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Didiji's visit to St. Louis.

Date : January 17th - January 24th, 2008

On January 17th Didiji addressed a gathering at a devotee's home from 7 to 9 P.M. She shared her experiences with Jagadguru Shri Kripalu Maharaj. She explained about the Guru-deciple relation, building trust in Guru, the ultimate joy and many other aspects.



Didiji at Hindu Temple of St. Louis

On January 19th Didiji addressed audience at Hindu Temple of St. Louis from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. She explained about Bhakti, narrated stories on Bhagawatas and gave many live examples how Bhakti keeps one in joy! She continued on how to follow Bhakti yoga in steps, starting from few minutes everyday to every minute throughout the day, on January 20th at a devotee's home from 6 to 9 P.M.

Didiji visited Vedic Temple of St. Louis on January 21th from 10 to 11:00 A.M. and sang some melodious Bhajans. She delivered few wonderful comments of masters and their passion towards others, few heart touching events from Bhagavatam in which all

kids actively participated. She narrated few events of Sri Krishna and Yasodha and their feelings.



Didiji at Vedic Temple of St. Louis.

On January 23th from 7 to 9 P.M. Didiji answered some devotee's questions and sang some Bhajans at a devotee's home. In her talk she focused on the next generation by talking to kids about their view on Bhakti and how it helps them and narrated nice stories. She expressed that parents should practice and respect the values like truth, love etc. For more information about Radha Madhav Society, visit www.radhamadhavsociety.org

Nithya Dhyana Meditation Session

Date : March 26th, 2008

Time : 4 P.M. – 7 P.M.

Venue : Kanaka Mahalakshmi Kalyana Mandapam, Visakhapatnam.

With Swamiji's blessings Sreenivasa Rao Ainapurapu shared his experiences with Paramahansa Sri Nithyananda, explained about the major energy centers (Seven Chakras) in human body and finally a meditation technique Nithyadhyana. He expressed his gratitude to Sri Nithyananda and clearly expressed the credit goes to Swamiji for the nice things whatever he uttered and he should be blamed for any mistakes if at all happens. During the three hour session, all the participants sat without any restlessness

and they expressed they could sit for a long on floor without any difficulty. Sreenivas shared his experiences, which he practiced and internalized, with the group of 25 audience. After the Nithyadhyam meditation most of them expressed that they felt very happy and continue meditating regularly. Couple of the audience expressed they didn't feel knee pain even after sitting 35 minutes during meditation. For more information about Nithyadhyam and other meditation techniques visit <http://www.dhyanaapeetam.org>

Medhavadhanam organized by Srinivasa Ramanujan Mathematics Club.

Date : March 27th, 2008 Time : 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Venue : Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (SIUE) Campus.

Medhavadhanam organized by Srinivasa Ramanujan Mathematics club on March 27th, Thursday at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) was impressive. In this program chi. Sravya Sri Ainapurapu computed Cube roots of numbers, the remainder when a given number is divided by 9 and demonstrated 5 row addition without using any computing aid and within few seconds. Even though she is in 4th grade, she performed the task with confidence and surprised audience.

Audience posed questions and received answers. Later Sravya explained the technique to some of the items for interested audience. Thanks to SIUE for encouraging kids by giving this opportunity.



A SIUE volunteer appreciating Sravya Sri.

National Seminar on 'The Spectrum of Vedic Sciences'

Date : March 29th, 2008 Time : 9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Venue : Builders Association Hall, Siripuram, Visakhapatnam.

This one day seminar is really a spectrum covering multiple topics. This is a wonderful presentation of our vedic sciences in the fields of Metallurgy, modern sciences, mathematics, astrology, astronomy and many more areas jointly organized by the **Institute of Scientific Research on Vedas (I-SERVE)**, Hyderabad and **Uttarandhra Veda Vidya Trust**, visakhapatnam. The program started with the introductory speech by

Vijaya kumar. Sri. D.V.Subbarao garu, former mayor, shared few words and handed over to Prof. K.V. Krishna Murthy, chairman, I-SERVE, Hyderabad. He compared our vedic methods to the modern methods, in other words Eastern Vs. Western practices. He expressed that our vedic scriptures discussed many things about astrology, mathematics, sciences etc. He stressed on the spiritual knowledge, which is more powerful than the worldly knowledge. He said there are lots of areas covered in Vedas thousands of years ago, namely arithmetic, algebra, mensuration, trigonometry, geometry, spherical geometry etc. He mentioned names of some books, having vast knowledge, “Shiva tatva ratnakara”, “Brihatsamhita” etc. where they gave references to vedic scriptures.

