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Our humble pranams at the lotus feet of Jagadguru Mahasannidhanam His Holiness Śrī Śrī Śrī Bhāratī Tīrtha Mahāswāmi-ji. We are entering into the third year on this auspicious day by the grace and blessings of His Holiness.

We submit our efforts at the Lotus feet of Jagadguru Śankaracārya His Holiness Mahāsannidhānam Śrī Śrī Śrī Bhāratī Tīrtha Mahāswāmi-ji and Jagadguru Śankaracārya His Holiness Sannidhānam Śrī Śrī Śrī Vidhuśekhara Bhāratī Mahāswāmi-ji



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ANUGRAHA BHASHYAM

Controlling Mind is Tapas

Many people wanting to attain self knowledge feel they can achieve it through tapas (penance) that can elevate them spiritually. So, they want to do tapas and attain that state. However, real tapas is control of the mind. As long as one is unable to control the mind, whatever else one does would be of no use. On the contrary, one who keeps the mind under control attains everything. Therefore, there is no better tapas than restraint of the mind and the ensuing peace.

All people seek comfort. But there is no better comfort than contentment. Whoever is happy will

feel comfortable. No amount of wealth will make him comfortable as long as he has not found inner happiness and contentment. A man ridden with desires may not have good health, for, desires constitute disease. He can be truly healthy only without desires.

Moreover, a man must be dhārmic (righteous). Of all dharmas, *dayā* (compassion) is the best. Nothing is equal to it. He who is compassionate will be a dharmiṣṭha (follower of dharma).

Let all realize these truths, act accordingly, and attain śreyas.

शान्तितुल्यं तपो नास्ति, न सन्तोषात् परं सुखम् ।

न तृष्णायाः परो व्याधिः, न च धर्मो दयासमः ॥

śāntitulyaṁ tapō nāsti, na santōṣāt paraṁ sukham ॥

na tṛṣṇāyāḥ parō vyādhiḥ, na ca dharmō dayāsamaḥ ॥

--- Jagadguru Śaṅkaracārya His Holiness Mahāsannidhānam Śrī Śrī Śrī



Bhāratī Tīrtha Mahāswāmi-ji

ACHARYAL SANDESH

A devotee once came for a darśan of His Holiness. He had an opportunity to have a conversation with our Ācharyal His Holiness Mahāsannidhnam Śrī Śrī Śrī Bhāratī Tīrtha Mahāswāmi-ji.

Devotee (D): I am so happy that I have finished all my duties in a fine way.



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His Holiness (HH): Is it? What are the things you have done?

D: I have earned sufficient money.

HH: Then?

D: One portion of that has been deposited in my wife's name and I have allocated sufficient funds to my children.

HH: Okay, then?

D: I have made proper arrangements for my very close relatives.

HH: Then?

D: What else have I left? I have finished all my duties and responsibilities in a nice way.

HH: So you have listed what you have done for your near and dear. Isn't it?

D: Yes.

HH: Okay, what you have done for yourself?

D: I have saved a good sum of money for my personal use.

HH: I haven't asked you about the money you have saved for yourself. When one dies, the money and other wealthy items that he has saved for himself will not come along with him. The dharma alone which he has done during his lifetime will come with him. In his births to follow also, dharma alone will protect him. So, that dharma alone is one's real wealth. I am asking how much of that wealth you have earned. (His Holiness continued.)

HH: One has to follow what is said as per our dharma-śāstrās. This is the only way to earn true wealth. Do the nitya karmas as are prescribed for you in our śāstras without any excuse.

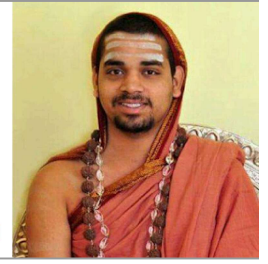
(The devotee felt very ashamed for the action that was done by him till date).

