

## Dr. Acharyulu Srinivas Vedala

Sri Acharya S. Vedala hails from Machili patam in Andhra Pradesh, India. At the age of seven he started training in a Guru Kula, Hayagreeva Veda Patashala for ten years. He studied and trained to be a priest in Agama Shastra [science of worship]. This training included branches of Agama such as Vaikhanasa [ worship of Lord Venkateswara], Pancharatra [ Lord Vishnu and divine spouse Lakshmi ] and Shaiva tradition respectively. Simultaneously he went to general education classes to finish High School and obtain a Bachelor's in humanities from Andhra University. Acharyaji then acquired Masters Degrees in Eastern Philosophy, Sanskrit and Telugu respectively. In 2001 he was awarded [PhD] in Sanskrit by Andhra University. He is a recipient of many awards, certificates and accolades for his contribution to Sanskrit and Telugu literature, and Hindu Philosophy.

In 1992 he joined ICF/ HTO as a priest. He developed the Bala Alaya for daily worship till permanent temple was built. Acharyaji planned and performed Kumbhabhisekam to install [prana pratishta] Sri Venkateswara, Sri Ganesha, Sri Shiva, Sri Rama Parivar and Sri Radha Krishna in 1994 and 1995 respectively. He is a prolific composer of poetry and prose in Sanskrit and Telugu languages. He teaches Sanskrit and Vedanta in our temple. He is an adjunct faculty in the Department Of Humanities at the University of Central Oklahoma where teaches Sanskrit, Hindu Philosophy and humanities.