

AYYANAYYANGARYA SAMPATHKUMARA NARAYANA JEEYAR SWAMI (1887 -

Ayyanayyangarya Swamy who became an ascetic and a Jeeyar of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Matha in 1954, belonged to Ramanujapuram of Maddur taluk. He was an erudite scholar in sahithya, tarka, vedantha and mimamsa and gave lectures on the Sribhashya, Suthraprakashika, Vedantha Vadavali and Vishishtadwaitha. He has rendered 'Upanishad' and 'Acharyahridayam' into Kannada.



This great person was born in April 1887, Sarvajit samvatsaram, Meena masam Hasta nakshatram. He belonged to the family of Sri Anandalwar, who was directed by Sri Ramanujacharya himself to relocate to Tirupati and perform all the kainkaryams there. Sri Anandalwar was one of the 74 simhasanadhipathis established by Sri Ramanujacharya to propagate the Srivaishnava philosophy.

Born into this exalted family. Sri Ayyanayyangarya had a keen interest in learning Vedanta Tatva from childhood itself. He moved to Mysore, joined the Samskruta Paathashaala there and mastered Vedanta Shastra and Nyaya Shastra. He then worked as a teacher in the same Samskruta Paathashaala and taught the Vedas and Vedanta Shastra to many students.

In 1928 AD he along with the then Yathiraja Mutt Jeeyar Sri Asuri Anandalwar Jeeyar swami and Vidwan Devashikhamani Ramanujayyangarya, attended the All India Varnashrama Dharma Conference held in Kashi as delegates of the Sri Mutt.

Even though he led the life of a gruhastha, he was the epitome of vairagyam and was totally disinterested in family matters. As desired by the disciples of the Sri Mutt, he accepted Sannyasaashramam in Jaya samvatsarm, Ashada masam, Shuddha Panchami 05-Jul-1954 and became the Jeeyar of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt. He was the 38th Sampathkumara Jeeyar of the mutt.

Noticing that, due to the passage of time and changes due to many political upheavals, people in society were not living as per the right Dharma and for the benefit of his disciples, he wrote many books detailing the kramas which were to be followed by everybody in society for their benefit both in this world and for spiritual upliftment. He also wrote books named "Vishishtadvaita Vedanta Granthamala" and a book named "Sampradaya Deepika" which included the meanings of the Upanishaths.

In order to spread Sri Ramanuja's philosophy, Sri Ayyanayyangarya swami travelled many times all over the country and looked after the well-being of his many shishyas all over India. At some time in the past, a loan of Rs.50,000 had been taken by the Sri Mutt for ensuring

that the Sri Mutt's activities were running smoothly. He put in a lot of effort and was successful in ensuring that this loan was cleared during his peetham.

During his tenure as the Jeeyar, he was carrying out all the kainkaryams to Sri Selvapillai, Sri Tirunarayanan, Sri Yadugiri Naachiyaar and Sri Ramanujacharya at Tirunarayapuram/Melkote. He was also conducting daily tadeeyaradhanais and kalakshepams at the Sri Mutt.

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Sri Ayyanayyangarya Swami's Dhyana Shloka

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