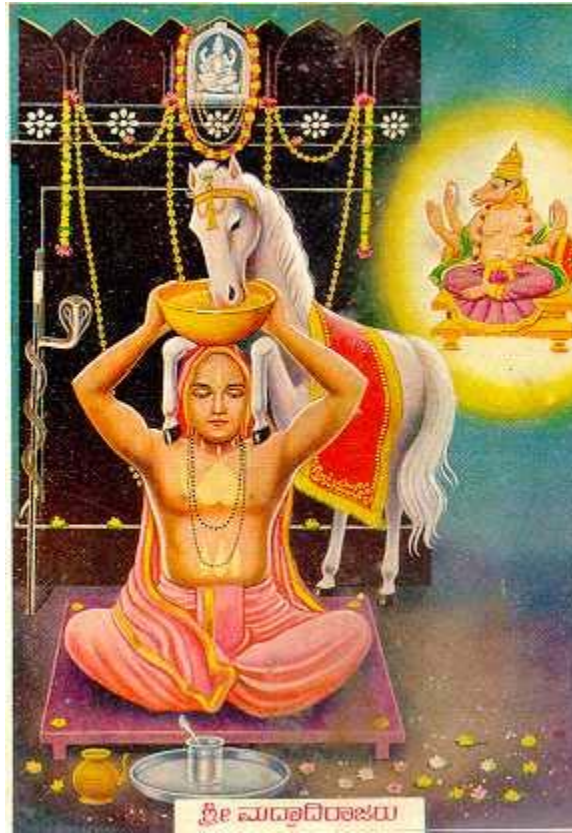


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Sri Sri Vadiraja Guru Sarvabhoma Darshanam



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HARE SREENIVASA!

HARI SARVOTHAMA!! VAYOO JEVOTHAMA!!

Sri Sri Hayagreevaya Namaha !!!

SRI MOOLA RAMO VIJAYATHE !!!

Sri Hanuma Bheema Madhwa
Sri Vadirajaaya Namaha !!!
Sri Raghavendra Namaha !!!

Sri Sri Vadiraja Guru Sarvabhoma Darshanam

I would like to present a brief biography of Sri Sri Vadiraja Guru Sarvabhoma titled "Sri Sri Vadiraja Guru Sarvabhoma Darshanam". Many great devotees have written / penned about Dwaita philosophy and Sri Sri Raghavendra Yathi Sarvabhoma. I thought of introducing Sri Sri Vadiraja through this website and hope and pray Sri Vadiraja Guru Sarvabhoma would help me complete my mission.

I readily accept that I am an unknown entity and my knowledge is limited and a student in the process of learning. If I knowingly or unknowingly make any mistake please forgive me and correct my mistakes...

:Introduction:

Sri Vadiraja Tirtha was a contemporary of Sri SriPadaraja thirtha and Sri Vyaasa Tirtha (Previous Incarnation of Sri Raghavendra Swamy) and also his disciple. He is considered to be one of the pillars of Dasa movement. He was a great leader and guiding spirit of both the Vyasakuta and Dasakuta. Sri SriPadaraja, Sri Vyaasaraja and Sri Vadiraja are together called as 'Yathi Trayaru', the three great saints in Dasa movement.

- a. Sri Padaraja is the beginner and considered the grandfather of Dasa's,
- b. Sri Vadiraja promoter of dasa sahitya.
- c. Sri Vyaasaraja has made dasa movement more popular by leading a set of esteemed disciples.

A point worth noting here is that all these three stalwarts of Dwaitha Philosophy were staunch followers of Sri Madwacharya and believed that HIS philosophy and Hari Bhakti was not limited to only Brahmins but to the society as a whole.

I plan to bring in a series of chapters highlighting Sri Vadiraja's life history right from HIS birth to Brindavana Pravesham.

Before I start Sri Vadiraja's Biography lets know about a place called Sodhe where Sri Vadiraja's Brindavana is located. Sodhe is a small place located just about 15 Kilometers from a city called Sirsi in Karnataka, India.

There are three important places of interest here.

1. Sri Vadiraja Matha (Sri Sodhe Mutt),
2. Sri Jain Mutt (A mutt / worship place dedicated to Jain's philosophy)
3. Sri Swarnavali Mutt (A mutt associated with Lingayat's who are basically Shaivaites)

After the fall of the Great Vijayanagar Empire due to the onslaught of Muslim rulers and plunderings that followed Hampi was reduced to just ruins which was once a crowing glory of a great empire. Small time rules and landlords started to rule bits and pieces of lands. In the surroundings of Sirsi area, a small time ruler Arasappa Nayak was ruling and his capital was Sodhe. This area was a think forest and nature's beauty was visible with abundance of tall trees and hill tops. Here a small river by name Shyamali flows majestically. Here this place was made blessed by the stay and tapsya of the Great Sri Sri Vadiraja, the one who will become Sri Vayu in the next kalpa i.e will move up the hierarchy.

Sri Vadiraja, Bhavi Sameera....

In His previous janma, He was a messenger of Princess Rukhmini to Lord Krishna. He is regarded as the incarnation of Latavya a great Tapasvi...

Please join me in briefly knowing the great Saint ...

Birth and Childhood of Sri Vadiraja.

Place: Kumbhasi, Kundapura (Place near Udupi)

This place is one of the places built by Sri Parashurama, the most dynamic avatars of Sri Lord Hari. Long back this place was inhabited by a Rakshasa (Evil Person) named Kumbha. Sri BhimaSena annihilated him and this place came to be known as Kumbhasi... Here you will find a small beautiful hill called as GAJAGIRI.

Here a small village exists called as Kusumasagara. It is here our Sri Vadiraja was born as to a pious Hari Bhakti couple by name Devarama Bhatta and Saraswati devi. They were born poor people and had their own lands, which were very small and used to plough for their earnings. For a very very long time they never had children. They used to do lots of Seva to beget children.

One of the ashta mutt's installed by Sri Madhvacharya was that of Sode Mutt.

The Deities of the Math are as follows

Shri Bhoovaraha given by Sri Madhwacharya,
Shri Hayagreeva and
Shri Vedavyasa.

Sri Vageesha thirtha was the reigning pontiff of that mutt. He got an order by Sri Boovaraha Swamy that this couple will be coming to visit him and he should bless them with Putra prapthi and take a promise from them that they would give their Child to the mutt.

This pious couple in turn got a dream that they should visit the Swamiji and get his blessing and they would beget a Yuga Purusha. Saraswati devi immediately woke up and pledged that if she gets a son she would donate a diamond necklace to Sri Hari.

Immediately they visited Sri Vageesha tirtha and He blessed them with Putralabha. He also asked for a promise that they would give the baby to the mutt on its birth. When the pious couple got a little apprehensive about this, He also blessed them that subsequently they would beget another Son who would be their vamshodharaka. He also told that if the first child is born outside the house then they can donate the baby to the mutt else they can themselves keep the baby. After this the couple came back to their place. In the due course of time Saraswati devi became pregnant and when the time of child birth came close by she became conscious of the fact that she should stay in her house so that she could have the first child too.

