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The main feature article for this issue is an extract from Day by Day with Bhagavan – From the Diary of A. Devaraja Mudaliar. This article brings out in great detail the festive atmosphere that was experienced by the devotees of Sri Bhagavan on September 1st 1946.

September 1st 1946 was the Golden Jubilee of Bhagavan's ADVENT at Tiruvannamalai. These days Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi's Advent at Arunachala is celebrated by devotees at Sri Ramanasramam and various centers and satsangh groups world over. **Details on Page 2 & 3**

BHAGAVAN SRI RAMANA CENTERS & SATSANGH GROUPS

This month's issue covers a report on some of Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi Centers, Satsangh Groups, their events and contacts. In this issue we are also making a request from various groups across the world to send us some details, so that we may be able to publish the details in the future issues of this eNewsletter. **For details please go to page 5.**

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Dear Devotees of Sri Bhagavan:

With Sri Bhagavan's Grace we are pleased to publish the first eNewsletter from Sri Ramanasramam's website. The purpose is to bring together devotees of Sri Bhagavan from across HIS world.

SARANGATHI, eNewsletter, is being developed to help devotees share their experiences, about Satsangh, meetings and other events that are held within various centers of Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi.

Initially we would like to begin with, by publishing this eNewsletter on a monthly basis. Based on the response and feedback provided by devotees, we may change this frequency. It is also proposed to have one feature article for each issue. The feature article would focus on popular events that happened during that month between 1879 and 1950.

It is an earnest request, to all devotees, satsangh groups and centers to share with us their events, stories and experiences. Please email them to saranagathi@sriramanamaharshi.org

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September 1st 1946

**Extract from Day by Day with Bhagavan
From the Diary of
A. DEVARAJA MUDALIAR**

This is the Golden Jubilee of Bhagavan's arrival at Tiruvannamalai. I went to the hall about 5-30 a.m. hoping to see Bhagavan there, to fall at his feet, and to offer some fruits and two bath towels. But found that today the *parayana* was started about 4 a.m. and closed at 5 a.m. and that Bhagavan went to the bathroom as early as 5 a.m.

After Bhagavan had his breakfast and returned from his stroll, a number of married women (*sumangalis*) headed by Uma came from the Temple in a procession, doing *bhajan* and carrying a milk-pot, and Uma and her daughter sang a Tamil song and offered milk to Bhagavan. He took a spoon of the milk and the rest was distributed among the devotees.

Then I read out Colombo Ramachandra's *Ramanashtakam*, in Tamil, and also my five stanzas composed for the Jubilee. Then Uma read out her *Muthumalai* composed for the occasion. Printed copies of all the three compositions were then distributed to the devotees. Printed copies of tributes by Turiyananda in Tamil, K.Vaidyanatha Aiyar of Vellore in English verse, T.K. Sundaresa Iyer in Tamil verse, and K.R. Seshagiri Aiyar in English were also read out and distributed.

One Mr. Bhatt also read out his Canarese songs. Then a gentleman introduced by Dr. T.N.K. gave a performance on *gottu vadyam*. Mr. Chellam Iyer, of *Kalaimagal* office, read out Muruganar's poems composed for the occasion, including one which he composed at the moment.

After lunch Bhagavan would not allow himself even his usual rest, but insisted on being available for devotees who had come from far and near and so, soon after his return from the after-lunch stroll, various addresses in different languages were read out. One of them was from the Hindi Prachar Sabha. Another was Dr. Siva Rao's tribute in English which was read out and also translated into Tamil by Mr. T.K.D. Iyer. Mr. Siva Mohan Lal also read out the English translation of the Hindi address he read to Bhagavan yesterday. Dr. Siva Rao's address in effect said, "I have been trying my humble best to cure Bhagavan of various bodily ailments of his. But all my efforts have proved vain, except to give some temporary relief. I believe this is due to my ego having presumed that it can cure Bhagavan. All people today are offering various things to Bhagavan — fruits, flowers, clothes, books, etc. I have decided to offer my ego. I place it at Bhagavan's feet and beg him to accept it."



