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# Sree Narayana Association

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my pleasure and gratitude to welcome all of the attendees to this auspicious occasion of the 144<sup>th</sup> Gurudeva Jayanthi and Onam along with the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sree Narayana Association. Let me look back for the last two decades of the eventful years and remember them with gratitude for the hard work of our families. We are unable to ignore the time and effort spent by those individuals who worked for this organization sacrificing their own personal life. We should know that an organization is a collection of various personalities, although their deeds may vary the ultimate goal should be the goodwill of the organization. One of Guru's teachings i.e. "Acts that one performs for one's own sake should also aim the good of another human" should be strictly adhered to by all of his devotees for attaining strength and integrity.

Unfortunate things can happen to any organization which can hurt its soul, by the ignorance of individuals. Those individuals who care about their own self esteem and personal glorification may ignore the organization. When an organization grows and expands to a certain limit one way or another some sort of destructive force will act on it to disintegrate. This is a global phenomenon and the only withstanding power is its devoted members. Moreover it is a common nature of the Sree Narayana Community that they won't take or even think of defeat in any of its forms. It might not be wrong but don't forget our basic philosophy "Tha Thwom Azi" and decide who is the winner. Narayana Guru Swamikal preached knowledge as god and we the followers do the opposite. We have to start from "Kalavamkodam" (Installation of Mirror), other than blind worship we need self realization. Read, learn and try to understand Guru's verses, which we pretend that we know.

It is the time to throw away all grudges and differences among us with forgiveness and self respect to achieve strength through unity. I sincerely admire all the individuals of the Board, Executive, and various subcommittees for their hard work to make the celebrations a grand success. At this occasion I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our devoted members from other states, supporters and well-wishers for their various forms of enormous contribution. At the last let me appreciate the publishing committee for their devoted service to bring this publication into our hands on time.

**MAY THE BLESSINGS OF GURU BE WITH US ALWAYS**

Sincerely,

P.K. Radhakrishnan

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