Year 1401, Sharwari Samvastara, Magha Suddha Dwadasi, Swati Nakshatra...

Who can change fate !!! On a day of Dwadasi, after the puja when they were having their lunch, suddenly a cow came and started to eat their grains which were outside. Since the

husband cannot get up in between the lunch Saraswati devi went out and started to shoo away the cow... Immediately labor pain started and she gave birth to a divine baby, the great Sri Vadiraja.

Here Sri Vageesha tirtha after knowing this incident came to their place and blessed the child and named him "Bhoo Varaha", baby born with the grace of Sri Boo Varaha ...

The place where the child was born is now known as "Gourigadde", the house where Sri Vadiraja was born is now Sode Mutt. In the course of time the child's studies were started and Sri Vadiraja excelled in everything... His Upanayana was also conducted. The couple got an order from Sri Vageesha tirtha that the time has come for the Child to be given to the mutt but agreed on the condition that until the second child was born they can keep the child. After the second baby was born the first Child was given to the mutt and He started out to be honest, obedient and excelled in all forms of education and physical activities.

From Bhoovaraha to Sri Vadiraja.

A person who is born to lead the Vedanta Empire shows signs of these at an early stage itself. All People who are born have a particular role to play and they accomplish it at the command and grace of Sri Hari...

Sri Vadiraja was ordained a role of leading the Vedanta Empire and help propagation of Dwaita Siddanta set by Sriman Madwacharya....

Bhoovaraha turned out to be a very intelligent and obedient student. He was always interested in knowing the tenets of Dwaita Philosophy and showed signs of having Sanyasic (Non-Materialistic) features...

In the due course of time Sri Vageesha tirtha ordained 2 persons as the Sanyasis who would lead the mutt. First was HIS relative who was pestering him to allow him to serve the mutt in the capacity of Swamiji.... His name was Sri Vidyanidhi Tirhta...

Second was Bhoovaraha who was ordained as HIS successor at an early age of 8... Boovaraha was named as Sri Vadiraja Theertha.... "Let HIM be undefeated in Vadas (Arguments) and defeat all his opponents and Let HIM be the Raja of all Sanyasis, hence the name VADIRAJA"....

Sri Vageesha Theertha and Sri Vidyanidhi Theertha made sure that Sri Vadiraja is given proper education in Dwaita Siddanta and the pooja vidhana as set by Sriman Madwacharya for all the persons holding the divine post of the Head of the MUTT... Sriman Madwacharya in his "Sri Yati Pranava Kalpa" mentions all the things that a Yati should perform in order to be called a worthy Swamiji... In the due course of time Sri Vadiraja Theertha wished to tour the holy place of the pavitra bhoomi "India" (Bharat Varsha).... He pleaded for permission from HIS gurus and after getting permission He

started off with HIS journey whose main aim was to propagate the Dwaita Siddanta all over India....

At that time HIS mother coming to know of this came to HIM and told HIM the pains she would undergo without seeing HIM. Sri Vadiraja made a small idol of HIS and gave it to HIS mother and said that by seeing the idol she would never feel the seperation... Also HE promised HIS mother that HE would take the responsibility of donating a diamond neclace to Sri Hari as was promised by HER if she would beget a son. Hence Sri Vadiraja tuned out to be a Pitru Bhakta, Guru Bhakta and moreover Sri Hari Bhakta...

Sri Vadiraja Theertha used to prepare Sri Hayagreeva (A mixture of Dhal, Jaggery, Dry Grapes, Cashew Nuts and Ghee) Sri Hayavadhana (One of the incarnations of Sri Hari) would accept this offering prepared by Sri Vadiraja Theetha.

Entry of Sri BhootaRaja.

One of the best and Great avatara of Sri Hari is that of Sri Rama who was born in Tetra Yuga, the next Yuga after Satya Yuga. Sri Rama's main task was Ravana Samhara and eradicate the evil powers on this earth. When Sri Rama killed Ravana He automatically became eligible for BrahmaHatya dosha (Killing of a Brahmana). Here we need to understand that since Sri Hari is supreme (Sarvothama) there is no kind of dosha or badness in HIM or in any of HIS avataras. It is for the betterment of the future generations that an act of such a thing is orchestraed for the benifit of mankind. Sri Rama wanted to get rid of this dosha and when HE sought opinions from learned people a learned but arrogant Brahmana came over and told Sri Rama that he would accept Sri Rama's Dosha.... Immediately this Brahmana became a Brahma Rakshasa and after HIS lifetime till Kaliyuga He was born as a pious Brahmana and enjoyed all the material benefits. All this was due to the grace of Sri Hari...

This Brahmana was born in Kaliyuga at the time of Sri Vadiraja as Narayna and he learnt all the vedas, sastras from Sri Vadiraja. When a person become knowledged or rich he acquires ahankara automatically. It is only a handfull of people who remain modest and not boast of achievements. Narayana was no exception. He was full of arrogance, ahankara and disrespectful towards others. He would insult learned people whoever visited Sri Vadiraja and if they were not able to answer his questions he would make fun of these. Even though knowing all this Sri Vadiraja would keep quite and this in turn increased this Brahmana's bad behaviour.

Sri Vyasaraaja one day on a Dwadasi came to have lunch with Sri Vadiraja. Sri Vadiraja was preparing to do HIS puja... On coming to know of Sri Vyasaraajas arrival, Sri Vadiraja immediately had bath and leaving HIS puja joined Sri Vyasaraaja for the parane (lunch). HE was aware of the fact that HIS puja was pending. After lunch and seeing off Sri Vyasaraaja, Sri Vadiraja went to a lonely place and HE removed all what He had eaten and did HIS puja and other daily obligations. After this HE had HIS lunch (parane).

Narayana coming to know of this started making fun of Sri Vadiraja as well as Sri Vyasaraja. This was it, the patience of Sri Vadiraja ended and HE cursed Narayanachar to become a Brahma Rakshasa. When Narayanachar pleaded with Sri Vadiraja, HE told him that the day the question "AA-KAA-MAA-VAI KoNASNAHATAH..." will be answered he would be rid of the curse. Accordingly this Brahma Rakshasa made a small forest near Hampi his home. He would ask everyone who would pass through the forest this question... "AA-KAA-MAA-VAI KoNASNAHATAH..." ? When they were unable to decipher and answer the question he would kill them and eat them away... In the due course of time when Sri Vadiraja was passing by the place, Brahma Rakshasa asked HIM the same question. Sri Vadiraja answered it as "Randa Putra Twam Na Syataha ..."

Question : "AA-KAA-MAA-VAI KoNASNAHATAH..." (Who does not bathe in Ashada - Karthika - Maagha - Vaishaka ?)

