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Introduction:-

Ahobilam is a pilgrimage centre situated in Andhra pradesh, India.

It has temples dedicated to Lord Narasimha. The Lord is said to have

appeared here from a pillar, destoyed the famous demon Hiranyakasipu

and given darsan to Prahlada. The temples are very old, over 1000 years old.

It has attracted many saints and devotees who had sung in praise of the

Lord who is an avatar or incarnation of Vishnu

It is said in Harivamsa (Seshadharma) that Sri Rama visited Ahobilam

during His wanderings in search of Sita and prayed to Lord Narasimha

for succes of His endeavour. These verses form His prayer.

In the last verse it is said that these verses are known as Panchamritam.

Hari (ಹರಿಃ) is one of the names of Vishnu - (No.360 in the Vishnu

Sahasranama Stotram).

ಹರಿಃ - ಸ್ಮೃತಿ ಮಾತ್ರೇಣ ಪುಂಸಾಂ ಪಾಪಂ ಸಂಸಾರಂ ವಾ ಹರತೀತಿ।

He removes the sins and ignorance that is the cause of the cycle of

repeated birth and death just by being thought of. But the word Hari

also means a lion. So, some ascribe this meaning to the name Hari and also

add that the form of the Lord available in Vaikunta is that of Narasimha only.

Nrisimhapurvatapaniya

Upanishad talks about meditating on the Lord. It advises one to meditate on the

form of Narasimha as reclining on the snake-bed of Adisesha in the ocean of milk.

ಕ್ಷೀರೋದಾರ್ಣವಶಾಯಿನಂ ನೃಕೇಸರಿಂ ಯೋಗಿವದಾಸೀನಂ ಶೇಷಭೋಗಮೂರ್ಧಾವೃತಮ್।

Sri Sankaracharya repeats this idea in the opening verse of his LakShminrisimha

Stotram and addresses Lord Narasimha as ಶ್ರೀಮತ್ಪಯೋನಿಧಿನಿಕೇತನ = One who has the ocean of milk as His residence and ಭೋಗೀನ್ದ್ರ ಭೋಗಮಣಿರಾಜಿತಪುಣ್ಯಮೂರ್ತೇ = whose form is shining with the light emanating from the gems in the hoods of the serpant king Adisesha. He opines that the same NArasimha came down and appeared from a pillar in order to remove the sufferings of His devotee Prahlada. In the tenth verse of the same Stotra he addresses the Lord as ಪ್ರಹ್ಲಾದಖೇದಪರಿಹಾರಪರಾವತಾರ।

In keeping with this thought, a Tamil saint - Nammalvar, in one of his verses, had praised the Lord Narasimha and said that his heart yearns to go to Vaikuntam to have His darsan .

The Vishnu Sahasranama Stotram (VS) refers to Narasimha more than once. ನಾರಸಿಮ್ಹವಪುಃ VS(21), ಸಿಂಹಃ VS(488), ವೀರಹಾ VS(741) and ಸರ್ವಪ್ರಹರಣಾಯುಧಃ VS(1000) are examples.

ಅಹೋಬಿಲಂ ನಾರಸಿಂಹಂ ಗತ್ವಾ ರಾಮಃ ಪ್ರತಾಪವಾನ್ ।
ನಮಸ್ಕೃತ್ವಾ ಶ್ರೀನೃಸಿಂಹ-ಮಸ್ತೌಷೀತ್ ಕಮಲಾಪತಿಮ್ ॥

ಗೋವಿನ್ದ ಕೇಶವ ಜನಾರ್ದನ ವಾಸುದೇವ ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ ವಿಶ್ವ ಮಧುಸೂದನ ವಿಶ್ವರೂಪ ।
ಶ್ರೀಪದ್ಮನಾಭ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ ಪುಷ್ಕರಾಕ್ಷ ನಾರಾಯಣಾಚ್ಯುತ ನೃಸಿಂಹ ನಮೋ ನಮಸ್ತೇ ॥೧॥

ದೇವಾಃ ಸಮಸ್ತಾಃ ಖಲು ಯೋಗಿಮುಖ್ಯಾಃ ಗನ್ಧರ್ವ-ವಿದ್ಯಾಧರ-ಕಿನ್ನರಾಶ್ಚ ।
ಯತ್ಪಾದಮೂಲಂ ಸತತಂ ನಮನ್ತಿ ತಂ ನಾರಸಿಂಹಂ ಶರಣಂ ಗತೋಽಸ್ಮಿ ॥೨॥

ವೇದಾನ್ ಸಮಸ್ತಾನ್ ಖಲು ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಗರ್ಭಾನ್ ವಿದ್ಯಾಂ ಬಲಂ ಕೀರ್ತಿಮತೀಂ ಚ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಮ್ ।
ಯಸ್ಯ ಪ್ರಸಾದಾತ್ ಪುರುಷಾ ಲಭನ್ತೇ ತಂ ನಾರಸಿಂಹಂ ಶರಣಂ ಗತೋಽಸ್ಮಿ ॥೩॥

ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಾ ಶಿವಸ್ತ್ವಂ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮಶ್ಚ ನಾರಾಯಣೋಽಸೌ ಮರುತಾಂ ಪತಿಶ್ಚ ।
ಚನ್ದ್ರಾರ್ಕವಾಯ್ವಗ್ನಿಮರುದ್ಗಣಾಶ್ಚ ತ್ವಮೇವ ತಂ ತ್ವಾಂ ಸತತಂ ನತೋಽಸ್ಮಿ ॥ ೪॥

ಸ್ವಪ್ನೇಽಪಿ ನಿತ್ಯಂ ಜಗತಾಮಶೇಷಂ ಸ್ರಷ್ಟಾ ಚ ಹನ್ತಾ ವಿಭುರಪ್ರಮೇಯಃ ।
ತ್ರಾತಾ ತ್ವಮೇಕಸ್ತ್ರಿ ವಿಧೋ ವಿಭಿನ್ನಃ ತಂ ತ್ವಾಂ ನೃಸಿಂಹಂ ಸತತಂ ನತೋಽಸ್ಮಿ ॥ ೫॥

ಇತಿ ಸ್ತುತ್ವಾ ರಘುಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠಃ ಪೂಜಯಾಮಾಸ ತಂ ಹರಿಮ್ ।
ಪುಷ್ಪವೃಷ್ಟಿಃ ಪಪಾತಾಶು ತಸ್ಯ ದೇವಸ್ಯ ಮೂರ್ಧನಿ ॥

ಸಾಧು ಸಾಧ್ವಿತಿ ತಂ ಪ್ರೋಚುಃ ದೇವಾ ಋಷಿಗಣೈಃ ಸಹ ॥ ೬॥

ದೇವಾಃ:-
ರಾಘವೇಣ ಕೃತಂ ಸ್ತೋತ್ರಂ ಪಞ್ಚಾಮೃತಮನುತ್ತಮಮ್ ।
ಪಠನ್ತಿ ಯೇ ದ್ವಿಜವರಾಃ ತೇಷಾಂ ಸ್ವರ್ಗಸ್ತು ಶಾಶ್ವತಃ ॥ ೭॥

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