D: Forgive me Swāmi-ji. I will follow your upadeśas hereafter without any excuses.





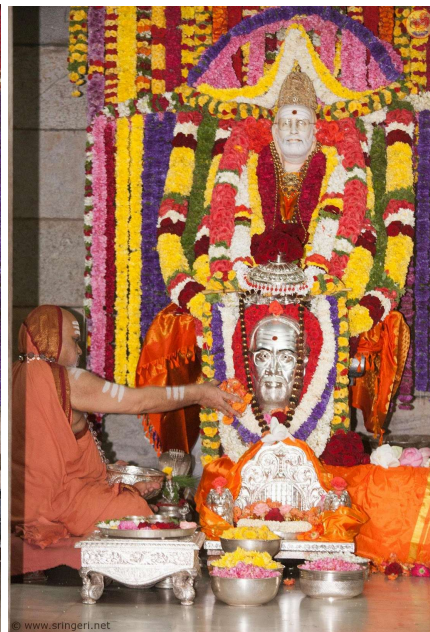
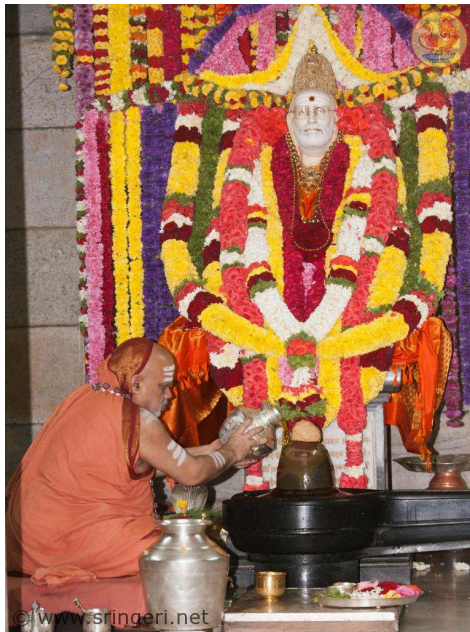
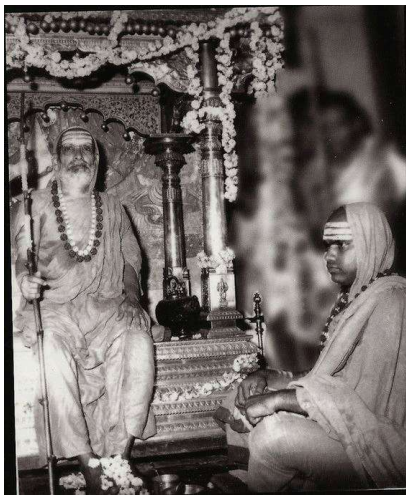
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Pure mind

Our mind should be kept pure under any situation. Purity in mind means thinking of the welfare of all always without any personal views Even when one does ill to us, we must have the ability to forgive him or her for the action. No one can-guarantee that mistakes will never happen. Some



mistakes will happen without our knowledge. In such situations, when we realize our mistake later, we must surrender to Īswara for the mistakes done, with full realization of our action. Moreover, we should be very cautious again. We should be ready to accept those who did harm to us, so that their minds will also be changed. Some people will never forget anything and will wait for a situation to take revenge on those who did harm to them. This is wrong. There are some set of people who do harm to others even though they never ever harm them. These people will not escape from their evil actions. We reap only what was sown by us. Our karma-phala is a result of what we have done.

एवं कुकर्म सर्वस्य फलत्यात्मनि सर्वदा ।

यो यद् वपति बीजं हि लभते सोऽपि तत्फलम् ॥

ēvaṁ kukarma sarvasya phalatyātmani sarvadā |

yō yad vapati bijaṁ hi

labhatē sōpi tatphalam ||

The one who has a pure heart will never harm anyone.

तस्मात् पर विरुद्धेषु नोत्सहन्ते महाशयाः ।

tasmāt para virud'dhēṣu nōtsahantē mahāśayāḥ |

We have to understand this clearly and should lead our life with a pure mind.