Answer : "Randa Putra Twam Na Syataha .." (The son of Raande does not do bathe in these months!!!)

Immediately the Brahma Rakshasa became his normal self as Narayanachar.... Even after all this Narayana was not able to shed his ahankara and he challenged Sri Vadiraja for a Vada Vivada (Arguments).

He lost and as per the understanding Narayana had to become Sri Vadiraja's Dasa. Sri Vadiraja blessed HIM as his foremost and favourite deciple "BHOOTARAJA". Since then Narayanachar became "SRI BHOOTARAJA", One who will protect good and pious people and punish the wicked.

Since he was a AHANKARA PERSONIFIED and AHANKARA is a Guna and Sri Rudra being the presiding diety, When Sri Vadiraja become Mukhya Prana in the next Kalpa after Sri Mukhya Prana has been elevated to the four-faced Brahma, Sri Bhoota Raja will become Sri Rudra in the next Kalpa....

Sri Vadiraja - Vadiraja - Vadiraja - Pahiman
Sri Vadiraja - Vadiraja - Vadiraja - Rakshamam
Sri Bhootaraja - Bhootaraja - Bhootaraja - Pahiman
Sri Bhootaraja - Bhootaraja - Bhootaraja - Rakshaman

The Abode Of Dharma - Dharmastala.

Place : Kuduma. About 75 Kilometers from Mangalore, present Karnataka

Heggade was the main chieftain of Kuduma, a small village near Mangalore. He and his family were the followers of Jainism. Though they were Jains, they used to be very respectful towards Brahmins, and all other religion followers. This place was very beautiful and nature's beauty was abundant here. Parvathi and Lord Rudra once were strolling this place as part of their regular sanchara of the earth and they found this place very beautiful and were enjoying the place. Heggade was also wandering in this place

and on his arrival Shakthi and Shiva became invisible to him. As a mark of their visit they left behind a small Shiva Linga. Heggade found this and was very happy to see a Shiva Linga. He immediately arranged for the puja by installing the idol through Brahmins in a grand way.

With the punya of installing Shiva Linga, Heggade became very rich day by day and also became very pious and follower of Dharma.

In the course of time, Sri Vadiraja along with Sri Bhoota Raja and HIS followers came over to this place. Heggade coming to know of this invited Sri Vadiraja to the Shiva temple and requested HIM to conduct HIS pooja and other obligations. Sri Vadiraja immediately accepted the offer but said that until the Shiva Linga is not installed in accordance with Vedic Rites, HE would not do any puja or have lunch there. At this Heggade requested to perform the necessary Puja and Vedic mantras to install the Shiva Linga in a proper way.

Note: Here we should not understand Sri Vadiraja in a wrong way. Any idol of Lord needs proper invocations and Vedic rites to install the Lord or give life to the idol. Though Lord is omnipotent, installation of idol is a very elaborate process in Dwaita System.

Like this Sri Vaidraja got an amsha of Sri Manjunatha Swamy from Kadiri hills through Sri Bhootaraja. After placing the Shiva Linga on the Yantra installed by HIM, Sri Vaidraja placed Sri Hayagreeva Saligrama on the Sri Linga and made arrangements for abhisheka and mass feeding of people who come to see the Linga. This Sri Linga was named as Sri Majunatha . Place was named as Sri Dharmastala where only Dharma resides... HE also ordered a amsha of Sri Bhootaraja to remain so that no Adharma takes place. Amsha of Sri Bhootaraja became Sri Anappa Swamy. Sri Vadiraja stayed there for sometime and thought the brahmins proper way of performing pooja and this place is today famous for Sri Manjunatha Swamy temple and other places of worship of Jains (Sri Bahubali / Gomateshwar Statue). Even to this day Sri Manjunatha puja is performed according to Dwaita System. Heggade family throughout the generations have been the Dharmadhikari's and perform the role of maintaining the temple and the society in a secular and peaceful way. They have various social schemes like free education, help to needy, anna danam etc to their credit.

Note: This proves that nowhere in the Dwaita system do they ignore Sri Rudra devaru. He occupies a very important place in our system. Praying Sri Rudra gets us close to Sri Hari and Sri Rudra gives us mukti from materialistic thoughts and helps focus on Sri Hari. Sri Rudra is considered one of the finest and best devotee of Sri Hari.

All India Tour (Sanchara) of Sri Vadiraja Guru Sarvabhoma

One of the most important tasks of being a Yati(Swamiji) in the Dwaita system of thought is spread of Sri Hari Bhakti and propogation of the branch called Tatvavada (Dwaita System) propogated by Sriman Madwacharya. This is apart from the rigorous Pooja vidhana of the mutts aradhaka devatas. To propogate Dwaita System, Sriman Madwacharya and HIS followers have travelled the length and breadth of this Punya bhoomi India... In this way they have performed many miracles with the grace of Sri Hari and installed Bhakti in peoples mind and removed doubts regarding the existence of God and Vedic system. Sri Vadiraja was no exception to this and HE traveled through out the entire India.

Sri Vadiraja traveled throughtout India and in the process defeated many scholars of other thoughts and true to HIS name he became a RAJA of VADA i.e. VADIRAJA....

Stay At Prayag

Sri Vadiraja arrived in Prayag and stayed in a temple dedicated to Sri Chaturmukha Brahma.... HE performed severe penance in order to please Sri Veda Vyasa. Sri Veda Vyasa pleased with Sri Vadiraja's penance gave HIM darshana and accepted to take HIM to the upper Badari known as Badrikashrama which is non accessible to normal mortals. Sri Vadiraja readily accepted and bid goodby to HIS Shisyas and went with Sri VedaVyasa. This incident at that time was invisible to HIS shisyas.

Sri Vedavyasa took Sri Vadiraja to HIS ashram and Sri Vadiraja met HIS parama guru Sriman Madwachaya and both of them exchanged pleasantries. The darshana of Sri Vedavyasa and Sriman Madwacharya made Sri Vadiraja to glow with brilliance and HE became very proficient in the sastras and other religious aspects. Their blessing also made Sri Vadiraja capable of deciphering and writing new granthas and poems.

At this time Sri Vedavyasa reminded Sri Vadiraja about the vow which Sri Vadiraja's mother had taken prior to HIS birth, i.e. to make ornaments to Sri Hari a lakh in number (Laksha Abharan). (I had mentioned this in Part - II as a diamond necklace just to make it simple at that time). Sri Vedavyasa suggested that the Sriman Mahabharata authored by HIM has a lakh very difficult words for which if Sri Vadiraja writes meanings of the same HIS mother's vow could be fulfilled.

Back after visiting Badrikashrama and as suggested by Sri Vedvyasa HE wrote tippanis on the most difficult One Lakh words in Sriman Mahabharata and named it "Lakshalankara" and submitted to Sri Hari. Sri Hari accepted the same and this way Sri Vadiraja fulfilled HIS mother's vow...

