



**Sri Krishna Asram (to propagate SaraNaagati to one & all at Bhagavaan Sri-Krishna's Feet)**

**॥ श्री-वेगासेतु-स्तोत्रम् ॥ Srii-Vegaasethu-Sthothram (of Swamy Sri Vedhaantha-dheSika)**

(This is a special prayer of 10 verses in praise of Sri YaThoktha-kaari - who did what He was told to do by the AaLvaar - the presiding Diety of Thiruvekka, near Kanchipuram, where Bhagavaan Sri-Hari became a Dam - Sethu and stopped the swift-flowing River - Vega from disrupting the Yajna of Brahma. Lord Sri-Hari is called YaThoktha-kaari, since He rolled up His bed - Aadhi-Sesha and followed Sri ThirumaLisai-AaLvaar and His disciple KaNi-Kannan, who were ordered to leave the village by the King. Lord Sri-Hari came back when the King repented and requested the AaLvaar to come back. Lord Sri-Hari is both the Upaaya and Upeya – the means and the goal in attaining Salvation, and is addressed here as Kaanchii-Bhaagyam, the good fortune of Kaanchi).

श्रीमान् वेङ्कटनाथार्यः कवितार्किक केसरी । वेदान्ताचार्यवर्यो मे सन्निधत्तां सदा हृदि ॥

**Srimaan Venkata-NaaThaarya: - kavi thaarkika kesarii**

**Vedhaantha-aachaarya varyo me - sannidhaththaam sadhaa hRudhi.**

May we all be fortunate to always meditate in our hearts on Swamy Sri Vedhaantha-DheSika, renowned all over the world as a lion among the poets and logicians and Vedhaantha-Aacharya.

एकं वेगवती मध्ये हस्तिशैल च दृश्यते - उपाय फल भावेन स्वयं व्यक्तं परं महः ॥ १ ॥

**ekam Vegavathii maDhye Hasthi-Saila cha dhRuSyathe –  
upaaya phala bhaavena svayam vyaktham param maha: 1**



The Supreme Lord (Sriman-Narayana, who is self-effulgent) who is the means and the final goal (both Upaaya and Upeya – the path SaraNaagathi and the destination Sri-VaikunTam) appeared in the middle of Vegavathi and on Hasthi-Saila (elephant-hill) as YaThokthakaari.

ईष्टे गमयितुं पारमेष सेतुरभन्गुरः - यत्र सारस्वतं सोतो विश्राम्यति विशृङ्खलम् ॥ २ ॥

iishte gamayithum paaram-asha sethu:-abhangura: -  
yathra Saarsvatham srotho viSraamyathi viSrunkhalam. 2

The Supreme Lord Sriman-Narayana, who appeared as a mighty Dam (Sethu), is capable of guiding all the Souls to Salvation (the other end of this Samsaara), where all the Vedhic teachings (as Sarasvathi) culminate (as the only goal to be attained by all sentient beings).

जयति जगदेकसेतुः - वेगवती मध्य लक्षितो देवः ।

प्रशमयति यः प्रजानां - प्रथितान् संसार जलधि कल्लोलान् ॥ ३ ॥

Jayathi jagath-eka-sethu: - Vegavathii maDhya lakshitho dheva: =  
praSamayithi ya: prajaanaam – praThithaan samsaara jalaDhi kallolaan. 3



All glories to the Supreme Lord (Sriman-Narayana) who is in the middle of the Vegavathi river as the only bridge for all the worlds (to attain Salvation) and to all the beings (humans and gods) of all the Universes who are drowning, constantly battered by the uncontrolled waves of this Ocean of material existence (PrakRuthi - Samsaara-Saagara).

विभातु मे चेतसि विष्णु सेतुः - वेगापगा वेग विघात हेतुः ।

अम्भोजयोनेः यदुपजं आसीत् - अभङ्ग रक्षा हयमेध दीक्षा ॥ ४ ॥

vibhaathu me chethasi VishNu sethu: - Vega-aapagaa vega vighaatha hethu: =  
ambhoja-yone: yadhupajnam aasiith – abhanga rakshaa HayameDha dhiikshaa. 4

May we all be fortunate to have a glimpse of the Supreme Lord Sri-Mahaa-VishNu, who is like a pathway (to Sri-VaikunTa-praapthi) and who restricted the vigorous flow of the River Vegavathi and protected the ASva-MeDha-Yajna of the Four-Faced-Brahma (from being washed out / inundated), in His own special way (became a Dam that cannot be breached).

चतुरानन सप्ततन्तु गोप्ता - सरितं वेगवतीमसौ निरुन्धन् ।

परिपुष्यति मङ्गळानि पुंसां - भगवान् भक्तिमतां यथोक्तकारी ॥ ५ ॥

Chathuraanana Saptha-thanthu gopthaa – saritham Vegavathiim-asau nirunDhan =  
paripushyathi mangaLaani pumsaam – Bhagavaan bhakthimathaam YaThokthakaarii. 5

May the Supreme Lord Sriman-Narayana, who became YaThokthakaari (who did what He was told to do by the AaLvaar) and protected the ASva-MeDha-Yajna of the 4-faced-Brahma, by stopping the unstoppable Vegavathi River (by becoming Dam across the River and stopped the inundation of Brahma's Yajna), shower all MangaLam (auspiciousness) on all His true Prapanna-s (who totally Surrendered to Him in absolute SaraNaagathi).

