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Dwaraka Tirumala Venkateswara ...wish fulfilling

Venkateswara seems to be the supreme Form of God in Kaliyuga. Venkateswara means the God, Who cuts off the sins. He is also noted for fulfilling the desires of His devotees.

*"Venkatadri samam sthanam
Brahmande nasti kinchana
Venkatesha samo devo
Nabhooto nabhavishyati"*

Means :

There is no equivalent sacred place in the universe to Venkatadri (Hill, on which Lord Venkateswara is residing). There is no equivalent God to Venkatesha in the past nor will be in future.

I rendered my musical service to Him as the first artiste of Annamacharya Project, T.T.D. (Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams). Due to unavoidable situation, I resigned to my holy job, came and settled at Hyderabad. I continued my service as a free-

lancer as it was a commitment of my life-time. I was feeling bad that I came away leaving my Lord. I



always wished that I had an honorary connection with Swami. I have no much desire for mundane

positions and honors but I always had a desire of being Asthana Vidwan (Court-Musician) of Him.

It didn't materialize due to negative human resistance, in spite of my dedicated service to Him.

One day I sat in front of Swami at Annamayyapuram auditorium. As all my services unto His Holy Feet were coming to my memory, I felt nostalgic and shed tears thinking of the physical distance with Swami.

It's just a day later that a communication from Dwaraka Tirumala Devasthanam, West Goda wari came through a gentleman that I'll be made Asthana Vidwan.

Dwaraka Tirumala is also the abode of Lord Venkateswara.

Sage, Dwaraka did penance for Swami. As years passed by, snake-pit developed on him. One day

Lord Venkateswara appeared before him. His Feet were in the pit and the upper portion was above the pit. Sage Dwaraka started worshipping the Holy Feet of The Lord. The upper portion of The Lord Venkateswara was only seen in Dwaraka Tirumala Devasthanam. Later many monks and sages prayed Venkateswara that His Holy Feet should also be available for their worship in Dwaraka Tirumala Devasthanam. Swami agreed for the installation of another full idol of Himself. Thus we see twin idols (Dwi Moorthulu) of Lord Venkateswara in Dwaraka Tirumala Devasthanam.

Its mentioned in "Brahmanda Puranam" that King, Aja Maharaja, the great grand father of Lord

Rama, worshiped Venkateswara at Dwaraka Tirumala.

The sanctity of The temple is such that if any sort of dirt is seen at Dwaraka Tirumala, white ants flock in large numbers.

It's said that the vows made to Lord at Tirumala and Tirupati could be fulfilled at Dwaraka Tirumala also. But the vows made at Dwaraka Tirumala should only be fulfilled at Dwaraka Tirumala only.

In every Rama's temple, there will be Hanuman also. So also in every Venkateswara temple, there should be Annamayya as he is no less a devotee to Lord Venkateswara. It's our good fortune that Annamacharya Bhavana Vahini in association of Dwaraka Tirumala Devasthanam could instal

an idol of Annamayya in Dwaraka Tirumala Devasthanam in 2004. Therafter, the temple has made unimaginable development. The occasion of installing Annamayya's idol is annually celebrated as "Annamayya Agamanotsav". All the students of Annamacharya Bhavana Vahini, devotees and volunteers participate in this festival joyfully.

In 2008, in connection with the 600th Annamayya Jayanthi, we installed a 54 feet Annamayya statue in the premises of the temple.

Lord Venkateswara is wish-fulfilling God, wherever He is! He knows our hearts!

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