Stay At Ayodhya

At Ayodhya Sri Vadiraja took possession of idols of Sri Mukhya Prana and Sri Garuda, which lay ignored.

Travel to Bhoo Vaikunta Tirupathi

When Sri Vadiraja arrived at Tirupathi, HE saw the entire hills as a Saligrama, which HE thought, could not be ascended by foot. Hence HE ascended Tirupathi on HIS knee and had the darshana of the Lord and presented a Saligrama mala got from Gandhaki River (in today's Nepal) to the Lord. It is still there today at Tirupathi. Sri Srinivasa gave HIM sakshat (actual) darshana and that place is today known as "SRI VIMANA VENKATESHWARA".....

Stay At Poona

The King of Poona was arranging a great procession honoring a literary piece "Shishupala Vadha" written by a poet. Sri Vadiraja objected to this since the name of the work itself is inauspicious and does not carry the real significance of the event. To justify that, HE agreed that HE would compose the same event in a better way and within 20 days. The King and all the scholars agreed to this and Sri Vadiraja as promised came up with a master work containing 19 Chapters totaling 1238 slokas within 19 days. This work contains the pastimes of Sri Krishna right from HIS birth upto HIS marriage with Rukmini Devi. The work is full of glories to Sri Krishna and Sri Rukhmini Devi along with others. This master piece was named "SRI Rukmineesa Vijaya". When Sri Vadiraja presented this piece to the King and the scholars, they accepted the work better than "Shishupala Vadha" and had it taken along in a procession on the elephant and Sri Vadiraja was honoured.

Arrival At Udupi and History Created.

In the due course of time Sri Vadiraja arrived in Udupi. First HE installed the idols of Sri Mukhya Prana and Sri Garuda in the Sri Krishna Temple. Again HE installed the idol of Sriman Madwacharya at Udupi. HE also went to Pajaka (Sriman Madwacharya's birth place and installed one more idol of HIS)... After installing the idols HE made sure that daily pooja takes place to these idols too.

Sriman Madwacharya had installed 8 young Sanyasis and arranged for Pooja of the Sri Krishna idol installed by HIM each for 2 months period. All the Sanyasis were located in eight rooms in the temple itself. This was known as "ASHTA MUTTS". As time passed there was discontent amongst the Yatis. This was because they would miss important Sevas to the Lord since they would not be in charge of the Puja and to get their it would sometimes take a long time and it may not be possible in their lifetimes. Also the propagation of Dwaita was also getting affected. Shortage of funds was also becoming the order of the day. Sri Vadiraja called all the other 7 Yatis and discussed this issue?

HE suggested that each mutt can take control of Sri Krishna Mutt for 2 years and other Yatis can do their regular sanchara and collect funds for the temple and conduct their turn Pujas in a grand manner. In this way He also suggested that each Swamiji can perform all the important festivals in a year twice to Sri Krishna during their turn...

All of them readily agreed and lo HISTORY was created!!!!

This was the first time that a routine set by the great Vayu Avatar Sriman Madwacharya was changed keeping the changing times in mind and who else only Sri Vadiraja could do it..... !!! Today we have Paryaya System conducted in a grand manner and tradition still goes on....

(Note: In the changing times, CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT. Sri Vadiraja showed us that some rituals can be changed according to the times without affecting the traditions and purpose of the same.... This is only m personal view)

He also installed Sri Veda Vyasa's idol and Sriman Madwacharya's mutt a Sri Madyavati Mutt. HE arranged to have these idols to be conducted puja by the 7 Yatis when one of the Yati is conducting Paryaya at Sri Krishna Temple. Today this mutt and the idols are part of the SODE mutt...

This ends one of the few incidents of importance of Sri Vadiraja's Sanchara of India....

All this has been well documented by Sri Vadiraja in HIS work called as "TIRTHA PRABHANDA". This was written after pilgrimage to holy shrines of India. HE has written each and every minute details of the places and History behind it. It is believed that if one reads through the work, HE would get the Punya of having darshana of the pilgrimages by person...

Rather than considering Sri Vadiraja's tours as a mere ritual of installing idols and giving discourses, we should consider that Sri Vadiraja installed DWAITA SIDHANTA with the grace of Sri Hari and gist of Sri Vayu...

Meeting With Parents

Finally after travelling the length and breadth of India and having the darshana of Sri Krishna at Udupi, Sri Vadiraja decided that it was time to go to his native and visit HIS ageing parents. Sri Vadiraja came over to HIS native and met HIS parents. The parents obviously were very happy and overjoyed.

HE met HIS poorvashrama brother and conducted HIS upanayanam (Thread Ceremony) and arranged for his education. HE also informed HIS mother of the work "LAKSHALANKARA" and informed her that her vow of donating a Laksha Abharan to Sri HARI has been fulfilled. She felt very happy at this and informed Sri Vadiraja that Sri Hari had appeared in her dream and told about this. HE gave a special reading of this to

HIS parents and relatives assembled and they were awestruck at HIS knowledge and level of effort involved in the same.

In the meanwhile, Sri Vadiraja's brother learnt all the vedas and Shastras under the able guidance of Sri Vadiraja and in the course of time he mastered all those.

Sri Vadiraja's parents due to old age passed away. First was HIS mother to leave this world followed by HIS father. After this incident Sri Vadiraja's brother lost interest in this materialistic world and gave all the properties to Sri Sode mutt and started staying in the mutt itself. Time gone by he started to beg Sri Vadiraja to give him sanyasa diksha and help him get the bhagya of serving the Lord. Sri Vadiraja taking pity on him gave him Sanyasa diksha and named him "Sri Surothama Tirtha"...

Miracles by Sri Vadiraja Guru Sarvabhoma

Sri Lakshmi Shobane

Sri Vadiraja is one of the many Yatis in the dwaita mutt who is credited to have brought this most scientific and great philosophy of Sriman Madwacharya (Dwaita System) to the common masses in their language....

Sri Vadiraja during His regular sanchara reached a small town where the local Zamindar was conducting the marriage celebrations of his daughter with all pomp and geity. The priest was preparing for the SAPTAPADI ritual and the bridegroom suddenly met with death due to snake bit located in his turban !!!! This incident left the entire party spoiled.

The zamindar knowing of Sri Vadiraja's arrival in the town approached Him and begged Him to retrieve his daughter's Mangalya Bhagya lost before her marraige.

Sri Vadiraja immediately took piety on the zamindar and composed "Sri Lakshmi Shobane" containing 112 verses describing Sri Lakshmi's marraige to Sri Hari when she emerged from the Ocean of Milk (Amruta) and this got back the life of the bridegroom and the marriage party went on !!!

Benefits of hearing or reciting this song are many folds. Girls who are unmarried are believed to get good husband and have a prosperous life and believed to increase the prosperity in general of the home that listens or recites this song. It is also believed that listening or reciting this song always is bound to increase of good things (mangala karya).

