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The trustees of SGRIP are now actively soliciting support and funds for the Mrithika Brindavana project. Your contributions are tax-deductible. We seek your assistance in the form of either a one-time donation or a pledge of an amount payable over a set period of time. You may use the enclosed form. Payment may be made by check payable to "Sri Guru Raghavendra International Prathisthaana". Please mail the checks to:

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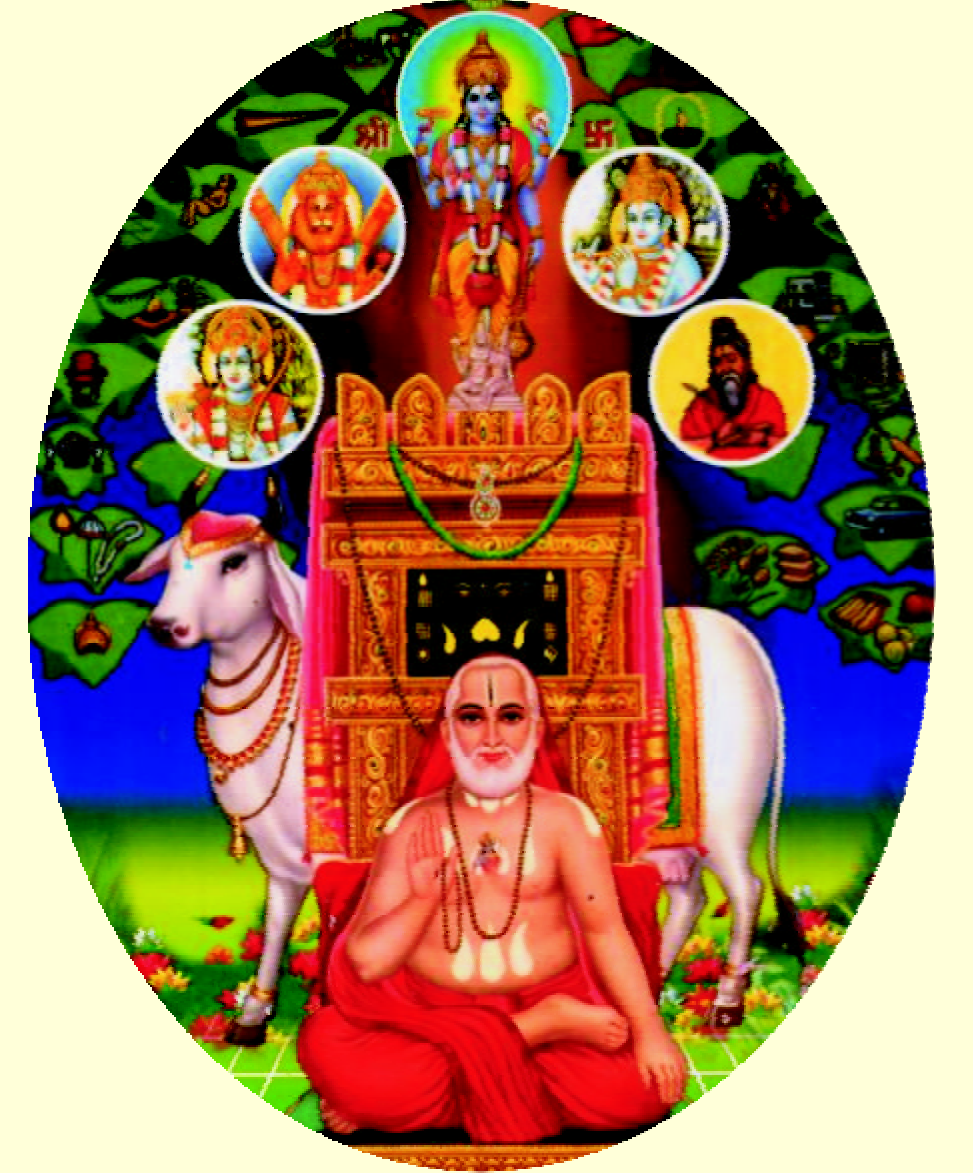
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भजतां कल्पवृक्षाय नमतां कामधेनवे ॥

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*I worship as the Kalpa-vrksha, and salute as the KAmadhenu
the esteemed RaghavEndra*

who is always engrossed in the true dharma;

He is a brilliant sun who destroys the false arguer,

and a moon that casts a mellow light upon the VShiNu bhaktas;

Salutations to that Guru Shri RAghavEndra;

Salutations to the one of extremely kind disposition.

