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Hon'ble Governor said, "I feel privileged to be in the holy city of Kancheepuram to preside over the solemn function organized by the Kanchi Kamakodi Peetam for handing over the donations and contributions made by the devotees to the member trustee and treasurer of the trust for the construction of Sri Ram Mandir at Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi Theertha Kshethra in Ayodhya.

On getting the historic verdict from the Honourable Supreme Court ending a century-long wait, the Honourable Prime Minister performed Bhoomi Pooja for construction of Sri Ram Mandir at Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi Theertha Kshetra on 5th August 2020 under the supervision of a special trust. Construction works for the holy project are already underway with an intent and plan to complete the construction within a period of a little over three years from now.

Signifying the divine ancient and historic connection between Kanchipuram and Ayodhya His Holiness Jagath Guru Pujya Sankaracharya Vijayendra Saraswathi blessed Vishesha Samagri and sent the same for the Pooja ceremony.

I am told, as per the Lalithopakyanam, it is seen that emperor Dasaradha came to Kanchi from Ayodhya and stayed for seven days and prayed Agree Kamakshi Amman for begetting a son as instructed by his Kuladevatha Sri Thirupurasundari in his dream. Later on returning to Ayodhya king Dasaradha performed Puthra Kameshti Yagyam and was blessed with four sons. This highlights the holy connections between Kancheepuram, Sri Kamakshi Ambal and Sri Kanchi Madam with Ayodhya.

In the year 1986 Sri Maha Swami Chandra Sekarendra Saraswathi Sankaracharya Swamigal sent through Sri Jeyendra Saraswathi Sankaracharya Swamigal a beautiful silk ceremonial umbrella called Chatram and two Samarams from Kancheepuram to Ayodhya and accordingly Sri Jeyendra Swamiji dedicated his auspicious symbols to Sri Rama. The Pandits sent by Sri Mahaswami stayed in Ayodhya for a week and recited Valmiki and Hindi Tulasi Ramayana there in the precinct of Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi as instructed by Sri Mahaswami. I should also recount here some of the sayings of His Holiness on Sri Ram and Hanumanji.

About Sri Ram His Holiness said and I quote "There are four things which characterize Sri Ram's qualities. He was poorvabhashi, mridubhashi, smitbhashi and sathyabhashi. Sri Ram used to think well before doing any action. He used to speak softly. He always used to speak with a smile on his face. He always used to speak only truth." I wish that we all learn from Sri Ram's characteristics and endeavour to follow Sri Ram in the footsteps of His Holiness.

On Hanumanji, Acharya said "The ideal role model for service is Hanumanji. Sri Ram's brother Bharatha served Rama by enthroning His padukas on the throne. The monkey king Sukreeva served Rama for helping him to trace the whereabouts of Seetha Matha. But the service rendered by Hanumanji was selfless. While the service rendered by others may have been motivated by some selfish interest, in the case of Hanumanji it was utterly selfless service. He was practicing what the Bhagavath Gita says "Karmanye Vaadhikaaraste Maa Phaleshu Kadaachana" (कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन). Service for his own sake without any expectation of fruits thereof. Thus Hanumanji's service stands as the shining example and ideal one of Bhagavath Gita's sayings."

Of course, everybody cannot become a sanyasi and be detached from all desires or the fruits of an action. But what is required is dedication while doing an action. We should have a feeling that we are serving a nation.

At this emotional moment we should also recall the great and sincere efforts of Pujyasri Jayendra Saraswathi Sankaracharya Swamigal. In early nineties he took special interest to secure Janma Bhoomi for Sri Ram. His 86th Jayanthi Mahotsov fell on the same day that is on 5th August 2020 when Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi Pooja was conducted. Thus, his great involvement bringing all concerned to a negotiating table

and to make the dream of Sri Ram Mandir at Shri Ram Janma Bhoomi into a reality and he stood by his sankalpam throughout his life.

Thus the holy connections between Kancheepuram Sri Kamakshi Ambal Sri Kanchi Madam with Sri Ayodhya and Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi are historical. Therefore, the present Aacharya Sri Sankara Vijayendhra Saraswathi Sankaracharya Swamigal has given a call to all Aasthikas and devotees to donate liberally and contribute to the fund for the construction of Ram Mandir. The devotees responded suitably.

I am thankful to the Sri Kanchi Kamakodi Peedam for giving me this opportunity to preside over this function. Swamiji or Pudhuperiyava as he was affectionately called by the devotees was an immortal and divine soul and we all salute him. At this hour let us all take a pledge to carry forward his visionary projects.”

On this occasion, Pujyasri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswati Swamigal, Pujyasri Vishwa Prasanna Theertha Swamigal, Pujyasri Govind Dev Giriji Maharaj and other dignitaries participated.

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