this made Jayathirtha shine like a sun with brahma tEjassu. During the child hood years itself, Jayathirtha was involved in studying SuMadhva Vijaya. Although the child Sri Jayathirtha was a born scholar, just to follow the pattern of vedic education, Jayathirtha went ahead in looking for a good teacher(sadh guru).

Sri Jayathirtha came to MantrAlaya and did the seva of Sri Raghavendra swAmi. Sri rAyaru was so pleased with Sri Jayathirtha, gave a devine darshana in the dream and

suggested him to go to a place called Gadhwal. Sri rAyaru said that I.G VenkataramanAcharya is the right guru for you and blessed Sri Jayathirtha showing a good teacher or Guru. Sri Jayathirtha became extremely happy after hearing the words of Sri rAyaru and as per the orders of Sri rAyaru, came to the town of IG and requested Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya as his guru. Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya, a great devotee of Sri Vishnu, a great scholar, having jnAna, bhakti and vairagya was very happy to get a student like Sri Jayathirtha. Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya had 300 students and also was the Principal of the school. This itself shows that Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya was a great scholar and also was a rAja guru to the king of Gadhwal.

Demonstration of Guru Bhakthi

Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya along with his family and students came to a place called Beechapalli wherein he offered 12 long years of seva to Sri PrAnadeva. Sri PrAnadeva temple in Beechapalli was installed by Sri vyAsaraja thirtha. During this Sri PrAnadEva seva period , Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya with the blessings of Sri Hari and vAyu got the ankita "Sri vAsudEva Vittala" . Later, Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya became Sri vyAsa tathvagna thirtha , obtaining sanyAsa from Sri Bhuvanendra thirtha of Sri rAyara matha. It was under the guidance of Sri vyAsa tathvagna thirtha who was a aparoksha jnAni, Sri Jayathirtha studied and learnt all the shastras. Sri Jayathirtha was very sharp and even before his guru was about to ask the question, Sri Jayathirtha had answers. Sri Jayathirtha became the pet and favorite student to Sri vyAsa tathvagna thirtha. The brother of Sri gOpAla dAsa, Sri guru gOpAla dAsa was classmet to Sri Jayathirtha and both were very close friends.

Once, Sri vyAsa tathvagna thirtha had to go to IG town to bless one of his devotees. Riding on a horse, Sri vyAsa tathvagna thirtha started to move to IG town. Sri Jayathirtha was not leaving his guru even for a second and started following his guru walking and thinking about Sri Krishna. Sri vyAsa tathvagna thirtha saw his student walking bare footed and offered his pAda rakshas to Sri Jayathirtha to wear. Sri Jayathirtha was delighted to get the pAda rakshas and with great devotion cleaned pAda rakshas and covered with a cloth and placed the pAda rakshas on his head. This shows the ultimate guru bhakthi of Sri Jayathirtha. Sri Jayathirtha walked bare footed without bothering the heat of the Sun. When the town IG was reached, Sri vyAsa tathvagna thirtha saw his student keeping his pAda rakshas on his head and walking bare footed. Sri vyAsa tathvagna thirtha was very pleased at the guru bhakthi of Sri Jayathirtha and blessed him whole heartedly.

PanchAmruta flows from the face of Sri Krishna - An Astonishing miracle

During the school days of Sri Jayathirtha, Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya came to know that his son "Sri gOpAla Krishna Acharya" had become victim to a unnatural death.(apamruthyu). Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya asked 3 - 4 students to do certain japas. One of them was the remover of apamruthyu and a ugra mantra , "Sri Narasimha mantra japa". No body came forward to do Sri Narasimha mantra japa while Sri Jayathirtha being a great tapasvi and a scholar came forward to chant the mantra. Sri Jayathirtha was given permission by his guru to chant the mantra and the

vrata was started. For seven days without any food , Sri Jayathiirtha did the severe penance of chanting the mantra. On the seventh day, Sri Jayathiirtha completed the mantra japa and started coming towards his guru. Sri Jayathiirtha had become very weak due to the fast he had observed and on the top of this, the summer heat had made him even more weak. Sri Jayathiirtha came to the door of Sri GopAla Krishna temple and he panchAmruta items in front of the lord. Sri Jayathiirtha could not control his hunger and he offered all the items to the lord Sri Krishna through mAnasa pooja and drank all the panchAmruta. This way, Sri Jayathiirtha did the bimba moorthi pooja to Sri Krishna who was residing in his heart, did Sri Krishna Arpana and slept.

Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya being a jnAni, who knew past, present and future, told his students that panchAmruta abhisheka to Sri Krishna has been done successfully and instructed his students to do shudhAbhisheka, naiEdya and mangalArati. The priest and other students had doubt in their mind that panchAmruta abhisheka had not been performed, they were not bold o question their guru and they simply kept quiet. On hearing the sound of bells during mangalArati, Sri Jayathiirtha woke up and repented heavily thinking that he made a big mistake. Sri Jayathiirtha came and stood in front of Sri Krishna and there was a big surprise waiting. The panchAmruta started coming out of the lotus face of Sri Krishna by itself, everyone were astonished to see this great incident and they became sort of dumb. After the mantra pushpa, Sri Jayathiirtha, his guru and other students took panchAmruta. This demonstrated one more mahime of Sri Jayathiirtha and he showed the world the secret which resides in Srimadh bhAgavatha that the lord Sri Krishna will be totally pleased doing pooja to chala pratime. At the same time, the son of Sri Jayathiirtha's guru Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya became healthy and the unnatural death was reverted. This was a great guru dakshina to his guru by Sri Jayathiirtha. This way, Sri Jayathiirtha studied all the shastras and granthas under the guidance of his guru Sri IG VenkataramanAcharya and became a great scholar and gnAni.