Life given to the Son-In-Law of village chieftain

A village chieftain named Arasappa Nayak son-in-law was on his deathbed due to a unusual disease. This left his daughter to lose interest in life and was contemplating suicide. Arasappa Nayak came over to Sri Vadiraja and begged Him to relieve him from this ill luck. Sri Vadiraja immediately meditated upon Sri Hayavadhana (Sri Hari) and relieved the chieftain's problems.

Illness of Achutaraya cured

Achutaraya was a king of Vijayanagara and he was in a state of incurable illness. Any type of medication was not able to cure him. Sri Vadiraja came over to him on his request and sprinkled Tirtha (Holy Water) over him. Within no time he was cured of his disease. Such is the greatness of Sri Vadiraja that even today people take Mritika of Sri Vadiraja and is believed to have great powers in curing unknown diseases and other problems in life....

Krishnaraya becomes rich and wealthy

When Sri Vadiraja came over to Hampi, the king there was in lots of problems regarding his financial position. On coming to know of the arrival of Sri Vadiraja and getting to know HIS greatness approached HIM. He begged Sri Vadiraja to relieve him of his problems. Sri Vadiraja agreed to this and told him that in an appropriate time He would help him. One day after Sri Vadiraja completed HIS pooja and other obligations, He called Krishnaraya and took him to a cave called Vali Guha.... Vali and Sugreeva of Ramayana fame were supposed to have inhabited this place. In the cave, Sri Vadiraja, spinkled Tirtha on a huge rock. The rock broke into many pieces and out of it emerged a huge box. When Krishnaraya opened the box, he found many jewels, precious stones etc etc. On this Krishnaraya became very happy and in turn offered the entire lot to Sri Vadiraja. Sri Vadiraja explained him that being a Yati, he had no interest in all these materialistic things and told Krishnaraya that he could keep all this. Krishnaraya was adamant that Sri Vadiraja accept something and make him happy... Sri Vadiraja immediately asked for Sri Vishnu idol and Sri Rama idol, which were used by Sri Vali and Sri Sugreeva respectively for their pooja.... Krishnaraya still not satisfied asked Sri Vadiraja to ask something else in addition to the idols. Sri Vadiraja then asked Krishnaraya that during his paryaya at Udupi to come and offer whatever he can and He would accept it and offer in turn to Sri Krishna...

As per his promise Krishnaraya came over to Udupi at the time of Sri Vadiraja's Paryaya at Udupi and offered lots of jewels and other precious stuffs to Sri Krishna. Using the opportunity Sri Vadiraja got the temples of Sri Chandramouliswara, Sri Madanantheshwara and Sri Krishna renovated....

Sri Vadiraja titled "Sri PrasanghaBharana Tirtha"

Sri Venkatapati was the king of Vijayanagar... He was a very talented scholar and used to respect other scholars very much. He came to know of Sri Vadiraja and during His tour met Him. He was very much surprised over Sri Vadiraja's knowledge and invited Him to his Asthana (court). Sri Vadiraja defeated many scholars with His knowledge and Sri Venkatapati being very happy at this gave the title "Sri PrasanghaBharana Tirtha" to Sri Vadiraja....

Acquiring Hayagreeva Saligrama

Sri Vadiraja over his period of regular sanchara came over to Dwaraka and performed severe penance to Sri Hayagreeva devaru..... Sri Hayagreeva got very pleased and indicated to Sri Vadiraja that in a particular cave of existence of Hayagreeva Saligrama. Sri Vadiraja went into the cave and got the same Saligrama and even to this day this Saligrama exists in the possession of the mutt.

Sri Hayavadana Idol and relation of this incident to Goldsmith

Once a goldsmith (In Kannada they are known as Sonegaras who are very large in number in North Karnataka area. They are very skilled in making Gold and Silver ornaments) was trying to make a idol of Sri Ganapati. When he finished this the idol instead of resembling Sri Ganapati resembled Sri Hayavadana.... The goldsmith broke the idol and tried to do it again. It turned out to be Sri Hayavadana, which was better what he had made earlier... He thought of breaking the idol again and redo it in the morning. Sri Ganesha devaru came in his dream and instructed him not to break the idol but to gift it to Sri Vadirajaru. In turn Sri Vadiraja got an order from Sri Hayavadana devaru to collect the idol from this goldsmith... As per the instructions Sri Vadiraja came over to the goldsmith's place and the goldsmith happily donated the idol to Sri Vadiraja.... Sri Vadiraja felt very happy and even to this day this idol is part of the mutt....

The entire clan of goldsmith's are devoted to Sri Vadiraja mutt and their Kula Devata (Family deity) is Sri Hayavadana devaru..

Sri Vadiraja Gulla

Sri Vairaja swamy used to prepare a sweet dish called as Hayagreeva (mixture of Kadale Kalu i.e dhal, cashew, nuts, dried grapes, jaggery and other ingredients) and offer it to Sri Hayavadhana. Sri Hayavadhana used to come in the guise of a horse and eat the same from behind Sri Vadiraja keeping its knees on Sri Vadiraja's shoulders and leave a part to Sri Vadiraja and his shishyas. Not knowing the greatness of Sri Vadiraja and out of jealousy some people one day put poison in Hayagreeva. Sri Vadiraja as usual offered the same to Sri Hayavadana. This time the horse did not leave anything and ate away all the Hayagreeva. Sri Vadiraja got surprised and on seeing the horse got to know that it was poisoned on seeing the colour of the neck, which had become blue in color....

Being very concerned Sri Vadiraja was worried about this.. He got an order from Sri Hayavadana that some brahmins in a village have broken their tradition of not teaching and preaching Vedas and have got into ploughing and grown brinjals for profit.... Sri Hayavadana devaru ordered Sri Vadirajaru to get those brinjals and cook it for 48 days so that the effect of the poison and the blue color vanishes from the Horse's neck.....

Though brinjals as such is restricted in a vaishnav's diet, this brinjal named "Sri Vadiraja Gulla" is part and parcel of any vaishnav's meals....

Channa Dhal becomes Gold Dhal **[Sri Vadiraja's Stay at Pandharapura.]**

There was a farmer who was a great devotee of Sri Panduranga Vithala. His fields were located just on the banks of the river Bheema. He used to grow Channa Dhal in his fields. This times his ploughing was very good and all the entire fields were abundant with Channa Dhal. To save and look after the fields, this farmer used to watch the fields day and night.

One day, a white horse just walked into his fields and started eating all the Dhal grains. The farmer got very worried and followed the horse to shoo it away. His attempts to catch the horse failed. He just tried to follow the horse and ultimately reached Sri Vadiraja's place of stay and vanished. The farmer entered the ashrama of Sri Vadiraja and complained to the Swamiji about the horse.

