

Puniya Bhoomiyil Punitha Payanam - Book Release by Poojya Swamiji

Sri A.M.Rajagopalan, Editor, Kumudam Jothidam has written a Tamil book titled "Puniya bhoomiyil punitha payanam". This title literally means sacred travel in sacred land. This is a travelogue on Himalayas with emphasis on river Ganga.

A vibrant function for release of this book was held on 15 April 2011 at Corporation Auditorium, RS Puram, Coimbatore. Sri Guru Subash Chandrabose welcomed the gathering.

Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathi released the book. Sri M. Krishnan of Sri Krishna Sweets received the first copy of the book.

Pujya Swamiji delivered his anugraha bhasanam. From time immemorial pilgrims visit annually Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri as a penance. This is popularly known as Chardham yatra. Most suitable time for visit is April, May, October and November. Winding roads go on and on. For half a mile we can see a beautiful scene. There will be a turn. Now this will be a different scene. Sometimes Ganga will be down. Sometimes Ganga will be near. Scenes keeps changing and we will never get tired.

This experience can be brought out only by a good author. Sri A.M.Rajagopalan has succeeded in bringing out this enchanting experience. He has shraddha, bakthi and Sastric knowledge. His style of writing makes us feel as if we ourselves have personally visited these holy places.

Pujya Swamiji said that he came only on that day from Ganga and Himalayas to release the book on travel to Himalayas. This book shows the path of dharma to



devotees. He was happy to give the first copy to Sri M. Krishnan. Sri Krishnan was instrumental for many good things happening in Coimbatore. Pujya Swamiji blessed Sri A.M. Rajagopalan and others present in the book release function.

Sri A.M. Rajagopalan thanked Pujya Swamiji for releasing the book. He especially thanked Swamiji for travelling all the way from Dehradun for the book release function in spite of his ill health. Mahatmas like Pujya Swamiji can only act like Mahatmas as they are incapable of doing anything less. He said that he had been visiting Ganga from a young age. He used to spend all day watching Ganga. He had wished to write a travelogue on Ganga for a long time. Now only his wish had been fulfilled. The holy rivers become holy only because of the holy touch of Mahatmas like Pujya Swamiji.

Sri M. Krishnan, Smt. Vanitha Mohan, Sri N.V.Nagasubramaniam and Sri Sabapathy spoke on the occasion. Sri Kuppuraj delivered the vote of thanks.

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