

# SRI RAMANUJA SAHASRABDI



Mangalasanams

H.H Tridandi Chinna Srimannarayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji

## Priya Bhagavath Bandhus

We convey our hearty Mangalasanams to you for becoming one of the promoters of this distinctive project of Sri Ramanuja Sahasrabdi. Unique projects don't come all the time; it's just the grace of our Acharya and the Lord to conceive such a great project.

Taking part in such a project is not the result of a small *punyam*. Not everyone gets such an opportunity to be part of it. We feel proud of generous promoters like you. Such a great joy should be shared with everyone undoubtedly and we are sure that you will encourage all your friends and family to take part in this initiative. We feel it's our duty to keep you updated.

### Foundation Stone Laid

As you know, the foundation stone was laid on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014, on auspicious Akshayathrithiya day. Since then, different tasks have been taken to hand.



Foundation stone was laid by HH on auspicious Akshayathrithiya day on 2<sup>nd</sup> May'14

### Structure

We started the planning of structural details. Making of a 216ft high metallic statue weighing 300 to 400 metric tons is in discussion with companies which build such big metallic statues.

Just to refresh your memory – proposed height of pedestal is 96

ft, the statue of Acharya in sitting position is 108 ft high and Tridandam is 27 ft high totaling to 216 ft. The pedestal will have three levels with exhibits from Sri Ramanujacharya Swami's life history showing inspiring incidents and philosophy.

We have engaged Vasthu specialists along with architects, experienced engineers and started leveling the ground. Each and every aspect is meticulously planned to meet all requirements

- various parameters are taken into consideration to ensure devotees have good time while visiting Sri Ramanujacharya Swamiji's statue. Just to list a few, thorough planning is being done on traffic control, parking, prasadam, toilets, shoe racks, luggage rooms while keeping in mind the seasonal changes –

summer, winter and rainy weather.

### Divyadesas

We have also started working on 108 divyadesas that come around the statue. Gathering details such as shape, orientation, size of kshetram and perumals is in progress. All Divyadesas will be constructed in stone. Our teams are working on finding the right stone. We are seeing samples from various places and thoroughly evaluating options.

### Project Office



Inauguration of Project office at My Home Hub, Hi-Tech City, Madhapur by HH along with Ahobila Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji and Dr. Rameshwar Rao garu

We have established two offices to coordinate and execute various activities – one in JIVA premises and another office at My Home Hub, Hi-Tech city, Hyderabad. Every single aspect is thoroughly reviewed while preparing the plans. We are taking technical support of seasoned people from My Home group. Dr. Rameshwar

Rao's efforts and support in this regard are highly remarkable. All this is to ensure that every rupee you have contributed with big heart is utilized properly in the project.

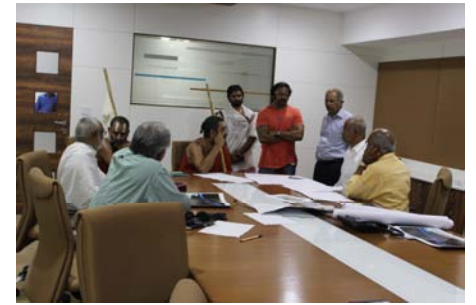
### Concerns Cleared



Quite a few concerns were raised by many people on the permissible height of the statue as the site is near the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad.

We are happy to inform you that, airport authorities of India have given permission. By the grace of Acharya it paved the way to build upto 230 ft, against our need of 216ft, so we are well within the approved limit.

Highly experienced people are involved in planning the activities demonstrating their expertise in handling projects of this magnitude and uniqueness.



Many structures have to be constructed. Different themes are being planned to depict real inspiring incidents of Ramanuja's life.

To meet all these requirements, many architects, designers are brought into the project.

We are sure that you feel joy in knowing the updates from us. We will be in touch and keep you informed about the latest developments. You can also visit our website for information or to participate in the project - [www.sriramanujasahasrabdi.org](http://www.sriramanujasahasrabdi.org)

You can communicate the same to your family and friends.



## Funds



With regard to finances, as of now, generous donors came forward contributing / pledging close to 5% of the estimated Rs400 crores cost.

Our consultants are rendering services without taking any advance payments. However, once designs are finalized we need to start making payments. We are not worried about the size of contributions received to date, we are confident that the generous donors like **you have given a humble beginning** that will lead us to reach the goal.



N.Ch. Dharani and her brother Raghunandan donated Rs 10,622 from their pocket money

We are happy to inform that people from various walks of life and ages are coming forward to be part of this project.



Mr. Surendra, visually challenged but far sighted teacher of Netra Vidyalaya pledged 1 year salary

We are seriously working for FCRA and 80G permissions and are confident that they will be approved soon.



Sriman Sandugula Raghavacharya (Rugvedic Salakshana Ghanapaati) pledging 10 Lakhs

Generous supporters in business can avail 100% tax deduction for unlimited contributions made against 'advertisement in souvenirs' being released for this purpose. This falls under 'business promotion expenditure' head for donating to the organizations.



Sri Dittakavi Bhat of Vedic Soft donated Rs 1 cr.

We welcome such an initiative from business organizations. You may share this avenue with your friends in business to avail decent tax benefits while supporting this unique cause.

With sincere gratitude we will appear before you with more details soon.

**Jai Srimannarayana**

**Excerpt from Ramanuja's Life History**

*"Gurudev! If my act of disclosing the sacred Mantra redeems the sins and sufferings of the entire world, and I, as a result, will be deemed to rot in the worst of hells, am willing". Startled guru of Ramanujacharya embraced Him at once proclaiming "em-perumana:re", which means "you have surpassed us" by carrying such a magnanimous selfless attitude*

*towards welfare of the world.*

*The scholars of that day thus declared Ramanuja as Emberuma:na:r. "Why not humans, when every creature is the child of God, despite their*

*caste, creed, colour race or gender? Every man has the right to receive the Blessings of God. Declaring thus, for the first time in history, Ramanujacharya escorted Harijans, the down trodden, into temple, at Melkote, Karnataka.*

*Exemplifying himself, Sri Ramanujacharya instructed the lineage of Acharyas not to discriminate or deny any sincere truth seeker from the manthra.*

