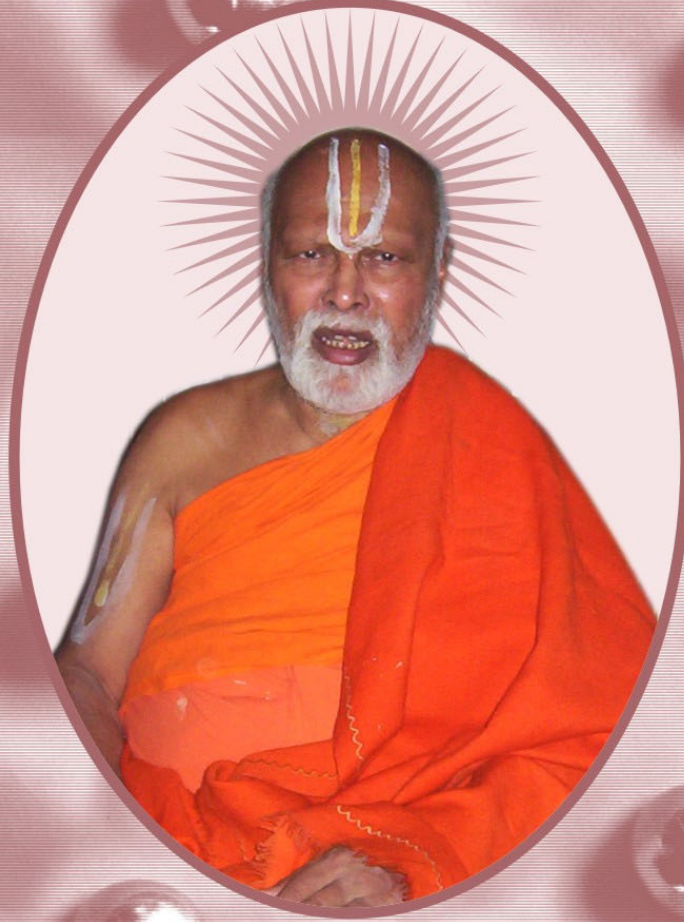




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# Pearls of Wisdom



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*Bharath Rathna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya*



**Dear Bhagavathas,**

Greetings Today let me narrate about Bharath Rathna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> pearl in our pearls string, I am sure I will be able to join 108 pearls in this string. This is the Samarpanam in "Pearls of Wisdom". This Episode was recorded on 25th May 2009.

On (25<sup>th</sup> May 2009) I went to Mandiram at sharp 5.30 PM as Asmath Acharyan H H Rangapriya Swami had given me time slot for my Series "Pearls of wisdom" . As usual Sri

C V Ramaswamy Mama was doing kankaryam to Swami and he was about to leave for his house . Then Dr. Eshwar came and he was on duty to look after Swamy. Then swami started the topic of the day about Bharath Rathna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya



Bharat Rathna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya was a towering personality. The famous Dam which is very useful to the present generation of people which is still strong was built by Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya who was the then Divan of Mysore. He was a strict disciplinarian and honest person. While constructing the dam he had given a word to Maharaja of Mysore that he will complete the

Krishnaraja Sagar Dam within the stipulated time and date. But as the date of completion was nearing, laborers had something else in mind, they thought that if work finishes then they will be jobless, they thought if we start delaying the construction they can earn more money. They started the delaying tactics in work. Sir MV knew their intention, he asked them what they want, for that laborers told they want more wages. It was like make hay while sun shines. They knew nobody else will come and complete the work done by them. Sir M V agreed but told the work should be of good quality and nobody should leave the





work campus until the dam construction work finishes. Sir M V was a brilliant person, he opened two or three Soma bana shops inside the campus itself, these workers had more money in hand they learned all bad vices and major portion of the money went for drinking Soma Bhana , after finishing the work. these fellows used to go straight and have their Quota. The

Government treasury started filling in. In other words what Government gave extra wages came back to Government itself. Many People abroad wanted to test his brain after his death but it was not allowed. He was a very strict disciplinarian, He used to dress well, and he will go with turban, coat, neck tie and shoes only. He was stickler to the time. And if you have to meet him you have take appointment and then keep up the time and meet him. Once Vinobha Bhave ( Of famous Bhoodhan Moment) wanted to meet him but he did not give him permission, then Vinobha Bhave came to his house without intimation of appointment but Sir M V did not meet him, but just told sorry .He never used to entertain any of his friends or relative in giving job under him. We feel by doing this lot of deserving people lost chances to work in then Mysore government. His relatives used to curse him. Even Pt. Nehru ji had same defect, Many of the talented people lost the opportunity. Swami told even though Nehru was non believer of GOD, but he appreciated Bhagwath Sankarapadal. Nehru says in one of his books that Sri Shankara we find a curious mixture of Agnostic and Atheist. Acharyan explained that Meaning of Agnostic, as far as GOD is concerned he may be there or may not be there. If that is there in Bhagavath Geetha it





says that "Eshwar sarva bhutanam hrudyeshe Arjun tishthti" Meaning is in every body's heart Eshwara is there, and then Our Shankara should have opposed this Sloka.

Then once during the middle of a Pravachana at Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Swamy quoted the above mentioned statement of Nehruji. Immediately one of the Journalist commented that Nehru was a great

man, he cannot do mistake, for that pat came the reply from Acharya that I don't deny he is a great man but what he told was not correct, No doubt he is a great man but that why his mistake is also great. Then whole hall peeled in laughter. Swamy says what a superstition; once a Man becomes famous he will not commit any mistake.

With this swami ended the speech.

***I was wondering why Swamy choose this topic, but now I analysed that and the whole crux lies in the last two lines of the above paragraph.***

*Sri Rangapriya Swamigal Thiruvadigale Sharanam.*

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