

Speech of H.E. the Governor of Bihar Sri Ram Nath
Kovind in the function of '25th Silver Jubilee Anniversary
Celebration of Sri Narayani Peedam on 08.05.2017

Respected Shri Narayani Ammaji,
Brothers and Sisters!

I am happy and privileged to be part of today's function when we are gathered here to celebrate the '25th Silver Jubilee Anniversary Celebrations of Sri Narayani Peedam.

This place Ariyur where we stand at present now has grown out of a humble ant-hill into a splendid Golden Temple complex. This cannot be the handiwork of an ordinary human being. It is a creation of the Divine.

The Divine manifested itself on this very day forty years ago in the form of a little boy. This little boy born as Sathish to a simple and humble couple, Shri Nandgopal, a spinning mill worker and Shrimathi Jyothiammal, a primary school teacher.

At the very time of birth the child received the spirit of Goddess Narayani and started having mystic experiences and showing the extraordinary connection with the Divine. The grace of the Goddess was upon him from a tender age.

The Goddess was always with him but he manifested herself only in October 1992 and personally informed him that she would appear in the form of a *Swayambhu* (self-manifest idol) from the anthill. On the appointed day, as seven children poured turmeric water on the anthill, amongst the fumes, the mother earth burst open and a *Swayambhuidol* of Goddess materialised. This was the icon which was worshipped daily in the *Peetam*.

It was a humble beginning. In the name of Narayani *Peetham*, there was only a small house with tiled roofing and the *swyambhu* image of Goddess Narayani which was housed in a small makeshift shrine. Since then the Peetham has come a long way in its charitable and spiritual activities.

Now, Sri Narayani Peedam Charitable Trust is a spiritual institution, which spreads over in 500 acres of lands in natural environment, located in Vellore district, Tamil Nadu.

We take this opportunity to introduce about the Peedam. This is the only the spiritual institution in the state involved in various social activities and welfare schemes for over a decade to uplift the students and down-trodden people irrespective of caste, creed and religion, under the divine guidance of Sri Sakthi Amma.

Sri Narayani Peedam has been saving the life of hundreds of children by sponsoring their heart surgery every year.

These social and welfare programmes are conducted by the trust in different sectors. 'Vidya Netram' programme is being conducted in education sector. 'Arogya' is a medical care programme under which 250 Bedded Multi-specialty charitable Hospital has been constructed for the rural people of Thirumalaikodi. 'Kalyani' is a programme where mass marriages are conducted to unite couples, who lack funds for wedding ceremony. I have been informed that every year, the Peedam organizes marriages for more than hundred poor youth couples. 'Purna Janma'-this self-employment scheme is meant for rehabilitation to the wards of the prisoners by providing sewing machine and cows in order to earn their livelihood. Several hundreds sewing machines were donated to the needy persons under this scheme. 'Madhurganga', 'Vastradhanam', 'Annadhanam' are the most useful and popular schemes of the trust.

Apart from devotees of our country, numerous devotees from many parts of the world visit the Peedam. In order to promote and educate our ancient heritage and culture, a Spiritual Park is

being formed in over 100 acres of land. The Park has big garden with large varieties of over 30,000 trees and herbal plants in it. The pathway has the scripture from different religions engraved on tablets.

This Park is meant to foster reverence among the people of diverse faiths and this will exhibit a deep sense of Peace and Love to the society. The park would be an example to the mankind for the peace and the harmony.

Amma has been a great supporter of Vedic knowledge and Indian culture. Thirty two Vedic scholars constantly chant Vedas in the Golden Temple.

I am extremely impressed with the simplicity, innocence and honesty of Amma. Amma with a great clarity of a mission and conviction is bent upon doing well to the society without any discrimination of caste, class or creed. In the present age and times when humanity is encountering numerous misfortunes and calamities, the presence of Amma among us is a great source of courage and fortitude for us. Let Her Divine essence guide us through this human journey to fulfil our destiny and then lead us to the Supreme.

Once again, I congratulate you all on the auspicious occasion of 25th Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Sri Narayani Peedam. Thank you all.

Jai Hind!!

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