Sri Jayathiirtha enters gruhastAshrama

Time passed by and Sri Jayathiirtha was instructed by his guru to get married. Sri Jayathiirtha married a beautiful girl from sathkula and the couple moved back to their home town. Sri Jayathiirtha's wife was very devoted to Sri Hari, vAyu and her husband and became a 'saha dharmini'. Even during married life Sri Jayathiirtha, was involved in studying shastras, teaching a few students, doing hari nAma keerthana. This way Sri Jayathiirtha did not involved in the worldly pleasures. All the guru dakshine offered by the students were given back to poor people as charity. By seeing the generosity of Sri Jayathiirtha , the lord Sri Krishna gave him surplus wealth. All the wealth was made use in a right way and the couple lived happily. The lord Sri Krishna also gave Sri Jayathiirtha a noble son and he was named 'Krishna'. The plays of baby Krishna just like the lord Sri Krishna and was making the couple very happy. At right time, jAta karma, choula and upanayana was performed to Krishna by his father. Sri Jayathiirtha himself became a teacher to Krishna and taught him all the shastras. This way, the married life of Sri Jayathiirtha was very successful because of suthputra Krishna and pathi vrata wife.

Dramatic change in Sri Jayathirtha's life

The married life of Sri Jayathirtha was going on very nicely and a very strange incident occurred. Once Sri Jayathirtha became sick and was resting while his wife was offering seva to him. Sri Jayathirtha was resting on a decorated bed and during this romantic time, a hermit (dAsIyya) started singing a padha of Sri Purandara dAsa. This is the song sung ...

GOvindA namo GOvindA namo GOvindA nArAyana
GOvardhna giriya neththida GOvindA namma rakshisu.

Mancha bAradu madadi bAralu kanchu kannadi bAravu
Sanchi thArthavu mathe bAradhu munche mAdirO dharmava.

Artha vyArige putraryArige mitra bhAndavaryArige
Karthru yamanavaru yele vAga artha putraru kAivare

Ditta thanadali patta vAluva Krishna rAyana charanava
Mutti bhagisirO siri Purandara VittalEshana pAdava.

Sri Jayathirtha was mind struck on hearing this beautiful song composed by Sri Purandara dAsa. Sri Jayathirtha heard this with full devotion and ananda bhaspa started flowing out of his eyes. It was a feast to the ears of Sri Jayathirtha and each word in this song inspired vairAgya in the heart of Sri Jayathirtha. This changed the life direction of Sri Jayathirtha and he suddenly got out of the bed. Sri Jayathirtha meditated on the lord closing his eyes for some time and the vairAgya reached to its height. Sri Jayathirtha started thinking about tatva shastra which says that this world is not permanent it is only the lord who can give permanent happiness. Sri Jayathirtha called went out of his home, and requested the hermit to come to his home and sing the above song many times. Each time the song was sung, the vairAgya in Sri Jayathirtha started increasing and reached its peak. Sri Jayathirtha honored the hermit with lots of wealth. Sri Jayathirtha decided to give away all the wealth to charity and get out of home. Sri Jayathirtha discarded the dEha abhimAna ("myself" and "mine") and gave all the wealth to right brahmanas. Sri Jayathirtha along with his wife and son got out of the house and started moving all around the country.

Avadhoota ShikAmani Sri Jayathirtha

Sri Jayathirtha, while moving from one to another like a avadhoota was teaching and giving discourses on great shastras like nyAya Sudha to right eligible people. From SiddApura, Sri Jayathirtha went towards sAvanoor and had the blessings of Sri Sathya bhOda thirtharu. From there, he moved towards BankApura and had the darshana of Sri Narasimha devaru. It was during this time, many people fell at the feet of Sri Jayathirtha and became his devotees. Sri Jayathirtha used to remove all the misery of his devotees and bring happiness to the crowd. The journey of Sri Jayathirtha proceeded towards Koppala and Kinnara pattana. The residents of Kinnara pattana had already known the greatness of Sri Jayathirtha and they

welcomed him very respectfully. With all the senses under control (jeethEndriyaru), Sri Jayathirtha used to offer all the punya karmas to Sri Hari and earned the wealth of Aparoksha jnAna. Sri Jayathirtha used to see Sri Hari who is omnipresent, offer nice worshipable items to Sri Vishnu, chant the names of Sri Krishna all the times and this made him achieve bliss. Later Sri Jayathirtha gave good upadesha to his devotees. Due to many good deeds performed in the past, one has got the brahmana body. This may not happen in the next future janmas. So, make use of this brahmana janma, believe in lord Sri Krishna, study sarva moola, veda, purAna granthas and attain jnAna, bhakti and vairAgya to enter moksha. This was the kind of upadesha given by Sri Jayathirtha elevated the devotees to a higher level in jnAna and who else can be lucky than the students of Sri Jayathirtha.