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About 2-30 p.m., the programme already planned and published for the Jubilee was begun with Mr. Justice Kuppaswamy Aiyer as President. He made a few introductory remarks in English. Then Mr. T.K.D. read out Sir S. Radhakrishnan's article, intended for inclusion in the *Souvenir* Volume, but which, though posted in Calcutta on 7th August, was received here only on the 30th.

Then the following spoke: Swami Rajeswarananda and Prof. T.M.P. Mahadevan of the Madras University, in English, Justice Chandrasekara Iyer in Telugu, Chellam Iyer of *Kalaimagal* office and Omandur Ramaswami Reddiar in Tamil, Mr. S.R. Venkatarama Sastri (of Vivekananda College) in Sanskrit, and Mr. Airavatam Aiyer, in Malayalam. After the speeches, Viswanatha Sastri recited a few Sanskrit songs, and Kunjuswami a few Tamil songs of Bhagavan and of one Venkatarama Iyer (author of *Ramana Stuti Panchakam*).

Bhagavan then rose at 4-45 p.m. as usual. After he returned about 5 p.m., Mr. Annamalai Pillai, the local Congress leader, made a speech in Tamil, on behalf of the citizens of Tiruvannamalai, expressing joy and gratitude on Bhagavan's completing fifty years' stay here. Then Musiri Subramania Iyer gave a very moving and devotional musical performance till about 6-45. For the speeches and music excellent loudspeaker arrangements had been made by the local Municipal Chairman and it was a great convenience for the crowds who had gathered. Finally *Veda parayana* brought the day's function to a close.



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The objective of "**Sri Ramana eLibrary**" is to build an online archival / library of several publications such as, all editions of Mountain Path, books, devotees experiences and reminiscences, videos and audio compositions. It is desired to have "Google" like search capability within this eLibrary.

The first step is to Pray to Sri Bhagavan to shower HIS abundance Grace and provide direction and guidance to this initiative. Having surrendered the sense of doer ship to Sri Bhagavan, we now need to build a team of core devotee volunteers.

We would like to have volunteers who have experience in the areas listed below. Geographic location of the individuals volunteering does not matter. We can learn together how to manage logistic issues as we go along. It is estimated that on a average about 10 -15 hours per week of time will be required by each volunteer. There will be weekend dial in calls etc.

Technical Team

1. Hands on Content Admin / DBA devotee who has experience administering large content management repositories such as Sharepoint, Documentum or OpenText.
2. Devotees who have experience managing infrastructure issues such as hosting services, web servers, upgrades and maintenance of IT infrastructure.
3. Developers and web designers who can work on coding and creative input for the eLibrary

Content Team

1. Devotees who can assist in scanning, indexing and archiving various publications.

Please email your interest to volunteer for the above roles at saranagathi@sriramanamaharshi.org. In the subject area – please mention Volunteer for Sri Ramana eLibrary

REST Sri Bhagavan will Take Care

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BHAGAVAN SRI RAMANA MAHARSHI CENTERS & SATSANGH

Sri Ramanasramam is devoted to the sole purpose of maintaining and preserving Sri Ramana Maharshi's teachings and spreading it through His ashram. Over the years there have been devotees who have started centers around the world to help in spreading His teachings. These centers are run by sincere devotees for conducting satsanghs and celebrating His Jayanti, Aradhana, Advent Day, and other similar events of great significance. Today, satsangh groups spread across various countries worldwide including United States, Canada, Europe, Asia & Australia.

This section will be a regular feature of **SARANAGATHI** eNewsletter. We will post events and reports from Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi Centers and Satsangh Groups from across HIS world. Provided below is a list of available Centers and Satsangh Groups.

