

## Lecture on controlling emotions at Sringeri Mutt

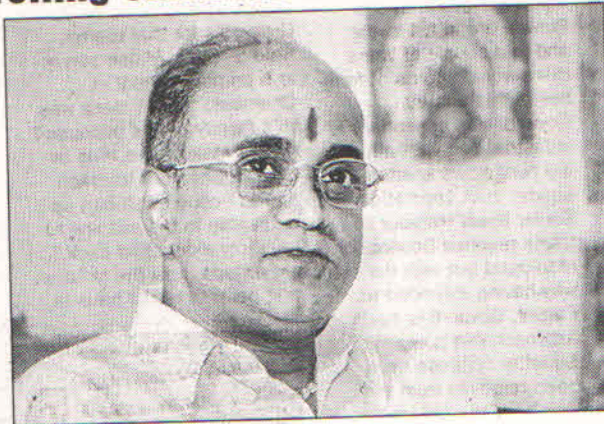
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AN astrologer Kanjanur Vishwanadhan Lakshmi Narayan Sharma has a dream, which is almost coming to reality, thanks to the followers of Sathguru Sri Seshadri Swamigal.

Fifty-two-year-old Sharma is the main force behind the Sathguru Sri Seshadri Swamigal Brindavanam Trust which is raising the Rs 5 crore unique temple. The kumbhabhishekam of the temple, which will be open to all members of caste, community and faith, will be held in February 2004. Coming up at Madambakam, 12 kms from Chennai airport, the inner sanctum of the temple will have an image of Maha Meru crafted in green granite as per the very ancient tradition of Sri Vidya.

The story goes that Sharma who worked in a Chennai-based private firm in 1977 during worship one full moon night at Kanjanoor went on a trance and since then has been following the dictates and instructions Sri Seshadri Swamigal.

Sharma is considered the chief disciple of Swamigal, a contemporary of Ramana Maharishi. Born in 1870 in Kanchipuram to a family of Sri Vidya Upasakas, Swamigal grew to a saint of untold real-



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ization. Making Thiruvannamalai his abode, Swamigal guided many a life and lightened many a burden in miraculous ways. His followers believe that even after he departed from his physical body, in 1929, he continues to be a beacon in the lives of his innumerable disciples who continually feel his abiding presence.

In 1985, Sharma left his job following the instructions of Swamigal took to astrology as a means as livelihood and also use the same to raise funds for the Madambakam temple. Besides, he began conducting lectures based on the teachings of Swamigal. Recently he was in Colombo, Sri Lanka and will soon be in

Muscat to address followers of Swamigal. "I have over 5,000 clients spread all over the world and belonging to different community and faith who have contributed funds for the temple," says Sharma.

Sharma will speak on "How to control emotions and derive mental peace" at Sringeri Mutt, Sharada Temple, Chembur on October 12, 7.30 p.m.

The fact that more than thirty students in each class came right at the beginning of the launch shows that such a school was needed. The school plans to restrict the number of students per class to forty. "It helps us to have a personal touch with the children and also follow their individual learning patterns more closely," remarked Ragini Jayakaran, an upper PG teacher.

The euphoria is palpable as teachers have voluntarily collected books of certain premier school from all over Mumbai and devised a play-way and child-centric method of education to the tots for an overall personality development which also includes outdoor and indoor sports and excursions to post office, vegetable market, bank, etc. The school authorities are contempt-

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