Sri Jayathirtha sees Sri tIkAcharya in the dream

After a brief period, Sri Jayathirtha wanted to visit Sri BadarikAshrama and he with his students moved towards the banks of river Krishna. The place was so beautiful and Sri Jayathirtha used to meditate on the lord sitting at a serene location. Sri tIkAcharya in the form of Shesha appeared in the dream and said "Jayathirtha, my son, the prescribed task assigned by the lord has to be completed successfully and it does not matter if that person does a huge task that is not related to the prescribed one. You were sent to Earth with the intention of preaching Srimadh Acharya's shastra to the eligible souls. With the help of my many tIka compositions, preach the secrets of our tatva to eligible souls".

Hearing these devine words, Sri Jayathirtha woke up and started thinking why Sri tIkAcharya is stopping him to take the yAtra of Sri BadarikAshrama which is the ultimate kshetra on this Earth. , Sri Jayathirtha wanted to know the exact opinion of Sri tIkAcharya. After some time, Sri tIkAcharya again appeared in the dream in the form of a saint and said that by performing the task of giving discourses on Sriman nyAya Sudha to the eligible souls, you will be lifting your devotees from the ocean of samsAra and placing them at the feet of Sri Krishna. Sri tIkAcharya continues to say that at this time only scholars can understand my Sudha granta. You write a simple commentary on Sriman nyAya Sudha and preach it to the eligible souls. There is no other thing that dear to me than this task of preaching Sriman nyAya Sudha. , Sri Jayathirtha after listening to the words of Sri tIkAcharya started thinking again how he can preach Sriman nyAya Sudha. When it is not possible by great scholars to understand this granta, how can a person like me take up this huge task?

For the third time, Sri tIkAcharya again appeared in the form of Shesha and said that to achieve this big task one should have the blessings of mahAtmas. With the help of blessings of "Guru", any lame person can achieve in completing a huge task and attain san mangala. You have the blessings of mine (Sri tIkAcharya). Do not take these words lightly and if you do not listen to my words, you are simply wasting your time. Suddenly, Sri Jayathirtha in his dream saw the Sri BadarikAshrama. At one place there was a sight of Sriman nArAyana and Srimadh Acharyaru and at other place was Srimadh Acharya with Sri nara nArAyana. There were many sages and devotees serving the lord and the whole Sri BadarikAshrama was shown to Sri Jayathirtha in the dream by Sri tIkAcharya. Sri Jayathirtha bowed to Sriman nArAyana and Srimadh Acharya at the instructions of Sri tIkAcharya. Sri Jayathirtha was filled with bliss and his eyes were filled with blissful water. Sri tIkAcharya promised Sri

Jayathirtha that he would be always with you and all my words are nothing but truth. At this time, all the doubts were cleared and Sri Jayathirtha as per the instructions of Sri tIkAcharya decided to write a commentary on Sriman nyAya Sudha. Sri tIkAcharya appeared again in two different forms. In one form Sri tIkAcharya had a King appearance (Arjuna) and in the other form had a saint appearance (Sri tIkAcharya). Sri tIkAcharya said that both these forms are the avatAra forms of my moola rUpa Sri Indra devaru. Sri tIkAcharya continued to say that in my previous birth I was born as Arjuna and got gItOpadesha from Sri Krishna. In this Kali time, I have come to Earth as an Yathi(Saint) and I am going to preach you in this yathi form. Sri tIkAcharya said to Sri Jayathirtha that you can ask a boon. Sri Jayathirtha fell at the feet of Sri tIkAcharya and requested that he should get the ability to understand and preach Sri Sudha to eligible souls. Sri tIkAcharya viewed Sri Jayathirtha with blessing eyes, said "tha thAsthu" and disappeared.

Sriman nyAya Sudha is a crown for Srimadh Acharya's compositions. Sri Jayathirtha selected a nice place at the banks of river Krishna and started giving discourses on Sri Sudha granta. Sri Jayathirtha always used to remember the sweet words of Sri tIkAcharya, the miracles of Sri Hari and great aptitude of Srimadh Acharya. Some times, Sri Jayathirtha used to have blissful water in his eyes while giving Sri Sudha discourses. Sri Jayathirtha learnt that by preaching and giving discourses on Sri Sudha to eligible souls, is an excellent fee (guru kAnike) paid to Sri tIkAcharya which is thirtha yAtra. Many people became disciples to Sri Jayathirtha and many got upadEsha. From the banks of river Krishna, Sri Jayathirtha moved to many places like HunagUnda, Alavatti, NaragUnda and Dharwad. At this time, Sri Jayathirtha's son Krishna married a pious lady named "Sathya".

Anugraha to Sri shEshAcharya

At the banks of river Krishna in a place called ShoorpAli or Moraba there lived a pious Brahmana called Sri SheshAcharya who had performed many times laksha tulasi archana, laksha deepa arAdhana, laksha Ghandha to the lord of Sri BhArateesha. After offering pooja to achala(non moving) prathime, Sri SheshAcharya used to do see the lord in all people and do the worship. With out right knowledge, there can't be mukthi. Right knowledge can be obtained only from sadh guru and Sri SheshAcharya was looking for such guru. Sri SheshAcharya moved from Moraba to a place called Gurlu Hosur and there is a beautiful temple of Sri Mukhya prAna. Sri SheshAcharya with great devotion offered seva to Sri Mukhya prANa for many days. Seeing the dedication of Sri SheshAcharya, Sri mAruti appeared in the dream and said that Sri Hari is pleased with seva, you will have the darshana of your guru in this place itself and you do not have to move out of this place. Sri SheshAcharya woke up and was filled with joy and started waiting for the arrival of his guru. Sri Jayathirtha on the same day morning left Dharwar and started towards Gurlu Hosur and came to the temple of Sri Mukhya prAna where Sri SheshAcharya was living. Sri Jayathirtha was shining with brilliance and where Sri SheshAcharya fell at the feet of Sri Jayathirtha. A person in the temple got the avEsha of Sri Maruti. Sri Mukhya prANa spoke from that person to Sri SheshAcharya telling that Sri Jayathirtha is the right guru for you, take your guru to your native town and offer seva. Sri SheshAcharya as per the orders of Sri Mukhya prAna took Sri Jayathirtha to Moraba. Sri Jayathirtha stayed at Sri SheshAcharya's place, gave lot of discourses to his students and devotees. Sri Jayathirtha used to explain the hard portions in the shastras in a simple,