--- Jagadguru Śaṅkarācārya His Holiness Mahāsannidhānam Śrī Śrī Srī Bhāratī Tīrtha Mahāswāmi-ji



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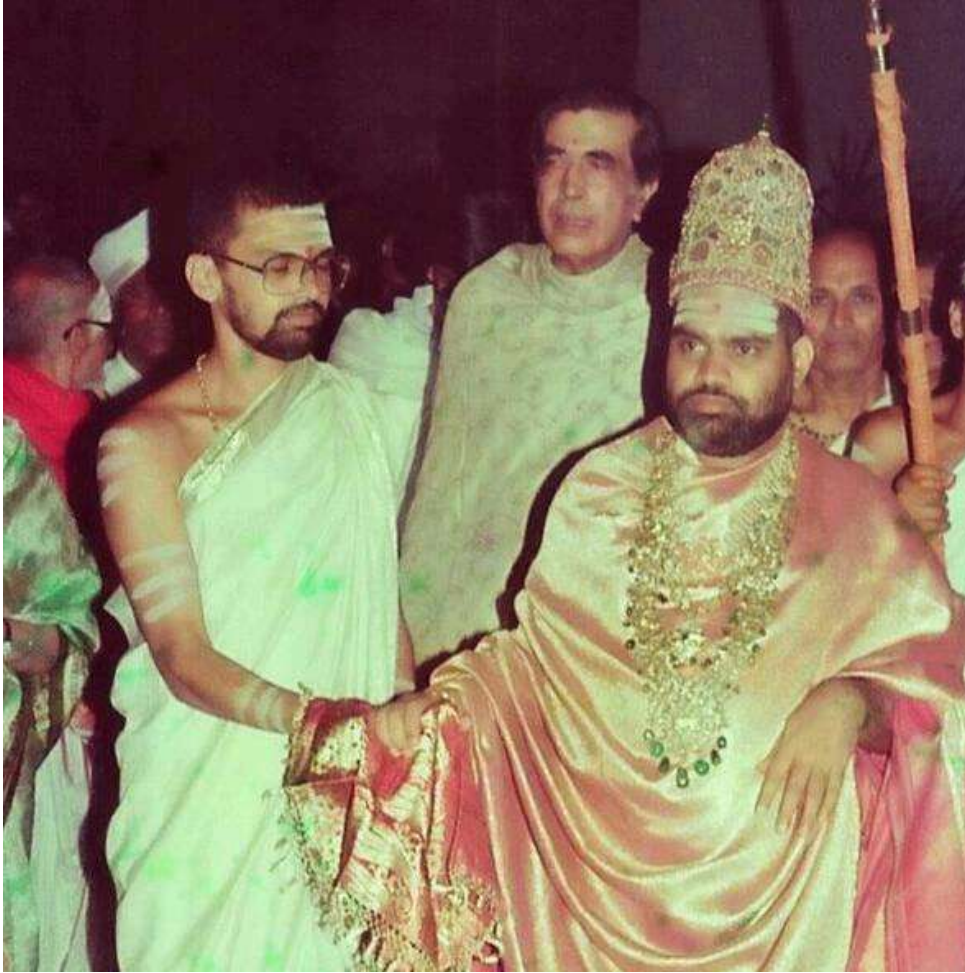
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ACHARYAL SANDESH

Our Jagadguru Ācharyāl His Holiness Mahāsannidhānam Śrī Śrī Śrī Bhāratī Tīrtha Mahāswāmi-ji was in Vijaya Yatra. One of the devotees invited our Ācharyāl to his house to grace him. Our Ācharyāl granted his wishes and went to his house. The devotee showed his pūja room to His Holiness.

His Holiness (HH): Your pūja room is well maintained and so neat.



Devotee (D): Yes, Guru-ji. We spent the whole of yesterday to clean this room.

