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Sangu,chakkara, kadayuda, nithya soori samedha soundra raja  
perumane namaha, rukmanee sathyabama sametha venugopala  
swamy parabramhane namaha, amruthavalli sametha narashima  
swami parabrammane namaha, alarmel mangai sametha srinivasan  
parabrahmmane namaha

On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 10:00 hrs we, Loganathan(myself) and P.Srinivasan (my friend) have boarded the government bus at the koyambedu moffusil bus terminus to cuddalore. This time it seems the bus charge is slightly increased by 10% rather last year. We reached cuddalore by 15:00Hrs. At the bus stand hotel we finished our lunch and took a bus to sirkazhi. After reaching sirkazhi had a coffee at the vasantha bhavan.

Then we first board a bus to thirunangur at 16:30hrs. As we felt inconvenience in standing after enquiring about the alternate bus availability, we got down and boarded another bus within ten minutes. It is learnt that many a buses will ply on that day to this thiru Sthalam from sirkazhi and from near by towns on account of this auspicious garudasevai urchavam.

The bus charge is just Rs 6/- and took half hour to reach thirunangur via keezha salai. We landed at the highly precious land. We just walked along the mada streets with other bhagavadas and reached the mani mada koil temple premises. Before entering the temple we would like to ease ourselves, hence we went to the paddy field area and eased out. In the near by street tap provided by the local administrative, we washed our hands and legs, had a nice evening tea in the nearby tea stall. Left our slippers at the tea stall and went in to the main sanctum sanctorum.

We could see a serpent (snake like) queue proceeding to have the dharsan of Narayana Perumal of this temple. We took the special entrance ticket at Rs 5/-, enroute we could see the other bhagavadas who were standing in the general queue are going ahead of us. It taught us a lesson that even though having money or any other powers; if god does not permit we could have his dharsan.

We too had a nice dharsan of our beloved perumal along other general queue. While coming out the sanctum sanctorum we could see another serpent queue proceeding. We too joined and later we know that the queue was proceeding to view all the 11 perumals' alangaram, which is being carried by the respective bhattars.

At that time we went in it was only 1830Hrs, hence the priests were just started their highly artistic decoration of our perumals. We were sitting for half hour inside the temple and came out. Went straight to get our slippers and proceeded towards the main mada street viewing the galaxy of adhoc festival time tented shops and street hawkers selling their goods by telling over joyous words and attracting the crowd. We too had groundnut pocket and crunching it walked through the highly dense street.

As we felt very hungry, we were trying to get some milk and bananas for our night dinner. Suddenly a spirit call came to my mind and asked the house owner where we stand about any hotel. To our surprise we heard a positive reply that a tiny teashop was selling idly vada dosa poori on this festive occasion.

We went to the tiny teashop; the welcome given by the shop vendor was very attractive. We finished our night dinner with idly and dosa and had tea too. Then we proceeded to the main temple. As I left from Chennai after finishing my night shift I found difficult in standing outside that too after having night dinner. My eyes were soaring to sleep. I literally could not control my sleep. We went to the temple tank bund, in the steps lied for some too and had a nap. After hearing drums noise I woke up and saw people movement. From the temple tank bund, we could see the Ursavar decorated.

We then proceeded to the temple and found all the Ursavar of 11 divya desam perumals were nicely decorated sitting in their Garuda vahanams. We were inside the temple for more than half hour and came out and standing at the gopuram entrance, as we were informed that mangai azwar will be blessed by all these 11 perumals as gopura dharsanam.

As to pass time we were watching the locals who were dancing in different phase. One who wore the cosmetics, as anuman, dancing was really excellent, the expressions shown by him was really pretty.

The time was slow moving to us. To our surprise we could see a gushing bhagavadas crowd continuously entering the temple to have

dharsan and the crowd still goes on for more than 45 minutes and coming out. Police personnel controlling the spiritual crowd tactically, moffusil dress wore police could be seen there.

By 2305hrs, an announcement could be heard about the Garuda sevai urchavam. First our mangai azwar with his consort kumudavalli natchiyar in amsa vahanam came out and gave dharsan to all of us, followed by manavala mamuni. Both azwar and manavala mamuni were standing opposite the main gopuram facing the gopuram eagerly to receive the perumals. We were blessed to get stand at that point to get a clear view of azwar, manavala mamuni and all the perumals.

All our 11-divya desam perumals came out of the temple and gave nice dharsanam to all of us. The orders of the 11 perumals coming out are

1. THIRUNARAYANA PERUMAL OF THIRU MANIMADA KOVIL
2. KUDAMAADU KOOTTHAR PERUMAL OF THIRU ARIMEYA VINNAGARAM
3. SRI SEM PON ARANGAN OF SEM PON SEI KOVIL
4. SRI SRINIVASA PERUMAL OF ANNAN KOVIL
5. SRI SENGANMAL (ARANGANATHAN) PERUMAL OF THIRU THETTRIAMBALAM
6. SRI PURUSHOTHAMAN OF THIRUVANPURUSHOTHAM
7. SRI VARADARAJA PERUMAL OF THIRUMANIKOODAM
8. SRI VAIKUNTANATHAR OF THIRUVAIKUNTA VINNAGARAM
9. SRI MADHAVA PERUMAL OF THIRU DEVANAR THOGAI (KEEZHA SALAI)
10. SRI PARTHASARATHY PERUMAL OF THIRUPAARTHANPALLI
11. SRI RAJAGOPALAN OF THIRUKAVALAMPAADI

All the said proceeding took place about one hour. After that with full of joy we return to the bus stop. The first bus we faced did not stop and to our surprise we could see a straight bus to Chennai. We were really lucky to spot straight bus from that tiny village to Chennai direct at that huge crowd with full of vacant seats.

We comfortably sat and the night journey continued. By 07:00 hrs next day reached koyambedu.

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