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INDIA (Country Code 91)

Sri Ramanasramam Tiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu.	Phone: 04175-237200
Sri Ramana Kendra – Mylapore Chennai	Phone: 044-24611397
Sri Sundara Mandiram – Tiruchuzhi	Phone: 04566-282217
Sri Ramana Kendram – Sri Ramana Mandiram	Phone: 0452-2346102
Sri Ramana Mandiram – Desur Tamilnadu	
Sri Ramana Kendram – Hyderabad – Andhra Pradesh	Phone: 040-27424092
Sri Ramana Kendra – New Delhi	Phone: To be updated

NORTH AMERICA (Country Code 001)

Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group San Francisco CA	Phone: 510-656-2752
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group Los Angeles CA	Phone: 310-473-9441
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group CT	Phone: 860-691-1862
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group Washington DC	Phone: 703-257-5589
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group Atlanta GA	Phone: 678-546-0378
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group F. Lauderdale FL	Phone: 954-755-4758
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group GOSHEN IN	Phone: 574-875-6298
Arunachala Ashrama New York NY	Phone: 718-560-3196
Arunachala Ashrama Nova Scotia Canada	Phone: 902-665-2090
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group Ann Arbor MI	Phone: 734-623-7199
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group Dublin OH	Phone: 614-664-1534
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group Ottawa ON	Phone: 713-733-8250
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group Toronto ON	Phone: 905-849-6005
Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group Nashville TN	Phone: To be Updated

We will periodically update this list and also share stories and experiences about HOW each Group or Center meet to get absorbed in Sri Bhagavan Ramana's Amazing Bliss. In due course we will include in sriramanamaharshi.org transliterated and audio versions of important songs, chants and prayers.



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The Peacock's ADVENT



Report from Sri Ramanasramam

The morning of Tuesday - August 28 2007, when devotees returned from the Old Dining Hall, a beautiful sight waited all. A healthy well grown male peacock was already in the samadhi hall perched on the stone railing nearest to the northern door leading to the Well. He was calm & composed unmindful of all the attention he was getting. Slowly and purposefully he moved over to the samadhi platform, ambled leisurely in front of the Lingam and majestically climbed over the low stool adjoining the Lingam. To everyone's delight he gracefully turned his neck towards the Lingam, held his gaze steadily for some time before unhurriedly climbing down from the stool. Then he hopped over to the stone railing again looked at the assembled devotees and flew out through the same open doorway. The whole act lasted for almost half an hour. All were elated! Somebody had the presence of mind to capture the delightful scene as pictures.



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A Full day event in Connecticut USA

A Report by Aruna, Ramkumar, Shobana and Prashanth and the Devotees of Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group Connecticut USA



On May 27 2007, The devotees of Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi Satsangh Group – Connecticut USA, organized with Sri Bhagavan’s blessings a full day event – **SARANAGATHI**. The entire program was focused on the message of SURRENDER. Devotees of Sri Bhagavan from various parts of the United States and Canada attended the program. The program was blessed further by the presence of Smt Sushila Ramanan, Sri V.S. Ramanan, Smt. Saraswathi and Sri S. Ranganathan from Sri Ramanasramam – Tiruvannamalai.

The program started with Mahaganapathi Homam performed by Sri Vaidyanathan from New York, followed by the chanting of Sri Ramana Chathvarimsath by all devotees present. Pada Pooja was led by Smt Sushila Ramanan and Sri V.S. Ramanan with the chanting of Sri Ramana Ashtothram and Mathrubutheswarar Ashtothram. After Pada Pooja Smt. Malathi Sarma from Connecticut, led the chanting of Sri Ramana Kavacham with her melodious voice.

The post lunch program included a slide presentation led by Sri Gopal Sarma of Connecticut on “At the Feet of Sri Bhagavan” by T.K. Sundaresh Iyer. Book Reading by Sri V.S. Ramanan and Sri Dennis Hartel took devotees directly to Sri Ramanasramam. The evening program included a “Kacheri” by Sri. Balasubrahmaniyan & Party - Adjunct Instructor in Music - Wesleyan University. There were some melodious renditions on Sri Bhagavan, Muruganar songs and Arunachala. The program concluded with all the lady devotees performing “Kummi” to several melodious songs. Aarati was performed and all devotees of Sri Bhagavan who attended the program dispersed with Sri Bhagavan in their hearts.