HH:(Surprised) O! Then this place will not be like this daily!

D: No, Guru-ji. We decorated this for your arrival.

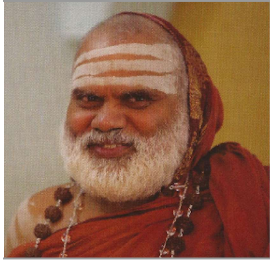
HH: (Smiled) O! So you think that only when this gross body (pointing to himself) arrives, your Guru is arriving otherwise the photo you kept in the pūja room is only a paper?

D: (Shivered)

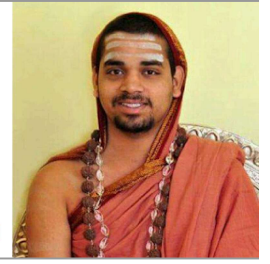
Please forgive my ignorance Guru-ji.

HH: Don't worry I know your bhakti towards me. At the same time, if you are aware that your Gurunāthar is always with you, the result will be greater. I pray to Íswara to grace you with that thought.

Thus, Our Jagadguru His Holiness taught a very profound tattva in a very simple manner and blessed the devotee.



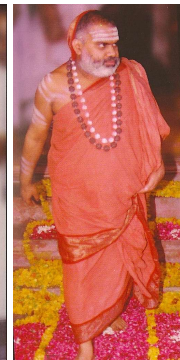
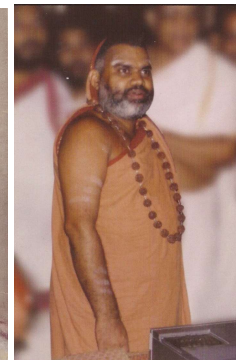
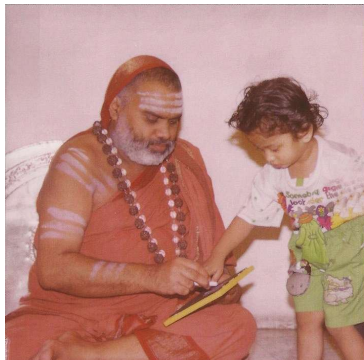
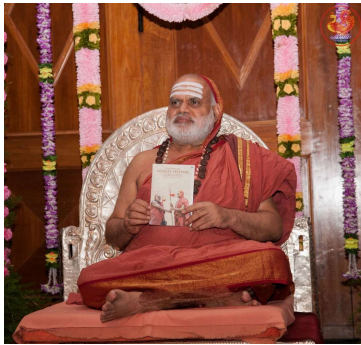
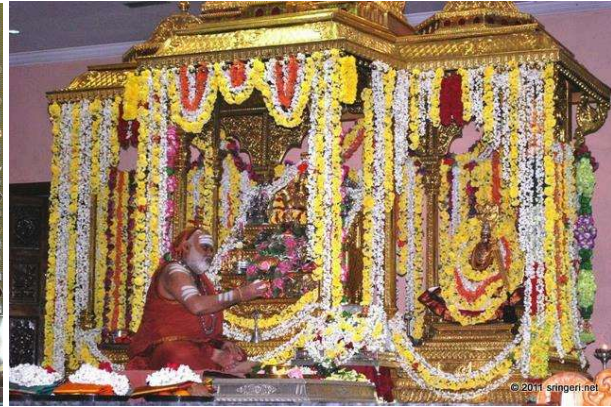
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The mahima of chanting Śrī Bhagavad Gītā

We should read Śrī Bhagavad Gītā at least once in our life. First we should start reading little by little daily and once we get interested in that, we should try to learn it with its meaning. Only then we will be able to know whether we are leading our life in the correct path or not. This will help us not to go again and again in the wrong path. In the beginning stages, we should try to learn at least two ślokās daily. If we get the pride that we are able to understand everything and so there is no need to study furthermore, then automatically our mind will run behind the sense organs without our control. Our vivēka will be damaged like the storm that damages the boat.

