

Shri Kutumba Rao



Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Late Kutumba Rao was an ardent devotee of Baba, he came to Parthi in late 40s to see who this wonder kid is, after being impressed and convinced by Bhagawan he stayed back and did a great service at various levels in the Trust and passed away in late 80s. I feel this is appropriate occasion to say that when he passed away in 1989 (I was a student in Parthi) Swami had asked senior students to go for visitation. Usually it was a custom that students were not allowed to go out of Hostel and Mandir. Swami respected him so much.

Well, this happened in 1950 when Shri Kutumba Rao came to Parthi for Dharshan enroute to Tirupathi (the abode of Lord Venkateswara). His intentions were to stay at Parthi for 3 days and from there to go to Tirupathi for a couple of day's stay. As he spent time at Parthi, attended a few sessions of Chtravathi, bhajans he forgot the time. He only realized the time when his money coffers became empty. With full faith he prayed to Bhagawan for the success of his remaining part of the tour. As a response to that he heard a message in the evening that Swami would be leaving for Brindavan by late evening, which means that he lost the opportunity to talk to Bhagawan in the next morning.

The determined Kutumba Rao prayed and stayed. A few hours passed and Swami left for Brindavan. Shri Kutumba Rao was completely at lost as he left with penniless to go home or continue his journey. When he was in that dilemma a person came in search of Shri Kutumba Rao and asked him are you Mr. Kutumba Rao. After hearing in affirmative the stranger put a pocket in Kutumba Rao's hand, to his pleasant surprise, told him, Swami asked me to give you. Shri Kutumba Rao opened and found a set of currency notes in that packet.

The overjoyed devotee thanked the omniscient Lord and pursued his journey. He never counted how much money was there in that pocket. As the Lord sent, it should have sufficient money to take care of his journey. As he started spending money to his delight he kept on getting money. He reached home and after spending some time with family he went inside the Pooja room to open the packet to count the money.

To his Surprise, there was only a Rupee note left in that.

This note is still in the Pooja room of the family members of Shri Kutumba Rao. That was the faith and that was the response of Lord.