Sri Vadiraja after hearing the story of the farmer told the farmer that HE had no white horse but accepted to bear the loss if the same thing happens the next day. Sri Vadiraja told the farmer not to follow the horse but let HIM know if it tries to eat the grains again.

The farmer watched his fields and once the horse arrived the next day, he immediately went to Sri Vadiraja and told HIM about the incident. Sri Vadiraja who had just finished HIS pooja told the farmer that he was very lucky since the nhorse was no ordinary but Sri Hayavadana in disguise. Sri Vadiraja immediately took to the fields but could not see the horse but wherever the horse had set its foot, the grains had become GOLD.

The farmer was ashtonished and prayed to Sri Vadiraja. Sri Vadiraja without any ego praised the farmer's devotion towards Sri Panduranga Vithala and told him that he was luckier to have the darshana of the Lord...

Rich man donates lands to Sri Vadiraja

The same incident as said above happened at another place when Sri Vadiraja was staying Belur. This rich man with all his arrogance told Sri Vadiraja that HE should bear the losses for HIS horse having eaten his grains in the fields. Sri Vadiraja accepted the same and told him to come over the next morning. He came over to Sri Vadirja the next morning. Sri Vadiraja, applied Butter on one of his eyes and left the other eyes as it is. HE told the rich man to see the happenings in the eye which has no butter applied to it. Sri Vadiraja meanwhile, prepared Hayagreeva and as usual kept the same over HIS head. Suddenly a bright white horse came and kneeled over Sri Vadiraja's shoulders and ate the Hayagreeva. The horse then just vanished into Sri Vadiraja's Hayavadana idol.

This incident surprised the rich man but he lost his eye, which saw the incident (The one which had no butter applied). He became a one eyed man because of his arrogance and he donated all his lands to Sri Vadiraja mutt and became a disciple of the mutt.

In another incident Sri Vadiraja was donated lands worth 50 acres by a rich person after he came to know that the white horse he saw was Sri HAYavadana and became a disciple of the mutt.

Sri Rama and Sri Lakshman Protect Sri Vadiraja

Once as part of HIS samchara, when Sri Vadiraja wanted to travel to Pandharapur, HE had to cross an area very notoriously famous for dacoities and robberies. HIS shishyas told HIM to take a different route and not to go by that route. Sri Vadiraja then advised them that since they were devotees of Sri Hari and also being Yatis they need not fear anything. HIS shishyas hesitantly followed Sri Vadiraja. In between, Sri Vadiraja and HIS followers were attacked by a group of dacoits. HIS followers being scared tried to escape from them. Sri Vadiraja told the dacoits that HE had nothing except for the idols of Lord. The dacoits started to snatch away the pooja box. On this, immediately, two youths started to rain series of arrows on the dacoits. Seeing this the shishyas got stunned and came to know of Sri Vadiraja as no ordinary person but a great devotee of Sri Hari. The dacoits fell at the feet of Sri Vadiraja and begged for forgiveness. Sri Vadiraja forgave them and also the arrows stopped.

The youths were none other than Sri Rama and Sri Lakshmana to protect Sri Vadiraja....

Sri Vadiraja identifies evil spirit and saves a family

A childless couple was blessed for a child by a evil Magician (Mantravadi, who uses VAMA SHASTRA) after getting a lot of financial benefits from them. The child was about 2 years and looked very beautiful. Sri Vadiraja who had stopped by their place identified the child actual state and sprinkled holy water on the child. Immediately the child turned into a big demon and told Sri Vadiraja about the magician and his evil designs. Sri Vadiraja ordered the demon to leave the couple in peace and destroy the Magician for the benefit of the mankind. The demon took the order of Sri Vadiraja and did the same. The couple then became of the disciple of Sri Vadiraja....

Devotees saved from near death

Sri Vadiraja and his devotess had come over to Kasi and were taking rest near the riverbed since it was nighttime. As time passed by lots of crocodiles came over and tried to harm them. Sri Vadiraja immediately prayed to Sri Hari and drew a line covering the area where HE and HIS devotees were present. All the crocodiles turned back since they could not enter the area anymore due to mantra shakti of Sri Vadiraja.

Nawab's Son get Life back !

As part of the sanchara Sri Vadiraja came over to Delhi which was ruled by muslim nawab. Few days' back, his son had passed away and he had buried his son near to Delhi. Sri Vadiraja had camped near Delhi, the same place where the Nawab's son had been

buried and Sri Vadiraja started HIS daily pooja there. Some people who saw this got shocked and informed Sri Vadiraja that the place was a impure place since it was the burial ground for the Nawab's family and his son was buried there. Sri Vadiraja told them that the place was not impure and Nawab's son was not dead.

The people got very curious and informed Nawab about this and told him about the Yati. Nawab immediately rushed to the place and fell at the feet of Sri Vadiraja and begged Him to retrieve the life of his child. Sri Vadiraja meditated on Sri Hari and Sri Vayu and lo !! nawab's son came back to life.... Nawab thanked Sri Vadiraja and gifted HIM with lots of gold and silver materials. Sri Vadiraja being a Yati requested HIS shisyas to take whatever they wanted. When the shisyas also did not want anything other than Sri Hari and Guru Bhakti, the entire stuff were thrown into Ganga river !!.

When Sri Vadiraja returned to Udupi, the nawab again sent lots of gold, silver and diamond materials out of which Sri Vadiraja used in the seva of Sri Krishna mutt and Sri Sode mutt....

Composition of Sri Madwaashtaka

Sri Vadiraja composed a sloka called as Madwaashtaka in the honour of Sri Madwacharya on the request of a Hari Bhakta named Krishna who used to suffer from High fever always.... On the recital of this sloka, his fever vanished away and he never got any kind of disease and this also facilitated his Hari Seva uninterrupted....

Sri Vadiraja reforms a miser...

Sri Vadiraja reformed a rich person who was a miser. This person was given a Hayagreeva Saligrama and told that pooja to this Saligrama would result in his property being increased.... This rich person started to do pooja to the Saligrama and in the process became very pious and got detachment towards materialistic pleasures. Sri Vadiraja named him "**Vaikunta Dasa**" and blessed him with mukti and Hari Bhakti for ever...

Composing "SriSha Gunadarpanam" Stotra !

Once a brahmin was struck in large amounts of debts. He could neither take any more debt or was capable of giving back the debts. He fell at the feet of Sri Vadiraja and begged Him to solve his problem. Sri Vadiraja understanding his problems told him that his problems will be solved only upto an extent of his debt and after he returns back his debts he can start his life as usual without any debts. The brahmin agreed to this condition.

Sri Vadiraja composed "SRISHA GUNADARPANAM", invoking the deity of wealth "Sri Lakshmi" and lo, Sri Lakshmi graced the brahmin with Gold coins equivalent to the amount of debt he was into!!!! Hence there is a tradition where people recite this stotra in order to invoke the grace of Sri Lakshmi...