easy way and the students had no difficulty in grasping the knowledge. For those students and devotees who could not always stay physically, Sri Jayathirtha for the benefit of his devotees wrote a letter called "aAgnA patra" (Letter of order). This letter is also called "Sri Vishnu thirthara upadEsha patra". Although this letter references Sri AnantAdri BhImacharya, all the sAdhakas can get benefited from this letter. "aAgnA patra" can be viewed by clicking this url ...

Sri Jayathirtha shows Kali to his students

Once Sri Jayathirtha was in a lecture session and he mentioned about Kali. Sri Jayathirtha said that Kali accompanied with two dogs would pass this town three days from now and his appearance will have a blackish blue complexion. All the students were curious to see this event and after three days a person matching the appearance told by Sri Jayathirtha passed the city. All the students and devotees praised the divya jnAna of Sri Jayathirtha.

Sri Jayathirtha shows Sri Mukhya prAna and Sri Rudra devaru to his elite students.

Sri Jayathirtha used to teach and lecture many shastras to his students. For some students who were excellent in their sAdhana, Sri Jayathirtha used to tell the secrets of many shastras. One day when Sri Jayathirtha was with his elite students, the front door of his house was closed and there were nobody coming in or out of the house. At that time, suddenly a person having bhasma and RudrAksi garland in the neck started asking for bhiksha. The generous Sri Jayathirtha himself got up and offered aralu (puffed rice) as bhiksha to the person. The students who were seated asked Sri Jayathirtha who that person was having bhasma smeared on his body, how could you touch that person and will not other people laugh at this? To answer the question asked by his students, Sri Jayathirtha went near that person and pulled the cloth that was on his shoulders. The person who had come was none other than the great vaishnava Sri Rudra devaru having all vaishnava signs on his body and at the next moment, Sri pArvati, Ganapathi, Skanda and Nandi appeared in front of the students. All the students were wonder struck with happiness, they got up and bowed at Sri Rudra devaru. It was a blessing to all the students to have the darshana of Sri Rudra devaru and they praised Sri Jayathirtha. Modestly Sri Jayathirtha said that you will also have the darshana of "Chaturdasha Bhuvana pathi" (Sri Mukhya prAna).

Next day, all the students were eagerly waiting for the great moment and Sri Jayathirtha was in a lecture session. Suddenly, a handsome brahmachAri(vatu) appeared at the front door of the house. Sri Jayathirtha saw the watu and kept quiet as if he didn't see the watu. The watu called "Jayathirthare Jayathirthare Jayathirthare" three times and immediately, Sri Jayathirtha got up and went near the watu. The watu without any talking held Sri Jayathirtha's hand and walked direction north towards the temple of Sri Mukhya prAna in Gurlu Hosur. All the students watching this event suddenly realized the words said by Sri Jayathirtha about the darshana of Chaturdasha Bhuvana pathi. After a lot of thinking, the students came to conclusion that the watu is none other than Sri Mukhya prAna and they became extremely happy to see Sri mAruti in watu form. They thought to themselves that how the original form would be of Sri mAruti. The students did not realize how far they walked and they reached the temple of Sri mAruti in Gurlu Hosur. The watu left the hand of Sri

Jayathirtha and went straight into the temple and Sri Jayathirtha followed the vatu behind. Surprise!! The students saw the vatu going into the temple of Sri mAruti but when they went inside the temple, the vatu had disappeared and this proved the students that the vatu was none other than Sri Mukhya prAna devaru. Sri Jayathirtha bowed at the feet of Sri mAruti, Sri SheshAcharya along with other students stayed in the temple for three days, offered seva and all of them went back to Moraba. Isn't wonderful to be part of those lucky student group who had the incredible darshana of Sri Mukhya prAna and Sri Rudra devaru.

Smt. Sathya bai, daughter in law of Sri Jayathirtha was serving her father law with great devotion. Smt. Sathya bai requested Sri Jayathirtha to bless her so have a suthputra (incredible son). Sri Jayathirtha said to her daughter in law that you light lamps at the place where we conduct discourses and your wish will be granted. So did Smt. Sathya bai and she was blessed with a great son and they named him as 'tkAcharya"

In Moraba, there was a wealthy brahmin and wife who used to come to listen to the discourses of Sri Jayathirtha. The brahmin's wife begged Sri Jayathirtha to bless her to have a son. Sri Jayathirtha said to her that you water the Tulasi plants during summer and with the blessings of Sri tkAcharya your wish would be granted. As per the instructions of Sri Jayathirtha, the brahmin's wife performed the seva and the brahmin couple had a beautiful baby.