इन्द्रियाणां हि चरतां
यन्मनोऽनुविधीयते ।
तदस्य हरति प्रज्ञां
वायुर्नावमिवाम्भसीं ॥
indriyāṇām hi caratām
yanmanō'nuvidhīyatē |
tadasya harati prajñām
vāyurnāvamivāmbhasīm ॥

The Gītā also says:

Even though one may realize that these worldly things are māyā, due to our delusion again of considering this body as true one, we are being attracted towards the mirage-like worldly attachments.

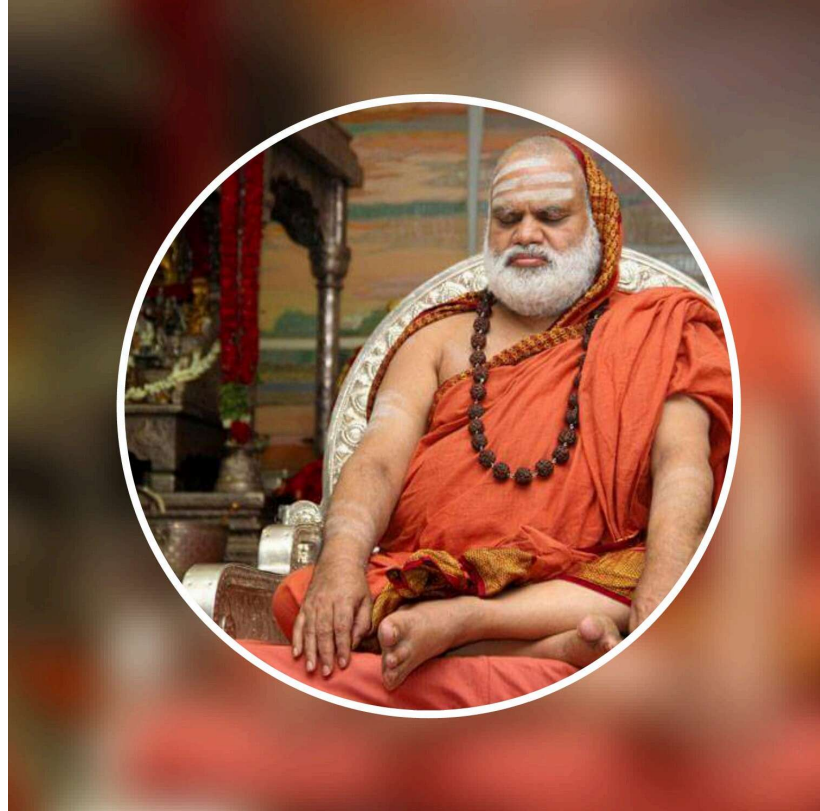
क्वचित् सकृदवगतविषय
वैतथ्यः स्वयं परभिधानेन ।

विभ्रंशित स्मृतिस्तयैव
मरीचितोय प्रायां स्तानेवऽभिधावति ॥

kvacit sakṛdavagataviṣaya vaitathyaḥ svayaṁ parabhidhyānēna |
vibhranśita smṛtistayaiva marīcitōya prāyām stānēvābhidhāvati ॥

Those who learn from a proper Guru alone will not get involved again in these worldly attachments and were able to know the real mahimā of Śrī Bhagavad Gītā. So, Śrī Bhagavad Gītā should be seen as prime guideline for our lifestyle.