Composing Sri Krishna Stuti and Sri Lakshmi Stuti

A brahmin who was born blind approached Sri Vadiraja and begged Him to grant vision. Sri Vadiraja took pity on him and composed 2 Stotra one invoking Sri Krishna and the other invoking Sri Lakshmi and told him to chant these on a daily basis. The brahmin started to chant the stotra everyday and taught others on the methods of chanting. Within a few months gone be this brahmin regained his vision and became an ardent devotee of Sri Vadiraja...

The greatest Hari Bhakta, Sri Kanakadasa

Kanakadasa was ardent devotee of Sri Krishna without any iota of doubt. Sri Vadiraja fully knowing this made arrangements for Sri Kanadasa's stay at Udipi as well as teertha prasada to him offered to Sri Krishna. Few people without knowing this stopped giving Sri Kanakadasa the teertha prasada. Kanakadasa, without letting Sri Vadiraja know, prayed to Sri Krishna. Sri Krishna came in the dreams of Kanakadasa and told him that each day he would get an ornament put on his idol and he can sell that and prepare food, offer it to him and have it too!!!!

Days passed by and as told Kanakadasa would get an ornament from the idol and he would sell it to the jeweller and buy items, prepare food, offer it to the Lord and have it.... Devotees started to see the jewels on Sri Krishna lessen and told Sri Vadiraja about this. Sri Vadiraja knowing the background called all and let Kanakadasa tell the entire episode. People begged forgiveness to Kanadasa and Sri Vadiraja and the jewels were restored from the jeweler and Sri Kanadasa's daily routine was restored.

Sri Vadiraja as part of his miracles solved many unusual and unheard of illnesses just by His mere touch and just by chanting His name. Even today, Sri Vadiraja's mritika holds the same power and there is a belief that visiting Sri Vadiraja's brindavana at Sode and taking His Mritika solves most of the problems and cures many illnesses...

Sri Nandi Stuti

Sri Vadiraja as part of His sanchara came over to Yellore. The temple of Sri MahaLingeshwara (Rudra devaru) was closed. Sri Nandi opened the door of the main temple and helped Sri Vadiraja to have the darshana of Sri Rudra. Sri Vadiraja compose Sri Shiva Stuti in the honour of Sri Rudra and kept a Saligrama in the temple and this helped even Dwaita people to have the darshana and prasada of the lord. Sri Nandi requested Sri Vadiraja to compose a strotra in His honour too. Sri Vadiraja composed Sri Nandi Stuti and offered it to Sri Nandi.

Sri Chennakeshava honours Sri Vadiraja !!!

Bellur is a town where Sri Chenna Keshava's (Sri Krishna) temple is located. When Vadiraja came over to Belur, it was supposed to be the day of Rathotsava (Procession of

the idol in the chariot). Thousands of people had gathered to see the same event and in this process completely ignored the arrival of Sri Vadiraja. Sri Vadiraja and His shishyas stayed over in the outskirts of the town... When people pulled the chariot of Sri Keshava, the chariot did not move an inch. People got an elephant to help move the chariot and that too did not help. All the people with the elders tried to sort out the problem and came to the conclusion that Sri Krishna is angry with them that they have not honored Sri Vadiraja. Immediately Sri Vadiraja was requested to take charge of the proceedings.

Sri Vadiraja happily agreed and composed a song "BEGA BAARO BEGA BAARO, Sri Velapura Chenna Keshava".... Chariot started to move and the Rathotsava of Sri Chenna proceeded extremely well....

Sri Vadiraja blesses Ananda Bhatta

There was a great advaita scholar who was all knowledgeable in the shastras and Vedas. There are only a few who show modesty at high positions in society. This scholar was definitely not one of them. He completely forgot the basic ethics of educated persons and had no respect towards other scholars. He insultingly wrote a letter to Sri Vadiraja and invited Him for a debate. Sri Vadiraja accepted his invitation and went over to the designated place. The scholar did not turn up and informed Sri Vadiraja that he would come after 2 days. 2 days passed and he again wrote to Sri Vadiraja that he would come by another 2 days. Sri Vadiraja had to go over to Udupi to take over the paryaya of Sri Krishna.

Sri Vadiraja persuaded Ananda Bhatta, one of His close devotees to debate with the scholar on His behalf and blessed him with akshate and went to Udupi. Ananda Bhatta won the debate and went out of Udupi and informed Sri Vadiraja of the same. Sri Vadiraja blessed Ananda Bhatta of a worthy son and once the baby was born, He named him GURURAJA...

Laksha Deepotsava At Udupi

In the course of the paryaya at Udupi in the supervision of Sri Vadiraja, Laksha Deepotsava was organised. Laksha Deepotsava is nothing but lighting a lakh or more oil soaked lamps. Suddenly there was heavy downpour of rains and everyone was afraid whether the function would go well. Sri Vadiraja was unperturbed and started to compose and sing a song on Sri Krishna. The moment Sri Vadiraja started to sing, the rains lessened down and just vanished paving the way for the organised function a success.... So great is Sri Vadiraja that even nature started to listen to Him!!!

Sri Vadiraja blesses the downtrodden

We all know how the Untouchables used to suffer at the hands of the so-called upper class people. Sri Vadiraja believed as Sriraman Madwacharya preached that it is only purva karmas that souls are demoted to the lesser class people. Sri Hari's grace would change everyone's position in the hierarchy of souls... Sri Vadiraja gave Hari Upadesha to these

people and composed many songs in the honor of Sri HARI, Vayu in tulu language to enable these people to come closer to Lord and know His greatness.

Sri Vadiraja was one of the pioneers along with Sri Vyasaraja and Sripadaraja and later Sri Raghavendra Swamy to have graced many people other than Dwaita followers and not differentiated between castes and creed.

Pacche Vithala Idol

As part of the regular sanchara Sri Vadiraja was traveling through Sri PARASHURAMA Kshetra. He came over the Jain temple, which had a few thousands of idols. The king of that area invited Sri Vadiraja to visit the temple. Sri Vadiraja warned him that if at all He visited the temple, and then the idols would turn to be of Sri Hari. The king laughed at this and told Sri Vadiraja that nothing of that sort will happen. Sri Vadiraja accepted the invitation and went into the temple. HE found a idol (Greenish) in colour and found it suitable for Sri Hari puja. He immediately went into deep meditation in the name of Sri Krishna and lo! The idol tuned into an idol of Sri Vittala.

The king immediately appreciated the greatness of Sri Vadiraja and presented the idol to Him. This idol named Sri Pacche Vithala can be still found in the Sode mutt...

Dandhateertha, A self filling water spot !

