

Regional Meet of The Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha



Acharyas of the Karnataka region belonging to the Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha met for the first time at 9 a.m. on the 29th of May 2010 at Sri Raigudda Anjaneya Swamy Temple Hall in the 9th Block of Jayanagar, Bangalore.

Sri Swami Paramatmananda, National Coordinator of Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha presented a report giving a detailed account of the work done in the year 2010 and after the Fourth Meet of the Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha held at Hyderabad.

Sri R. Govinda Hari, Secretary of HDAS proposed a resolution for formation of

regional committees and assigning a Regional Coordinator. After due discussions, Srimad Jagadguru Shankaracharya Sri Gangadharendra Sraswati Mahasswamigalu of Shri Sonda Swarnavalli Mahasamsthanam proposed Sri Swami Chidrupananda Saraswati to be Coordinator for the Karnataka region and the same was seconded by the Convenor of the Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati.

Sri Govinda Hari then explained the need for a Legal Cell for the Karnataka Chapter and appealed to the members to suggest names of leading and practising lawyers



experienced in revenue, endowments, criminal and general matters. The Acharya members appreciated the need for formation of a Legal Cell and decided to recommend names of lawyers and convey the same to the Secretary and the National Convenor of the Legal Cell.

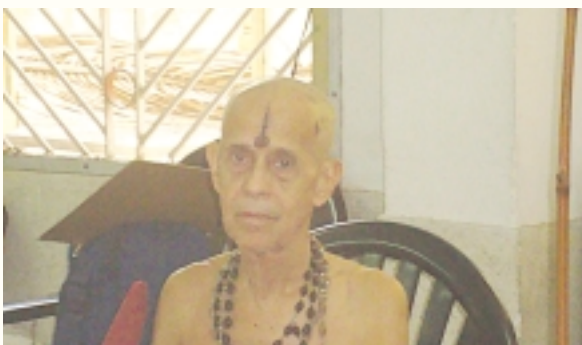
Sri Swami Paramatmaanda, National coordinator requested the Acharyas present to update and give the names of Mutts and Peetadhipatis in the Karnataka region who were left-out.

Discussions ensued on the need and the purpose of corrections in the Hindu Panchangam through discussions and deliberations by scholars and the Acharyas resolved to hold a Hindu Panchangam Scholars Meet to be held during November-December 2010 at Bangalore or at Delhi. They also resolved to identify sponsors to meet the expenses for holding such a meeting.

Swami Paramatmananda emphasized the necessity to constitute a Think Tank by enlisting capable resource persons to advise the HDAS. The Acharyas agreed to suggest names of such resource persons.

The matter regarding Hindu Acharya Samachar Publication and its necessity for the large circulation was discussed and the Acharyas resolved to carry the good works taken up by the members. The publication will also carry the good works being carried out by individual Acharyas. The members shall send their important events and happenings to the Secretary periodically for inclusion in the Acharya Samachar. The Acharyas also resolved to recommend and nominate a suitable Acharya/Swami to represent the HDAS nationally and internationally.

The Acharyas also resolved to contribute annually for meeting the expenses for the



effective conduct of various activities of HDAS.

The Acharyas discussed and resolved to form a Rajya Dharmik Parishad in order to preserve the autonomy of Hindu religious institutions and curtail the interference of the Government. They also resolved that the members of the Parishad should be appointed after taking suggestions and advice from all the Acharyas. The Parishad should convene a meeting of the Acharyas, Trustees and Archakas of temples to hear their grievances

The meeting then discussed in detail the Rama Jois Committee report and resolved that the Government should call a meeting of all the Acharyas and only after taking appropriate suggestions, new legislation with proper amendments should be brought.

Some of the other resolutions made at the Meet were: The members of the first Dharmik Parishad should be appointed after taking suggestions and advice from all the Acharyas. Rights of hereditary Trustees and Archakas should be recognized and preserved in all Hindu religious institutions. The amount of annual income for classifying the religious institutions should be enhanced. Exemption should be given to temples which have annual income of less than Rs.5 lakhs in the contribution to common pool fund. The amount collected in the common pool fund should be utilized only for Hindu religious institutions. Temples without any income and small income should be developed and aided. Salary of archakas should be adequate for their livelihood and the same should be

directly deposited in their accounts. A proviso should be provided to the effect that the disputes or subjects to be decided by Dharmik Parishad as per new legislation, if decided by some Court and the same is pending in appeal before higher Court, should be transferred to Dharmik Parishad.

The Meet also decided that once in every year Rajya Dharmik Parishad should convene a meeting of all the Acharyas, Trustees and Archakas to hear their grievances.

This regional Meet was attended by:

1. Srimad Jaadguru Shankaracharya Sri Gangadharendra Saraswati Mahaswamigalu
2. Jagadguru Sri Swami Balagangadharanathaji
3. Jagadguru Sankaracharya Sri Sri Swayamprakasa Sacchidananda Saraswati Mahaswamiji
4. H.H. Sri Nirmalananda Saraswati
5. Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati, Convenor, HDAS
6. Sri Swami Paramatmananda Saraswati, National Coordinator, HDAS
7. Sri Swami Chidrupananda Saraswati
8. Sri R. Venkatanarayanan, Advisor, HDAS
9. Sri R. Govinda Hari, Secretary, HDAS
10. Dr. Subramanian Swamy, Convenor, Legal Cell, HDAS