



Sri Vidyanidhi Tirthara Punyadina Vrundavana @ Yaragola

Ashrama Gurugalu - Sri Ramachandra Tirtharu (yaragola)
Ashrama Shishyaru - Sri Raghunatha Tirtharu (malakheda)

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ವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಧಿಧಿಯಂ ದದ್ಯಾತ್ ಅಷ್ಟಷಷ್ಠಪೂಜಕ : |
यद्भक्त्या मूलरामस्य पेटिका त्यक्तभूमिका |
विद्यानिधिर्धियं दद्यात् अष्टषष्ठपूजक : |

yadbhaktyaa mUlaraamasya pETikaa tyaktabhUmikaa |
vidyaanidhirdhiyam dadyaat aShThaShaShThabdapU jaka : |

He has done the pooja of Sri Moola Ramachandra devaru for
nearly 60 years.

Successor to Ramachandra Tirtharu issue :

Initially Sri Ramachandra Tirtharu gave sanyasashrama to Sri Vibudendra Tirtharu and gave only a few saligramaas and vigrahas for his daily pooja, but not the main pooja box from Uttaradi Mutt moola samstana. After some time, Sri Ramachandra Tirtharu decided to handover the entire samsthana to Vibudendra Tirtharu, but Vibudendra Tirtharu who was on tour could not be traced. So, he decided to give ashrama to Sri Krishnachar, and renamed him as Sri Vidyaanidhi Tirtharu. But he did not want Sri Vibudendra Tirtharu to be deprived of the Moola Samsthana Adhikara. So, he asked some of the Villager leaders to dig a deep pit in Yeragola with a clear instructions, that if Sri Vibudendra Tirtharu returned within another six months, the Moola Devara Box to be handed over to him, if not, to be given to Sri Vidyanidhi Tirtharu.

Even after six months Vibudendra Tirtharu did not turn up. So, the village pramukhs decided to handover the deities to Vidyanidhi Tirtharu, and they started digging the deep pit to remove the deities from the pit. Incidentally Sri Vibudendra Tirtharu came here in Yeragola when they had prepared for digging and claimed for the pooja box to be delivered to him.

The two swamijees happily agreed to the suggestions made by Village pramukhs that the two saints should offer the prayers one after the other. The Pooja Box would be handed over to him at whose prayers the earth where the pooja box was kept sunders.

Shri Vibudendra Tirtharu being the senior swamiji first offered the prayers for three days and nothing happened. On the fourth day the turn of Shri Vidyanidhi Tirtharu came, he prayed Lord Rama with utmost devotion. After a few minutes suddenly the soil where the pooja box was kept sundered and came up a few inches above the surface of the ground.

Then the villagers of the Yaragola asked Shri Vidyanidhi Tirtharu to take over the pooja box and the samsthana of the Uttaradi Math. Thus the Uttaradi Mutt was presided by the Shri Vidyanidhi Tirtharu, who became the rightful successor of Sri Ramachandra Tirtharu.

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