Sri SheshAcharya's daughter in law used to come to Sri Jayathirtha 's home to assist Smt. Sathya bai during the evening hours. After learning that Smt. Sathya bai had a son by the blessings of Sri Jayathirtha, Sri SheshAcharya's daughter in law also begged of Sri Jayathirtha to have a son. Sri Jayathirtha answered to her 'Mother', with the blessings of Sri Hari you will have a good son. Once Sri Jayathirtha along with his students came to a place called Narendra gada. While passing through a forest, Sri Jayathirtha saw a tree full of fruit and he himself plucked a fruit and gave it to Sri Ramacharya the son of Sri SheshAcharya. Sri Jayathirtha told Sri Ramacharya to give this fruit to his wife and your wish would be granted. So did Sri Ramacharya and there was a celebration of baby being born in the house of Sri Ramacharya.

Without any stop, for many times, the Sudha mangala celebration was successfully performed by Sri Jayathirtha. One fine morning, Sri Jayathirtha said to his students not to cook that day and did not give any reason. All the students were worried about this act and at the end of the day, five elite students asked Sri Jayathirtha the reason for fasting. Sri Jayathirtha replied that one person in your group would be the target for unnatural death. To get out of this, all of you perform fast for three days and please do not ask me to whom this bad event would happen. Sri Jayathirtha said that after three days you will see by yourself. As per the orders of their guru, the students did the fast by chanting the names of Sri Hari, doing sandhya three times, performing pooja and listening to the discourses. All the students were eagerly waiting what would happen. While performing this sAdhana, all the five students did the sankalpa that let the good deeds performed by them destroy the unnatural death that is going to happen to one of them. Three days passed and on the fourth day morning Sri Jayathirtha was meditating on Sri Hari. Suddenly, Sri KrishnAcharya came and fell at the feet of Sri Jayathirtha started crying. Sri Jayathirtha asked his son what

happened. Sri KrishnAcharya replied that the previous night he witnessed a dream. In the dream Sri KrishnAcharya saw the servants of Yama approaching him. I was terrified and started screaming "leave me , leave me". At that moment, I saw you (Sri Jayathirtha) and I fell at your feet screaming "I am dead". You(Sri Jayathirtha) lifted me and saved my life. Sri KrishnAcharya said he woke up and had felt that he had a second birth. All the students praised Sri Jayathirtha who had the devine knowledge and bowed to him.

While Sri Jayathirtha was giving discourses, Sri TikAcharya used to be seated in the Shesha form and watch the lecture session. When , Sri TikAcharya was present, the whole atmosphere used to get filled with perfume(sugandha).

Sri Jayathirtha in vAnaprasthAshrama

Sri Jayathirtha as per the orders of Sri tkacharya moved from Moraba to a place known as Munivalli at the banks of river Mallaprabha. This place was a forest area and was full of flowers and fruits. Sacrificing all the worldly affairs and rejecting wealth, Sri Jayathirtha lived in a parna kutra(hut) meditating on Sri Vishnu. Nearby, there was a small Shiva temple which was 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and the height was perfect such that it was like a cave for Sri Jayathirtha to be alone and do meditation. Sri Jayathirtha used to wake up before sun rise in brahmE mahurtha , take bath in the river Mallaprabha and used to sit with mahAsana on a rock that was in water. Right from childhood, Sri Jayathirtha was reading Sriman SuMadhva Vijaya and all the 1008 verses were in his memory and the verses used to flow like waves of sacred Ganga. When Sri Jayathirtha was about to complete the last verse in Sumadhva Vijaya (58th verse of 16th sarga) which had the beautiful explanation of showering of heavenly flowers on Srimadh Acharya, the Sun used to rise. Then, Sri Jayathirtha used to perform Sandyavandana and was coming out of water. Mean while, Sri Jayathirtha's son Sri Krishna Acharya and other students used to get ready for the discourse and lessons. Sri Jayathirtha's aAgnA patra was the motivation for all students and they used to see in own eyes their Guru following steps that was in the letter. Sri Jayathirtha as mentioned in aAgnA patra used to get up 6 galige before sun rise. The first 4 galige, he used to think about shastras and in the last 2 galige, Sri Jayathirtha used to meditate and think of Sri Vishnu in 'upadisTamArga'. Sri Jayathirtha used to take bath for 2 galige, 2 galige japa, 2 galige deva pooja and used to sit for discourse. Srimadh Acharya has mentioned in 'sadAchAra smruti' in the sloka 'yEvum sarvothamum Vishnum' that along with the deva pooja the sAdhaka has to meditate on Sri Vishnu and give discourses to his ability. Sri Jayathirtha was performing this himself as mentioned by Srimadh Acharya. After the discourse, Sri Jayathirtha used to do Madhukara vrutti where there were about 50 brahmana families in the village of Munivalli. Seeing the life style of Sri Jayathirtha, many good people came forward to offer him all arrangements(like money, grains, house etc.). Sri Jayathirtha used to simply reject the worldly things and used to say that all these things are not necessary for him and this shows how much virAge Sri Jayathirtha was. The grains obtained by madhukara vrutti were used to prepare rice used to take it with the anusandAna of prAnAgni hOtra. After that Sri Jayathirtha used to take rest for 2 galige and after that used to be involved in new compositions. Meanwhile, Sri Jayathirtha's favorite students used to assemble for hearing the discourse. The five lucky students are 1. Bala VenkataramAcharya 2. AnnayAcharya

annagiri 3. TonapIbAlacharya 4. Koulagi SheshAcarya 5. Morabba SheshAcharya. All these students were very dedicated towards their Guru.