--- Jagadguru Śaṅkarachārya His Holiness Mahāsannidhānam Śrī Śrī Srī Bhārati Tīrtha Mahāswāmi-ji



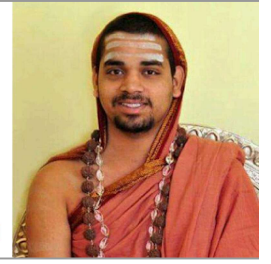


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Anyone who has the good fortune at least once in his or her life time to be in the presence of the Ācharyal His Holiness Mahāsannidhānam Śrī Śrī Śrī Bhāratī Tīrtha Mahāswāmi-ji would have had the wonderful experience of seeing the ever-blossomed smile in his face. Without doubt, they



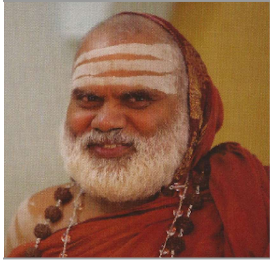
would have felt their hearts being stolen by his beautiful smile and divine voice. One day, a devotee came to have the Ācharyal's darśan. He had a doubt. He expressed his request to His Holiness. Ācharyal also gave his nod.

Devotee:
"Swāmi-ji,
for ordinary
persons like

me, happiness is a very great and the rarest one in life. It appears only for few fraction of seconds, lasts for few minutes and disappears immediately. How is it possible for you to remain happy always? "

His Holiness: (Laughing) "By the grace and blessings of My Gurunāthar, Mā Śāradā and Lord Chandramouleśwarā there is no desire in me. When there is no desire in a man, what can obstruct in his experiencing permanent happiness within him?"

Ācharyal continued -- "Don't think that such happiness is possible only for sādhus like me. All humans created by Íswarā are eligible for such happiness. We have to follow the dharma that is given to us, and true and pure dedicated devotion on Íswara are the sādhanās for this".

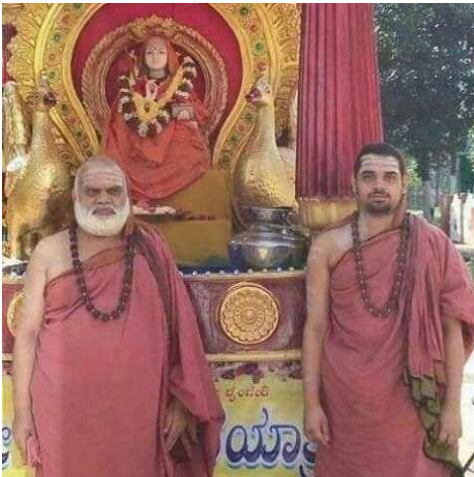
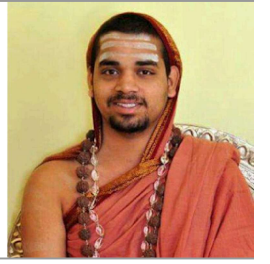


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ACHARYAL SANDESH

One day a devotee came for Ācharyal darśan. He was under a great confusion and expressed it to our Jagadguru Ācāryāl His Holiness Mahāsannidhānam Śrī Śrī Śrī Bhāratī Tīrtha Mahāswāmi-ji
Devotee (D): Swāmi-ji, I have a confusion. Please clear that.

His Holiness (HH): Yes, tell. Sure I will, if it is possible for me to clear your confusion.

D: Swāmi-ji, you teach us that God is Omnipresent. He is in the living, nonliving, constant and temporary things.

HH: Definitely.

D: God gives us whatever we ask with full śraddha. Isn't it?

HH: Yes, definitely.

D: If so, when I pray to a tree with śraddha to give me the supreme jñana (knowledge), will it give?

HH: If you pray to any select tree of your choice with śraddha, God will certainly grant whatever you pray for in measure with the form you prayed to. He will not give anything more than that.

HH: If you want something specific, then you should approach through proper channel.

D: Yes, Swāmi-ji!

HH: Okay, tell me. Where are you working?

D: I am working in a Private sector company as an administrative officer.

HH: The power to take all the important decisions will be with the owner of the company. Is it not?

D: Yes, Swāmi-ji!

HH: I assume that since you are working under him, your powers to decide on behalf of him will be limited.

D: True Swāmi-ji.

