

Sri Raghottama Thirtharu

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Part -I

Sri Raghottama Thirtharu(1537 to 1595 A.D.) Sri Raghottama Thirtharu is one of the great Scholars and holiest saints of Sri Maduttaradhi Mutt. He is one of the few pontiffs. Who was proficient in Dwaitha philosophy and had carved niche of his own in the sameera sastra. Disiple of Sri Raghuvarya thirtha had mystic powers and who ever does seva of his vrindavana will not return with empty hand.

The legend goes to say Sri Raghottama Thirtharu info 'NIRUTHI AMSA; Who happens to be one of the eight dikpalakas. Sri Moola Rama in the dream of Sri Raghuvarya appeared and told him that one of the dikpalaka's i.e; Niruthi will succeed him in the years to come Sri Raghuvarya during his sanchara (tour) visited swarnavadi village zamindar of that place Sri Subbu bhatta with his wife Ganga bai, who were childless honoured the swamiji condescended to bless them with children , provided they agreed to part with their first born child to the care of the mutt. Subba bhatta and his wife ganga bai agreed to do so There by,they were blessed with children. One month before the birth of the child, Swamiji was informed who was on Digivijaya. The day on which the child had to delivered a big size Gold Plate was sent to see that the child is delivered in the Gold plate without being touched to the earth.

Accordingly, the child was brought to the mutt and the child was washed with the Abbisekha jala [water] of Sri Moola Rama, child was named there after, as Sri Ramachandra and was brought up by the mutt with the milk used for performing the Abbisekha of Sri Moola Rama, As Swamiji had dreamt, Niruthi himsely took birth.

At the age of seven, upanayanam was done at the Mutt. One year, there after sanyasam was ordained and Sri Raghuvarya named him as Raghottama Thirtha. A NEW STAR was born in the horizon of Dwaitha vedantha samrajya.

Sri Raghuvarya taught all the works of Sri Madhwacharya including the Teeka on Bramha sutra Bhashya. Knowing his end is approaching, he called Adya vardacharya to guide the young pontiff in the studies of Nyaya Sudha etc; the senior pontiff attained the feet of Sri Moola Rama on jyestha Krishna paksha thadige and be entered the vrindavana in Navavrindavana.

Sri Adyavarda charya who had studied under of Sri Raghunatha thirtha, senior to Sri Raghuvarya consideriving himself great as he was guideing the young swamiji and was head strong, expected that swamiji had to go to him for studies rather than his bcoming to the Mutt with such humiliation Swamiji had to pursue his studies. However, even for this the end came. On one Dwadasi, Dalapathi a chieftain had invited Sri Swamiji and the Acharya for dinner. As swamiji was engrossed in pooja he had to go to Dalapathis house little late By that time without waiting Acharya And his disiples had

started taking food. This humiliation, young swamiji's could not tolerate. He went back and started meditating his aradhya daiva Sri Moola rama and his guru Gaghuvarya. In the early hours Sri Moola Rama in the guise of Gaghuvarya appeared in his dream and wrote "Bijakshara" on the tongue of Sri Raghottama and ordered him that hence forth he need not go the Acharya for studies. He himself can commence teachings to his disciplines. Accordingly, young pontiff found himself proficient in veda sastras and shared teaching the disciples.

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