The news about Sri Jayathirtha had spread in many places and the marAta peshwa Sandhe was a devotee of Sri Jayathirtha. The peshwa king bowed at the feet of Sri Jayathirtha and asked for his blessings. Since the king was involved in a dhArmic war, Sri Jayathirtha blessed the peshwa king be victorious. Very easily, the Peshwa king defeated his enemies and became victories and as a gratitude offered large amount of wealth, land etc. to Sri Jayathirtha. But, Sri Jayathirtha rejected all of these and said that it is not necessary for him to keep the wealth, land etc. and used to live in a hut. This showed the virakthi and Sri Jayathirtha became well known as 'Adavi Acharya' or 'AranyakAcharya' (the person who lives in forest sacrificing all worldly affairs).

Sri Jayathirtha stayed in Munivalli along wit his wife, son (KrishnAcharya), daughter in law(Sathya bai) and grand son (tlkAcharya). Sri Jayathirtha probably was around 35 to 40 years at this time and even in this youthful years, Sri Jayathirtha had complete control over senses. Sri Jayathirtha also performed 'asipatra' vrata. In this vrata, both husband and wife would be on the same bed and between them was a very sharp sword. The sword was kept in between the husband and wife when they sleep and if any one loses control, the person would fall on the sword and get killed. Sri Jayathirtha performed this vrata very successfully and showed the world that being a jEtendriya living along with wife and children is better than jEtendriya leaving the family. Sri Jayathirtha was like a lotus leaf in water in samsAra.

Sri Jayathirtha used to teach students and give discourses under the sacred Aswattha tree. Many Sudha mangala celebrations were conducted by Sri Jayathirtha under this tree. Unfortunately, Sri Jayathirtha's wife passed away and Sri Jayathirtha performed all the duties.

Seven to eight years passed by after 12 Sudha mangala, Sri Jayathirtha started moving around the country. Sri Jayathirtha visited nava vrundAvana and other ksEtrAs. Sri Jayathirtha came to PenugOnda and at this place there is a sangama of rivers vAmana and upEndra. At the unification of these rivers is the vrundAvana of Sri Sri 1008 vedavyAsa thirtharu. Sri Sri Sathya vara thirtha of Uttaradi matha had arrived at the place where Sri VedavyAsa thirtha was residing, had the blessings and moved

Sri Jayathirtha becomes a pontiff

Having spent successfully all three ashramas, Sri Jayathirtha thought that this is right place and right time to get the sanyAsa. Sri tlkAcharya also blessed Sri Jayathirtha to get the yahti ashrama.

Sri Jayathirtha traveled to a place called Nama gondalu where Sri Sri Sathya vara thirtha was residing. Sri Sri Sathya vara thirtha had his camp initially near a small pushkarani and at the people's request moved his camp into the town. The people of the town of Nama gondalu had the great opportunity of viewing Sri rAMa pooja and having the blessings of Sri Sri Sathya vara thirtha. Sri Jayathirtha bowed at the feet of Sri Sri Sathya vara thirtha and it was the union of two great vaishnava stalwarts

which was like milk getting mixed with honey. Sri Sri Sathya vara thiirtha had only heard the great ability of Sri Jayathiirtha and this event gave an opportunity for him to notice the scholastic aptitude, mastery of Sri Sudha granta and giving discourses confidently with his own eyes and was very pleased.

Sri Jayathiirtha requested Sri Sri Sathya vara thiirtha to give him sanyAsa. Sri Sathya vara thiirtha was extremely happy to hear this news and made arrangements for the sanyAsa swEkara for Sri Jayathiirtha. Who else can get the yathi ashrama other than Sri Jayathiirtha . Sri Jayathiirtha was leading a life like a yathi and the sanyAsa had to be performed only to make it official. Sri Sri Sathya vara thiirtha told Sri Jayathiirtha that as per Sumadhva vijaya's statement, when the vairAgya reaches its peak the person would get the desire to get sanyAsa and you are doing the right thing. An auspicious day, auspicious star, auspicious yOga and auspicious karana was chosen by Sri Sathya vara thiirtha to give yathi ashrama to Sri Jayathiirtha. The one was always thinking about Sri Vishnu in himself and who had the great sannidhana of Sri Hari, seeing the same lord in everyone (sarvam Vishnu mayam jagath) that Sri Jayathiirtha who also known as Srimadh AranyakAcharya was given yathi ashrama by his guru and named Sri Sri Sri Vishnu thiirtha. The devotee crowd was filled with happiness. Sri Vishnu thiirtha performed the samsthAna pooja with his guru. Next day, after the bhiksa, Sri Vishnu thiirtha requested his guru to give him permission to goto the forest. Sri Sathya vara thiirtha was surprised at Sri Vishnu thiirtha and told him that he could be with him. But, Sri Vishnu thiirtha who is a avadhoota shikAmani said he is not for ruling the throne of dharma sAmrAjya and he was only interested to be like a bidi(stand alone) sanyAsi. Sri Vishnu thiirtha, the one who was a great viraktha bowed to his guru and entered the forest.