HH: You can work within the limited powers given to you. That means, if someone approaches you for any details that is within your limit, you can do that. Suppose someone approaches you and expresses his wish to become a partner in that company, will it possible for you to decide on this matter as your powers are only within a limited sphere of your owner's power?

D: Not possible Swami-ji.

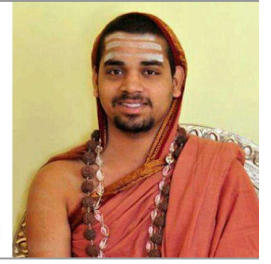
HH: But, if the same person approaches your owner and expresses his wish, he can become a partner if the owner decides. Likewise, if you are in want of true knowledge you have to pray to any one forms of Lord Śiva, Viṣṇu, Śāsta, Devi, Muruga etc. If you pray with pure dedicated śraddha to any one of these forms, you will surely be graced by Him, in the form of a satguru. You can then achieve your goal.

D: Swāmi-ji, You have clarified my doubt in a very simple way. Pranāms.





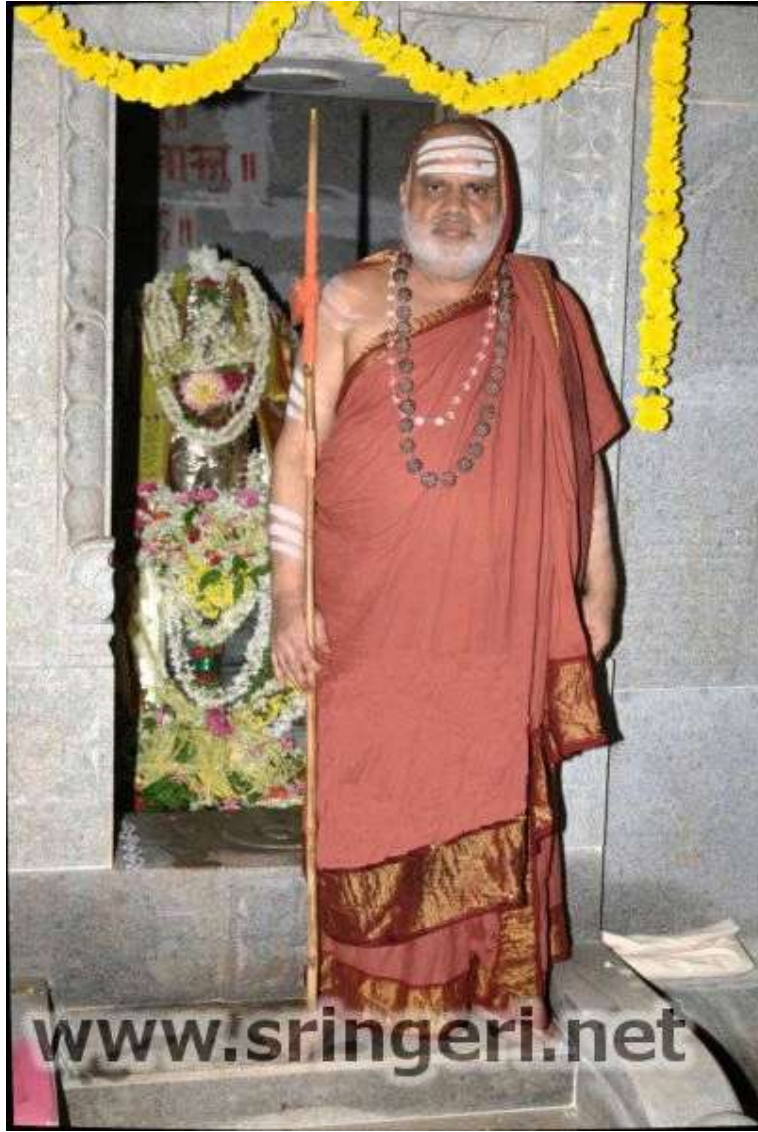
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