Once Sri Vadiraja was traveling near the spot where the rivers Kumaradhara and Netravti meet (Sanghama spot). Up hill over this spot there was a small but very old temple dedicated to Rudra (Shiva) devaru. Thousands of small Lingas were found there and people used to perform MahaRudrabhisheka. People used to get water from the Sangama spot and this put the people into lots of hardships. Sri Vadiraja took pity on this and decided that this should end. Immediately HE meditated on Sri Varuna (God of Water / rain) devaru and drew a small square with His Danda (Holy Staff which Swamijis carry). This spot immediately became filled with water so deep that it was enough to finish Sri MahaRudrabhisheka and even today this spot is filled with water.

Story behind Sri Vadiraja Kavacham

Narayanacharya was a great devotee of Sri Vadiraja. He used to make notes on the day-to-day activities of Sri Vadiraja and note down His miracles. He requested Sri Vadiraja to go through his work and give His stamp of approval. Sri Vadiraja assured him that at the right time He would go through his works.

Once when Narayanacharya was alone, Sri Vadiraja requested him to get his work and took him in a boat across the river. Narayanacharya was riding the boat and Sri Vadiraja was going through the pages of the works. After reading each page, Sri Vadiraja would look at Narayanacharya and appreciate his scholarship and throw the same into the river.

Narayanacharya though very happy used to feel the pain when his hardwork was being thrown in water!. Sri Vadiraja came over to the last page and looked at Narayanacharya

and said that HE being a Hari devotee does not need any praise and appreciated the work of Narayanacharya and told him that He would just have the last page title Sri Vadiraja Kavacham for people to recite and get His blessings.

Sri Dashavataara Stuti

Sri Vadiraja composed Sri Dashavataara Stuti. This stuti contains the descriptions and praises Lord Sri Hari's avatars and is composed in the Ashwa dhata i.e raga of horse footsteps. This stotra if recited or listened to daily would make Sri Hari happy and it is believed that all the devatas would be present in the place where this stotra is recited with bhakti and bless the place with abundance of wealth and peace of mind.

Sri Vadiraja Guru Sarvabhoma entry into Brindavana

Sri Vadiraja performed lots of miracles over His lifetime and it would be very difficult to complete the set of His miracles. I have covered the most important ones and there may be many which has happened, will happen and is happening even at this time.

In the last set of this series I will try to cover the entry of Sri Vadiraja into Brindavana and complete the small (brief introduction) to this great Saint of Dwaita philosophy.

Sri Vadiraja decided to stay over the place called as Sode, which had dense coverage of forest, peaceful and always covered with plantations and natural resources. This place was ruled by a Lingayat King who used to trouble his subjects especially pious Brahmins on the wrong advice of his Raja Guru who was a evil magician.

Sri Vadiraja just with His power of MANtrakshate (Sacred Rice mixed with Kumkum and oil) helped this king win over his opponents and got him back in the right track and got rid of his Raja Guru. The king then became a very great devotee of Sri Vadiraja and requested him to stay at Sodhe itself.

Sri Vadiraja decided to stay and helped the king in many ways. The king requested Sri Vadiraja to setup a big temple and conduct daily pooja. Sri Vadiraja sent Sri Bhootaraja to get the Sri Trivikrama temple located at Badrikashrama the place where Sriman Madwacharya resided even to this day. Bhootaraja went to Badrikashrama and requested Sriman Madwacharya to part with Sri Trivikrama temple. Sriman Madwacharya granted the wish of Sri Vadiraja and Bhootaraja carried the chariot of Sri Trivikrama temple to Sode. On the way He had to fight with a evil Rakshasa and in a hurry, Sri Bhootaraja broke one of the Wheels of the chariot and killed the Rakshasa. Even to this day the temple has only 3 wheels signifying the incident !!! Sri Lakshmi came in the dream of Sri Vadiraja and requested Him to have a temple in her name near Her Husband Sri Hari !!! Sri Vadiraja installed an idol of Sri Lakshmi in this temple and hence this is Sri Rama Trivikrama Temple....

North of this temple is a pond called as Dhamala Ganga and the devotees to take bath and purify them... use this pond Sri Vadiraja also installed Sri Chandramouleeshwara temple,

Anjaneya temple and Sri Ganapati temple. He also installed Sri Santana GopalaKrishna temple, a temple for Sri Bhootaraja.

After a period of time, Sri Vadiraja called the king and His devotees and told them that His time has come to enter Brindavana... This news came as a shocker to all of them !!!

Sri Vadiraja told the gathering that His entry into the Brindavana will be in life (Sajeeva). He told the gathering that He would always be there to protect them.

Sri Vadiraja ordered / requested the king to construct a big Brindava enough for Him to sit and install a idol of Sri Veda Vyasa just opposite to the Brindavana. He also requested for 4 small Brindavana to be surrounded by the Brindava for Him. The king constructed the Brindavanas as was requested by Sri Vadiraja.

Sri Vadiraja by this time had completed 4 Paryayas at Sri Udupi Temple. He sent His successor Sri VedaVedya tirtha for the 5th Paryaya and He preferred to stay back at Sode. He performed the Sri Krishna Paryaya at Sode itself and this makes it many of us to believe that a visit to Sode will bring the same benefit as visiting Udupi !!!

After a fruitfull 120 years, Sri Vadiraja decided to enter Brindavana and continue meditating on Sri Hari. He informed His devotees to take close the Brindavana once the Japa Mala stops and falls from His hands while in Brindavana.

Year 1700, Sarvari Nama Samvatsara, our main Yati of this series Bhavi Sameera as believed by many, Sri Sri Vadiraja Guru Sarvabhoma entered the pavana pavitra Brindavana and once the Japa Mala stopped and fell from His hands the Brindavana was closed.

The entire air was filled with flowers and sacred chantings. When people saw the sky Sri Vadiraja was travelling in a pushpaka Vimana. They bowed and prayed to Him. He threw His Golden Padukas and His Saffron Vastra below which is still there in the mutt...

:Brief Description of Sri Vadiraja Pancha Brindavan:

South East direction of the main Brindavana has Matsya-Koorma-Varaha Sannidhi.

South West direction of the main Brindavana has Narasimha-Vamana Sannidhi.

North West direction of the main Brindavana has Parashurama-Sri Rama Sannidhi.

North East direction of the main Brindavana has Krishna-Buddha-Kalki Sannidhi.

The entire Brindavanas over and above the dashavatara sannidhis have Sri Chaturmukha Brahma, Sri Maheshvara, Sri Vishnu as well as Sri Mukhya Prana presence.

The main Brindavana has Sri Vadiraja, Sri Hayagreeva and Sri Bho Varaha sannidhi's making this one of the most and sacred place for gaining Sri Hari Bhakti and getting peace and ridding oneself of unknown and known diseases and other problems in life....

This completes the entire series of Sri Vadiraja Guru Sarvabhuma Series and may this bring all the health and wealth to the devotees.

First of all I believe that this was a prerana from Sri Vadiraja and Sri Raghavendra themselves for taking this task...

My pranams to them...

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Sarvam Sri Krishnapanam....