Dr. V.V. Kutumba Rao (Directory, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam) shared his research information on “Science & Technology of Metals from Vedic times”. Dr. Rani Sadasiva Murthy (Sr. Lecturer of Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeet, Tirupati) discussed about “Vedic sources of Ancient Indian scientific development”. He quoted some verses from Vedas and explained the inner meaning of it. He clearly explained that one should understand Vedas thoroughly to get the inner meaning. Dr. S. Sivarama Babu (Dept. of Chemistry, JKC College, Guntur) expressed that many people are commenting that ‘most of the things which are told to be in Vedas are brought out only after invention by the modern scientists’ and he told we should bring the Vedic knowledge into english (should be translated from Vedas) so that we will have proof in future that the knowledge is there in Vedas. He mentioned about the significance of ‘donating a cow’ as a part of ceremony after death of a person. He specifically mentioned that a cell called ‘Go kana (cow)’ represents Satvic nature, ‘Aswa kana (Horse)’ represents Rajasic nature and ‘Avi kana (sheep)’ represents Tamsic nature (Intertia). The internal meaning is that if you increase your ‘Go kana’, your chances of spiritually getting elevated are more.

Prof. (Mrs.) C. Santhamma, Department of Physics, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam spoke about vedic mathematics. She wrote 5 volumes of books on vedic mathematics formulae based on Jagadguru Sri Bharati Krishna Tirtha maharaja’s work. After that Satguru Dr. Kandukrui Sivananda Murthy garu shared few words with audience and presented mementos to the speakers.

Medhavadhanam organized by Srinivasa Ramanujan Mathematics Club.

Date : March 30th, 2008

Time : 4 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Venue : Kanaka Mahalakshmi Kalyana Mandapam, Visakhapatnam.

Delighted audience during Madhavadhanam

The Medhavadhanam organized by Sanghamitra under the banner Srinivasa Ramanujan Mathemat(r)ics club on March 30th, Sunday at Sri Kanaka Mahalakshmi Kalyana Mandapam (near Kanaka Mahalakshmi Temple) kept audience spellbound both young and adults alike. In this program chi. Pusuluri Sri Chalam computed Fifth roots

and the remainder when a given number is divided by 9; Chi. Yeluru Sri Harsha computed Cube roots and finding the numbers given the difference of squares of two consecutive numbers; Chi. Ainapurapu Swathi Keertana computed product of given 5 digit number by 11 and multiplication of two numbers like 9996×9994 ; chi. Yeluru Swetha Vani demonstrated 5 row addition; Ainapurapu Srinivasa Rao computed the day of the week given the date, month and year (1900 – 2099), solved 4×4 matrix and also computed recurring decimals for a fraction like $1/29$ (28 decimal places); without using any computing aid surprising many audience.

In the middle of the program Sanghamitra took an opportunity to honor some of the senior teachers namely Sri. Ramachandra Murthy (Retired Elementary School teacher), Sri. Potula Gopala Krishna (Retired Professor of Andhra University, Mathematics department), Sri. Rachakonda Appala Narasimha Murthy (Retired Senior Telugu Pandit), Sri. Challa Sriramachandra Murthy (Andhra University Professor, Chemistry department) and Sri. Ainapurapu Venkata Rajeswara Rao (Teacher in A.V.N.C. High School) by presenting a shawl. Later they shared few words with the audience. Audience shooted more than 50 questions and received answers in few seconds time for each of them. The rhythm of sound caused by the applause became the back ground music for the program. The curiosity is seen in both young and adults all alike to know how the kids are answering that quickly. Audience sat till the end and curiously watched topics like finding day for a given date, month and year; solving 4×4 matrix; computing 28 recurring decimal places for a fraction $1/29$; Cube roots; Fifth roots etc. At the end the multiplication of type 997×998 is revealed as a bonus for the program. Many of the teachers and students appreciated the program and anticipated some more in the near future.