श्रीमान् पितामहवधू परिचर्यमाणः - शेते भुजङ्ग शयने स महा भुजङ्गः ।  
प्रत्यादिशन्ति भव सञ्चरणं प्रजानां - भक्तानुगन्तुरिह यस्य गतागतानि ॥ ६ ॥



Sriimaan Pithaamaha-VaDhuu paricharyamaaNaa: -  
Sethe bhujanga Sayane sa mahaa bhujanga: =  
prathyaadhiSanthi bhava sancharaNam prajaanaam -  
bhaktha-anuganthu:-iha yasya gatha-aagathaani. 6

O Lord of Sri-Mahaa-Lakshmi! (Sriman-Narayana) You are lying here in the sleeping-posture on the great Aadhi-Sesha. You are the great Lover (of Gopika-s in Gokulam) and You are worshipped by Sarasvathi (wife of Brahma). You simply follow Your devotees and Your going with them and coming back with them (as was the case with Sri ThirumaLisai-ALvaar and Sri KaNi-KaNan) will control even their movements in this material worlds.

प्रशमित हयमेध व्यापदं पद्मयोनेः - श्रित-जन परतन्त्रं शेषभोगे शयानम् ।  
शरणमुपगताः स्मः शान्त निःशेष दोषं - शतमख मणि सेतुं शाश्वतं वेगवत्याः ॥ ७ ॥

praSamitha Haya-MeDha vyaapadham Padhma-yone: -  
Sritha-jana parathanthram Sesa-bhoge Sayaanam =  
SaraNam-upagathaa: sma: Saantha ni:Sesha dhosham -  
Satha-Makha maNi sethum SaaSvatham Vegavathyaa: 7

May we all be fortunate to do Saranaagathi (total Surrender) at the Holy-Feet of the Supreme Lord Sriman-Narayana, who cleared all obstacles for Brahma's ASva-MeDha-Yajna. Even though He is the Supreme Lord lying on the bed of AadhiSesha, He is still

subservient to His Prapanna-s (who did that SaraNaagathi). He is the only one without any blemish and looks marvelous like a Blue-Diamond (Saphire) Dam on the Vegavathi river.

शरणमुपगतानां सोऽयमादेश कारी - शमयति परितापं संमुखः सर्व जन्तोः ।  
शतगुण परिणामः सन्निधौ यस्य नित्यं - वर वितरण भूमा वारणाद्रीश्वरस्य ॥ ८ ॥



SaraNam-upagathaanaam sa:-ayam-aadheSa kaarii –  
Samayathi parithapam sammukha: sarva jantho: =  
Satha-guNa pariNaama: sannidhau yasya nithyam –  
vara vitharaNa bhuumaa Vaarana-adhri-iiSvarasya. 8

His Saullabhyam (very easy approachability) is seen as He obeys all commands of His Surrendered Souls (Prapanna-s) and stands right in front of them to end their sufferings. His majesty is a Million times magnified by His very presence on the Elephant-Hill (Hasthi-Giri) as Lord Sri-Varadha-Raja, always granting all the boons to all His Prapanna-s.

काञ्चीभाग्यं कमल निलया चेतसोऽभीष्ट सिद्धिः - कल्याणानां निधिरविकलः कोऽपि कारुण्य राशिः ।

पुण्यानां नः परिणतिरसौ भूषयन् भोगिशय्यां - वेगासेतुर्जयति विपुलो विश्व रक्षकहेतुः ॥ ९ ॥

Kaanchii-bhaagyam Kamala nilayaa chethasa:-abhiishta siDhdha: -  
kaLyaaNaanaam niDhi:-avikala: ka-api kaaruNya raaSi: =  
puNyaanaam na: pariNathi:-asau bhuushayan Bhogi-Sayyaam –  
Vegaasethu:-Jayathi vipulo ViSva raksha-eka-hethu: 9

All Victory (Jaya - Jaya – all glories) to the Supreme Lord – Vegaasethu, who fulfills what all Sri-Mahaa-Lakshmi wanted and became the real wealth of Kaanchii-Puram. He is the embodiment of all Kalyaana-GuNa-s (most auspicious attributes) and a Treasure-House of

all compassion. He is the fruit of all positive deeds, lying on the bed of Aadhi-Sesha and the sole protector of all the innumerable Universes (and all Beings in those Universes).

वेगासेतोरिदं स्तोत्रं वेङ्कटेशेन निर्मितम् – ये पठन्ति जनास्तेषां यथोक्तं कुरुते हरिः ॥ १० ॥

Vegaasetho:-idham sthothram VenkateSena nirmitham –  
ye paTanthi janaa:-theshaam yaThoktham kuruthe Hari: 10



The Supreme Lord Sri-Hari - YaThoktha-kaari, will simply act according to what His pure Surrendered –Souls (Prapanna-s), who chant this Vegaasethu Sthotra, composed by Sri VenkateSa (Sri Vedhaantha-DheSika), ask Him to do (and who did so).

॥ इति श्रीगासेतुस्तोत्रं समाप्तम् ॥ ithi Srii-Vegaasethu sthothram samaaptham –  
thus concludes the Vegaa-Sethu sthothram.

कवितार्किक-सिंहाय कल्याण-गुण-शालिने - श्रीमते वेङ्कटेशाय वेदान्तगुरवे नमः ॥

Kavi-Thaarkika Simhaaya Kalyaana GuNa Saaline –  
Sriimathe VenkateSaaya Vedhaantha Gurave Nama: =



Let us offer our humble prostrations to Sri VenkateSa (Swamy Sri Vedhaantha-DheSika), a lion among poets and logicians and Vedhaantha-Aachaarya, with all Kalyaana-GuNa-s.