## GREAT BANYAN TREE FALLS....

PadmasriArutchelvar Dr N. Mahalingam of Coimbatore, a great devotee of PujyaSwamiji attained Lord's feet on October 2, 2014. A great Gandhian leaves his mortal body on Mahatma's birthday, himself being a Mahatma. PujyaSwamiji met the ailing scholar just a week before his death and blessed him.

## PUJYA SWAMIJI'S MESSAGE:

Dr. N. Mahalingam was a Gandhian thinker, Vallalar devotee, industrialist, businessman, politician, nationalist, author of eminence, agriculturist, a humanitarian and philanthropist. One may wonder how all these could be in one person. I knew Sri Mahalingam; therefore, I know it is possible. He was a prudent given and in his giving there was consistency. When he was not convinced of the cause, he would give a firm 'no'. Convinced, he would go all the way to support the cause. He was the person of the era, a rare phenomenon. For me, he was just 'Iyya'.

Swami DayanandaSaraswati October 7, 2014

