



Sri Simhadri Sadguru Swamiji

The Supreme Spiritual Master



Brahmasri Simhadri Sadguru Swamiji was born on Jyeshtha Bahula Shashti (the 26th day of June 1921) to Matrusri Rajamma and Sri Lakshmi Nrusimha Sadguru at Bellary. Distinguished for divine grace and unmatched erudite scholarship he is a crest jewel (chudamani) of the Yadati family. His early years were under the tutelage of his illustrious grand father – Sri Narahari Sadguru the Peethadhipati of the Omkara Peetham of Sri Narahari Sadguru Sampradayam. Later Sri Lakshmi Nrusimha Sadguru took the baton from Sri Narahari Sadguru.

The loving care and expert guidance of these two illustrious sadgurus kindled Sri Simhadri Sadguru's thirst for spiritual Sadhana and also his eagerness toward the study of ancient scriptures. His formative period was spent in practising Yoga that resulted in his acquiring remarkable Yogic powers. His deep study of Bhagavadgita, Sankara's philosophy and the Principal Upanishads revealed the keen intellect and total devotion latent in him. His spiritual knowledge helped him visualize the cosmic life in and around him from a different perspective. Viveka (spiritual wisdom), Vairagya (detachment), Shama (control of internal senses), Dama (control of external senses), Titiksha (equanimity), Uparathi (distance from sin), Shraddha (devotion), and Samadhana (contentment) became a part of his personality because of natural inclination rigorous discipline and persistent practice. All these made him supremely qualified for spiritual Sadhana of an extraordinary order.

Successful completion of secondary and higher education at Bellary and Rayadurg followed by teacher's training at Bellary lead Sri Swamiji to becoming a school teacher for five years (as two separate stints) at Pallepalli and Bellary. The year 1938 was when God gave him Nagavenamma as his Sahadharmacharini. The couple were blessed with six sons and a daughter. 1951 to 1969 was a golden period for them. While serving the High School in Kosgi (Adoni Taluk, Kurnool District) Sri Swamiji and Matrusri were offered the privilege

of organizing and conducting the Siva Puja at the local Markandeshwara Swamy Temple which was executed by them with wholesome devotion. It is during this golden period Sri Swamiji nurtured innumerable tender minds with great love and care. In addition he created indelible impressions on the minds of scores of people who came into contact with him.



In 1966, Sri Lakshmi Nrusimha Sadguru left his mortal coils and attained Mahasamadhi placing the entire responsibility of the Sampradayam on Sri Swamiji and Matrusri. They shouldered this responsibility with unalloyed joy and selfless service for 23 years and this does not have a parallel in the annals of the Sampradayam till date. It is during these years, this divinely blessed couple made it a point to visit numerous villages inspiring a spiritual renaissance along with ethical upliftment of thousands of devotees there. His charismatic personality drew huge crowds for his discourses.

However, that was not the main stay. Appropriate illustrations and mindboggling simplicity coupled with revelation of underlying connections made his discourses breathe a new life full of power into the listeners. He mesmerised his listeners into a deep understanding of spiritual knowledge (by providing fresh insights based on his incisive and original analysis) with simple and yet majestic style of delivery. The spiritual togetherness of Sri Swamiji and Matrusri proved to be an exemplar of ideal blending of traditional values and modern pragmatism without compromising the purity of Sanathana Dharma by even an inch. Matrusri's leaving this ephemeral world in 1989 came as a big blow for Sri Swamiji. Despite this irreparable loss he continued his spiritual odyssey without any interruption. In 1998, Sri Swamiji suffered a massive stroke. To him these were only apparent impediments in his spiritual journey. Then onward he became a silent but powerful beacon for all in proximity. The years 1998 onwards saw him donning the role of a powerful silent guru guiding people around him. The aura and the radiance he emanated was as though Lord Dakshina Murthy himself had come back. Sri Swamiji entered Maha Samadhi on January 28, 2003 (Pushya bahula Dwadashi) leaving behind an unprecedented legacy of sorts.

His illustrious life, is a distinguished one with ever so many spiritual milestones. Mentioning all of them is a formidable task. However, we provide a glimpse of some of them as spotlights.

[Establishment of 22 Ashramas in Karnataka and Andhra, many of them in the remotest of villages](#)

[His approach to devotees attracted humans irrespective of caste, creed, and religion. Several of his devotees happened to be Muslims and Christians. He continued the age-old tradition of conducting Maha Sivaratri pooja at Dodda Siddavvana Halli with the participation of hundreds of Harjan devotees.](#)

Sri Swamiji was keen on spreading the message of Bhagavad Geetha. He conducted Geetha jnana yagnas more than a hundred times all over Karnataka and Andhra.

Sri Swamiji was heart and soul behind the establishment of a sacred temple at Narahari Nagara along with the prathishtapana of Sri Naraharshwara and Sri Narahari Sadguru idols in it. Prathishtapana of the Sadguru idols was performed at Hindupur, Bellary, and Rayadurga as well. Sri Swamiji conducted the highly inspirational Chaaturmasya Deeksha at Hindupur , Bellary, and Rayadurag .



Sri Naraharshwara Temple at Narahari Nagara, Challkere

Sri Swamiji was widely travelled; In the 37 years of his spiritual leadership journey, he covered more than 500000 kilometers by all modes of transport ranging from bullock cart to aeroplane. He visited the USA three times (1985, 1992, and 1997).

Sri Swamiji authored and published a number of spiritual booklets to facilitate day-to-day activities at the spiritual centres established by him. He inspired the publication Sri Narahari vani which is being published since 1998. In order to cater to readership in both Andhra and Karnataka, this quarterly magazine is being simultaneously published in Telugu and Kannada.

His capacity to connect with devotees was amazingly extraordinary. Despite the myriad of daily spiritual activities he used to correspond with them at an average of 10 letters per day. This amounts to more than a lakh letters all penned with his own hand.

High quality education was a deep-rooted desire for him. With this in mind he went forward setting up schools at Bellary, Hindupur, Rayadurga, and Eshwaragere.

He was deeply committed to serving the society. All his life he extended support to the education of hundreds of students. In addition he also encouraged the Ashramas and devotees to engage in social welfare programmes.

Sri Swamiji and Matrusri were grihasthas who practiced Grihasthashrama in its pristine form. The blend between Prapancha and Paramartha was perfect. For a grihastha, shastra always recommends pursuit of Artha and kama to be within the realms of Dharma. Dharmanushthana elevated the quality of their material life. They were more like a role-model for others.

In summary, Sri Sadguru Simhadri Swamiji is an ideal Guru for thousands of devotees, ideal grandson of an ideal grandfather, ideal son and ideal disciple of an ideal father, ideal husband of an ideal wife, ideal father, ideal grandfather, ideal relative, ideal friend, and above all his life epitomized the life of an ideal human being.



It is truly befitting that the ideals he firmly believed and practised during his brief sojourn in this world have culminated in the setting up of Sri Narahari Seva Pratisthana. The Pratisthana is deeply committed to continuing his ideals and transforming Sri Guruji's and Matrusri's dreams into reality and perpetuating the same for aeons to come.