Telugu New year celebration (Ugadi Mela) by BATA.

Date : April 5th, 2008

Time : 10 A.M. – 9 P.M.

Venue : Sunnyvale Hindu Temple, California.

On the occasion of beginning of Telugu New Year “sarvadhari naama samvatsaram”, Bay Area Telugu Association (BATA) and BharatFamily.com presented a day-long Telugu Mela on April 5, 2008 at Hindu Temple, Sunnyvale, California. Highlights of the day-long event ‘Mela’ included “Youth Talent Show” during the day and a spectacular cultural event in the evening. The dances, songs, and music presented during both the Youth Talent Show and in the evening cultural program were a feast.

The Youth Talent show, a platform for youth to showcase their talents in music, dance, singing, and other fields, presented 150 children from a tender age of 3 to 16 participating in sub-junior, junior and senior categories. The stage was resplendent with children wearing traditional dresses and costumes and performing classical, popular folk and film songs. The Youth Talent show was very efficiently and professionally organized and conducted by Srilu Veligeti, Vijaya Aasuri, Preethi, and Aparna Pasumarthy.

The hall was well decorated and adorned with traditional telugu toranalu, mango leaves

leaving the audience with a distinct impression of celebrating Ugadi in Andhra Pradesh. “Sita rama kalyanam” by 40 kids directed by Vijaya Aasuri and Srilu, classical dance “Ksheeradhi Kanyakau” by Anjali and Ramya, mini skit “Ugadi special” by Sirisha, Chakrapani, Prasad, Kamesh directed by Brahmanandam Gorthi were some of the attractions of event.

“Venditera Talukulu ...star studded tribute to tollywood”, “Ieta manasulu..Nani’s love story” choreographed by Vijaya Aasuri and Srilu Veligeti, dialogues were written by Kalyan Kattamuri, “yuvatarangam..young waves, comedy skit “TV99 - Chache daka mee vente” directed by Kalyan Kattamuri kept audience spell bound.

On stage help for stage arrangements and sound system management by Veeru Vuppala and Karun Veligeti made the entire day-long program run smooth and successful. During the event, BATA released annual souvenir magazine, "Telugu Velugu", edited by Sreedhar Chava.

Speaking at this event, the out-going President of BATA, Mr. Yugandhar Karakala, reported several events held by BATA during his tenure that include Ugadi-2007, Volleyball Tournament, summer picnic, BATA Cup Cricket Tournament, winning First Place at FIA India’s Independence Day parade, fund-raising events for Vegesna Foundation, Cancer Institute Foundation, Sankara Eye Foundation, and India Literacy Project etc. Yugandhar thanked the BATA committee, volunteers, sponsors, and the audience for making his tenure a very memorable one..

This was a day long event started at 10AM and ended at 9PM with prize distributions to the winners of Youth Talent Show. During the event, Ugadi pachadi was served at the event. It was estimated that over 2000 people visited the Mela, and the venue was totally packed in the evening. Representatives from the local community, TANA, ATA, CIF, ILP, SEF, Asha, Vibha, CRY, Anand Charity, Association of Indian Heritage, etc. were also seen the event.

Telugu New year celebration (Ugadi) by Telugu Association of St. Louis.

Date : April 12th, 2008

Time : 6 P.M. – 9 P.M.

Venue : Mahatma Gandhi Cultural Center, Balwin, St. Louis.



Telugu Association of St. Louis celebrated Telugu New year (Sarvadhari Ugadi) at the Mahatma Gandhi Center in presence of 400 audience. The celebration started with Panchanga Shravanam by priest Sri. Srinivas Deevi. Later followed many cultural performances, Sloka reciting, Songs, skits etc. Many kids participated in the program and they kept audience spell bound throughout the program. Many kids sang Anamacharya Keertanas,

← *Rituvasantam, a Mohiniattam performance by Sravya.*



While singing Jana Gana Mana



A dance for a Keertana



While singing Annamacharya Keertan

performed classical dances Bharatanatyam & Mohiniattam, folk dances and dance for movie songs. The comedy skit “Bhadram – Be careful” kept audience smiling. Certificates and Trophies were distributed at the end of the event to all the performers. All volunteers were appreciated by the committee for their hard work in making the event a wonderful one.

Worry is a dark room where negatives develop. Be aware!