Sri Vishnu thiirtha as per the orders of his guru was giving discourses and doing hari seva. From Nama gondalu, Sri Vishnu thiirtha, came to a place called KinnhAli. The desai (king) of KinnhAlu welcomed Sri Vishnu thiirtha with great respect. Sri Vishnu thiirtha performed the daily pooja. The desai king had a strange disease. Whenever Desai sees food in a plate, he used to see a chunk of worms and so he could not eat the food. The desai was suffering from this disease and he had firm belief that Sri Vishnu thiirtha would cure this. Sri Vishnu thiirtha decided to cure the disease desai had. After the pooja, Sri Vishnu thiirtha called Desai to sit along with him to have the food. Before Sri Vishnu thiirtha started having the food, he took some portion of rice, chanted the name of Sri Vishnu and gave it as a prasAda to the desai. When desai saw the food in his plate given by Sri Vishnu thiirtha, there was a surprise. No more seeing of worms in his plate and desai became extremely happy. Desai from that day started eating well and wanted to show the gratitude to Sri Vishnu thiirtha. Desai offered his whole wealth to Sri Vishnu thiirtha. Sri Vishnu thiirtha was not interested in any wealth and modestly rejected it. The desai begged Sri Vishnu thiirtha many times to take at least some thing. Then, the kind hearted Sri Vishnu thiirtha desired to live near KinnhAli at the banks of the river Kusha and asked for a piece of land near a place called mOdeshwara. The desai was filled with joy and he made arrangements for constructing a elemane(hut) for Sri Vishnu thiirtha. This place mOdeshwara is now called as mAdanUru. There is a beautiful Shiva temple in mOdeshwara and because of the Shiva temple, the place is named after Shiva.

Sri Vishnu thiirtha stayed at mOdeshwara and led life doing madhu kara vrutti. Sri Vishnu thiirtha had many students and the desai took the responsibility of taking care

of students. Time passed by without any problem. May be the lord wanted to show the greatness of Sri Vishnu thirtha and so suddenly there was a bad famine in the region. Desai had a tough time to look after the students due to famine. The desai came and expressed his sadness in front of Sri Vishnu thirtha. The great jnAni Sri Vishnu thirtha consoled Desai, told him not to worry and said that he would take the responsibility of taking care of the students. Sri Vishnu thirtha started praying Sri GopAla Krishna to find a solution. Next day, Sri Vishnu thirtha ordered a brass coin, placed it at the feet of Sri Vishnu icon and started reading (pArAyana) Sri rama stotra that was composed by him. After pArAyana and japa(meditation), Sri Vishnu thirtha gave argya to Sri Vishnu the indweller of Sri Lakshmi devi, offered naivedya and performed mangalArati. Sri Vishnu thirtha then took the brass coin and held it in his hand. It was as if the mother Sri Lakshmi was extremely pleased at the devotion of Sri Vishnu thirtha and there was a big astonishment. The brass coin got turned itself into a gold coin. The gold coin was sold and with the money that was obtained, Sri Vishnu thirtha took care of all his students. Sri Vishnu thirtha did the seva to Sri Lakshmi for one year. After one year, the famine was gone and there was no problem for food and shelter. The desai and other devotees was stunned at the miracle shown by Sri Vishnu thirtha and they praised him.

Excellent compositions by Sri Vishnu thirtha

The place mOdeshwara got the sannidAna of Sri VishwanAtha in kAshi, the river Kusha was like river Ganga and there were many devas(gods) residing in many trees. Sri Vishnu thirtha got motivated by Modeshwara which was like kAshi and decided to compose many granthas. Sri Vishnu thirtha had already started composing in his pre pontiff period and he continued to do the composing work. Following are the compositions of Sri Vishnu thirtha.

1. 1. Sudha tippani

This is a commentary on Sriman nyAya Sudha composed by Sri tIkAcharya. In this composition, Sri Vishnu thirtha has praised his vidya guru Sri IG Venkataraman Acharya.

SumanOranjani

This is a commentry on Tatva prakAshika composed by Sri tIkAcharya.

Sudha Stotra

This composition glorifies Sriman nyAya Sudha composed by Sri tIkAcharya. At the end of each verse of this composition, Sri Vishnu thirtha says "The one who is devoted to Sriman nyAya Sudha composed by Sri tIkAcharya, will never ever come back to sumsAra".

Aatma Sukha bhOdini

This composition explains ways (sAdhana krama) for a jeeva to enjoy intrinsic bliss the jeeva has.

UpadEsha patra

This composition was for his students(any one can get benefit) on how the day can be time divided and rightly make use of each and every period. It also explains how the bad Kali affects a sAdhaka and how to get rid of the Kali.

Antya kAlada smarane

This composition has eight verses. At the end of each verse Sri Vishnu thirtha has mentioned " Sri Krishna munmarana kAla mupAgathItu twun nAma mudh vachana gOchara tAmupaitu". Many names of Sri Hari is mentioned in this composition at the end, Sri Vishnu thirtha has begged Sri Krishna(upAsya moorthi) to give the remembrance of Sri Hari during the time of death.

Srimadh BhAgavatha sArODhAra

This is a unique composition. How the jeeva can do sAdhana is explained in detail in 30 chapters basing on the slokas from Srimadh BhAgavatha.

ShOdashE - ChaturdashE

In this composition, Sri Vishnu thirtha explains in the beginning how a jeeva coming from the asrujyA(state before coming to sumsAra) to the sumsAra and gets bound to worldly affairs. Sri Vishnu thirtha has explained how a jeeva can get rid of this bond by doing sAdhana and all the different kinds of sAdhana a jeeva has to perform until the jeeva reaches moksha.