A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A MRITHIKA BRINDAVANA OF GURURAGHAVENDRA ON THE EAST COAST OF UNITED STATES

By

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ABOUT SRI GURU RAGHAVENDRA

Sri Raghavendra is an illustrious scholar of the Dwaita school of Vedanta. He lived in the southern part of India in the 17th century. He was born into a traditional Brahmin family, and was given the name Venkatanatha. In early life, he followed the pattern of education that is typical among scholarly families. When he lost his father at an early age, his brother took charge of him. In time, Venkatanatha was married. Later he came to be attached to the Matha headed by Sri Sudheendra Theertha at Kumbakonam.

Owing to his intellectual prowess, Venkatanatha soon attracted the attention of all the scholars. His guru, Sri Sudheendra Theertha, desired to make Venkatanatha his successor in the Matha. While initially resisting this, Venkatanatha agreed later, after he had a vision that settled his future. When ordained, he was given the name of Raghavendra Theertha.

Sri Raghavendra went on several pilgrimage tours visiting numerous places. At every place he visited, he engaged scholars

in debate. His divine appearance and the calmness of his voice attracted many followers. Sri Raghavendra Swami's preaching includes kindness and empathy towards all brethren, devotion to the supreme, and service of mind, body and soul.

Sri Raghavendra finally settled down on the banks of the river Tungabhadra, in a village now known as Mantralaya. He selected a site for his Brindavana. Tradition has it that Prahlada performed ayagna at this site. It is said that the stone used for the Brindavana was sanctified by the touch of Sri Rama and Sitain the Thretha Yuga.

The followers of Sri Raghavendra throng to Mantralaya seeking his blessings. Countless miracles have been recorded of Sri Raghavendra's boundless grace and compassion. Although Sri Raghavendra is a saint in the tradition of Sri Madhwacharya, his devotees belong to many faiths.

ABOUT SRI GURU RAGHAVENDRA INTERNATIONAL PRATHISTAANA

SriGuruRaghavendraInternationalPrathistaana (SGRIP) is an organization composed of devotees of Sri Raghavendra Swami. It is a non-profit organization, established in accordance with the Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, USA. All the Trustees of SGRIP are based in the USA.

SGRIP aims to unite devotees of Guru Raghavendra living in USA and around the world. It has a two-fold mission:

- The establishment of the first Tulasi Mrithika Brindavana of Sri Raghavendra Swami in the US.
- Undertaking of service projects in keeping with the philosophy of Sri Raghavendra Swami's teachings.

THE MRITHIKA BRINDAVANA PROJECT

The Mrithika Brindavana is a stone monument that contains the holy soil called Mrithika and is made out of a specific variety of stone. We are seeking to establish a Tulasi Mrithika Brindavana in the New York / New Jersey area in adherence to the following guidelines:

- Location chosen to be close to Indian community.
- Maintenance in accordance with the tradition followed by Sri Raghavendra Swami Matha Brindavana in India.

- Priest, nominated by the Mantralaya Matha, to perform all the religious duties.
- To serve as a place of worship and as a center for educational and service activities of the devotees.
- A prayer hall attached with the Brindavana, with the Brindavana being on a raised platform.
- Accommodation for the Priest in an adjacent house.

SGRIP intends to complete the Brindavana project by the Aradhanaday of 2005.

SGRIP'S SERVICE PROJECTS

SGRIP aims to undertake activities that will serve educational, environmental and service projects of the Mantralaya Matha. Some of the proposals are:

- The institution of scholarships for students of Sri Guru Sarvabhouma Vidyapeetha, Mantralaya
- Assistance to Sanskrit Scholars for research in Mantralaya
- Environmental cleaning activities of the River Tungabhadra

OUR AFFILIATION

We are affiliated to Sri Raghavendra Swami Matha of Mantralaya since:

It is the institution in whose domain lies the name and legacy of Saint Sri Raghavendra Swami.

- The Matha is the sole custodian of the Mrithika.
- It is engaged in managing the activities of several Brindavanas in India.

As the current proposal involves an expansion of the Matha's geographic scope, we are under constant spiritual guidance from the Matha. SGRIP has the endorsement of the Mantralaya Matha and has been issued a letter of support by the Mantralaya Matha authorities. We have the privilege of the blessings of Guru Raghavendra, and their Holiness, the Peethadhipathi 1008 Sri H. H. Sri Sushameendra Theertha Swamiji and the Junior Swamiji 1008 Sri H. H. Suvidyendra Theertha Swamiji of Sri Raghavendra Swami Matha, Mantralaya. A copy of the letter is displayed on our website at www.sgrip.org.