AadhyAtma rasarunjanE

Sri Vishnu thirtha explains in this composition how a jeeva is completely dependent on Sri Vishnu(bimbA chalise pratibimba chalisuvanu which means only if the bimba(Sri hari) moves then the pratibimba(jeeva) can move). What ever it is good or bad(punya kArya or pApa kArya) performed has to be offered to Sri Hari. Sri Vishnu thirtha was narrated his own experience in this grantha.

Srimadh Sumadhva VijayamEya sangraha mAlika

In this composition , Sri Vishnu thirtha has summarized the contents of Sri Sumadhva Vijaya composed by Sri nArAyana pandita Acharya.

Sri ramA stotra

This compositio has 15 verses and in each verse, Sri Vishnu thirtha has glorified Sri Hari and that Sri Lakshmi who is the wife of the lord Sri Vishnu reside in our hearts. By chanting this stotra, Sri Vishnu thirtha says, one can achieve moksha.

GIta sArOdhAra

There are twenty verses in this composition. The first one is introduction and from 2nd to 19th, Sri Vishnu thirtha has summarized each chapter of Bhagavath geetha(which has 18 chapters). In the last verse Sri Vishnu thirtha was said "MukthA mAIAnu sundhEya para tatva parEksha kaihi" which means that the audience for this muktha mAIA are jeevas who are interested in getting moksha.

Sri Vishnu Thirtha enters Vrundavana

Having composed excellent granthas, giving magnificent discourses and giving right upadEsha to devotees, Sri Vishnu thirtha lived in mOdeshwara. Sri Vishnu thirtha was always giving discourses on Sriman nyAya Sudha. In the span of ten years in Modeshwara, Sri Vishnu thirtha completed successfully 108 times Sudha mangala. The lord Sri Hari was so pleased at the work of Sri Vishnu thirtha and showed him the Sri Badari kshetra in a dream. Sri Vishnu thirtha saw Sri Nara nArAyana, Ganapathi, nArada and other deities in his dream and was filled with bliss. After some time, the scene changed and the same Badari nArAyana appeared in a place near mOdeshwara. The lord showed the spot to Sri Vishnu thirtha where there was a beautiful icon of Sri nArAyana. Sri Vishnu thirtha woke up from the dream and for a long time was in the state of happiness. Next day morning, Sri Vishnu thirtha asked his disciples to dig the place that he has spotted in the dream. After digging a little, the disciples saw a beautiful icon of Sri badari nArAyana. Sri Vishnu thirtha was overjoyed to see the lord. Sri Vishnu thirtha wanted to goto Badari and have the darshan of Sriman nArAyana. But now, the lord Sriman Badari nArAyana has come near Sri Vishnu thirtha indicating that the lord is "bhakta vatsala". Sri Vishnu thirtha installed Sri Badari nArAyana in Modeshwara near his hut and offered service to the lord.

Sri Vishnu thirtha realized that his life was dedicated towards Sri Hari and decided to offer his body to the lotus feet Sri nArAyana. Sri Vishnu thirtha told this news about vrundavana pravesha to his dearest devotees and called Sri Annaya Acharya. Sri Vishnu thirtha asked Sri Annaya Acharya to get stone slabs from AmrutEshwara temple for the constructing vrundavana. Sri Annaya Acharya got the stone slabs and with the help of a sculpture a beautiful vrundavana was constructed. The news spread to many towns nearby and many Brahmanas came together and assembled in mOdeshwara. The devotees were sad to know that they cannot see Sri Vishnu thirtha physically. Sri Vishnu thirtha consoled his devotees and gave excellent advise to them on how they can reach the lord Sri Hari. Sri Vishnu thirtha finished his aAhnEka, performed 12000 pranava japas and offered pooja to Sri gOpALa Krishna given by his guru Sri Sathya vara thirtha. Sri Vishnu thirtha stressed many times how Sriman nyAya sudha explains the supremacy of Sri Vishnu, greatness of jeevothamma matha. After the final discourse, Sri Vishnu thirtha, started thinking about Sri Krishna. Sri Vishnu thirtha meditated on Sri Krishna and said "Oh lord Sri Krishna, give me your remembrance during the time of death" which he himself had composed in *Antya kAlada smarane*. Sri Vishnu thirtha gave phala(fruit) and mantrAkshate (sacred rice) to his devotees and blessed them . The whole atmosphere was filled with chanting of vedic hymns in front of brahmin sculptures, in front of many brahmana scholars, Sri Vishnu thirtha sat in front of Sri badari nArAyana having a smiling face and holding japa sara. When the devotee crowd was filled with blissful tears, Sri Vishnu thirtha advised his devotees to chant Sri nArAyana, follow Sri madhva siddanta and the words of Sri tlkAcharya's words. Sri Vishnu thirtha sat on padmAsana(a yogic posture), held his breath in Kumbaka and started meditating on Sri Hari. The top portion of the vrundavana was covered and Sri Vishnu thirtha entered Vaikunta meditating on Sri Vishnu. Sri Vishnu thirtha entered vrundavana on the day of Shiva rAtri. The devotees performed celebrated the samArAdhane and

every Shiva rAtri day, the arAdana of Sri Vishnu thiirtha is celebrated. Sri Vishnu thiirtha is still in one form in the vrundAvana blessing his devotees.

|| EdamookOpi vaagmithvum jadOpi prAghna moulitAm
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