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# AN EVENING DIALOGUE WITH PANKAJANGHRI PRABHU

A Poetic narration of the conversation with Pankajanghri Prabhu  
and myself- By Vilasini dd

*The peaceful silence of the Mayapur night?  
Or the soothing words of a sadhaka's might?  
That poured nectar straight into my heart  
As the inebriates of my life I cart.*

*He talked about the demonetization  
And how good the government is  
But to spread the holy names,  
The devotees task it is.*

*'What's the news he asked',  
'Suffering the recent hit' I basked  
Thinking I was too wide,  
For no service is loftier than mine, - my conscience chides*

*The dialogue proceeded, as he sat me down,  
'Deeper' points out lover of the Lord  
Superfluous is the habit, and it stayed even then,  
Effort it took for my insides to come out.*

*'How is Nitai?' he says  
'By your prayers and Narsimhadeva's grace  
Our lives are changed!  
The ugly ordeal of that awful play of breath comes to rest'.*

*'The world was hot and the universe trembled  
When evil reaches the peak,  
Lord Nasimhadeva comes to rescue  
Just like for Nitai', he replied in answer.*

*I froze in admiration of such profound thoughts,  
It was 10 months past I met him, but he caught,  
That which was deep in my heart,  
Threw illustrious light and set it back inside with a fresh start.*

*'I attended the japa retreat', he heard me further  
'And it opened in my life a window another  
But as I returned back to life,  
Again I began my daily strife'*

*'It is only natural' he replied,  
'For material nature to work her way,  
And keep you tight at bay,  
But Krishna is a person, and he understands'!*

*'He understands your inclines. He understands'!*

*'It's all the trivial things, that pile up in my day  
And I strive to sort to get them out of my way  
My focus is lost, and I conclude  
Be comfortable first then Krishna will come' I complain*

*'Your nature is sac cid ananda,' he keenly responds  
'So you are looking for comfort,  
That's your very nature,  
Just like this world too has its stature'.*

*'The danger comes when you think you will  
Find peace within this world,  
For then please know that this place is designed  
For one hurdle after the other'.*

*'Only by the Lord's personal intervention  
Can your hurdles be removed.  
Today you must act for a better tomorrow,  
Comfort is relative and that desire is endless and entwining'.*

*'Instead, you must go through it wisely,  
Within your heart carefully holding Him with a prayer  
"Krishna you are so tricky, you test me that I know"  
And boldly face all that comes'.*

*'Take the medicine but depend on Krishna  
Do your duties, but keep Krishna in your heart  
Act as you are meant to act,  
To Him you will turn when you are utterly cornered'.*

*'Please bless me that I can be satisfied' I cried  
'I bless you right now, but our endeavours are not all!' he replied  
I got a glimpse of a devotee's heart  
Unbelievable this was a new start!*

*'To go back to Godhead? - is that selfish?' I ask  
"The best selfish desire you can have,*

*First desire well, and intentions will get purified.  
Who serves Him selflessly? Can you count in this society?'*

*'You all!, I reply completely bowled over  
'Very rare' he responds. So keep that selfish desire!  
'You are serving Krishna's children, Krishna's house,  
You are building this beautiful temple'*

*'Just hold on another 50 years...  
Or 50 months or 50 hours or 50 seconds....  
At the end of this life, you will go back to Him'  
That echoed in my heart again and again.*

*'But my consciousness??' I gasped  
'Yes, it is important' he interrupted  
"But Mahaprabhu sees no qualification,  
Except that of faith" 'But faith is dynamic'? I jumped back with  
questions  
'But inherently you have, we all have.  
If Mahaprabhu looks for perfection in Kaliyuga,  
He will not find, so He just wants faith'.*

*'If you don't remember Him when you die, He will remember you  
For all the service that you have done for him.  
If that doesn't work, you catch my dhoti,  
Thats what Prabhupada said - he will take us in from the back  
door'.*

*My heart drank that all,  
My mind rested at his feet  
While I sat in complete absorption  
Holding on to every word!*



## SVAHA FORD

Dear Pankajanghri Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Although, I had the rare privilege of knowing you, albeit briefly, I caught a glimpse of your funny side when Rangavati and I requested you to come to the TOVP design office one afternoon. As if to break the ice you told us how you were ordered to be at the office promptly with very short notice and that you rushed over to meet with us, having quickly showered after waking up from afternoon rest. You very kindly proceeded to answer all our questions and I was pleased to finally meet HG Jananivas prabhu's twin brother, who was equally unassuming, friendly, and funny. I have since watched countless hours of videos of your heartwarming interactions with devotees, your down-to-earth classes, and your ecstatic dancing during kirtan, and while enacting the pastimes of Lord Narasimha Deva. We all took it for granted that you would be welcoming your beloved Lord Narasimhadeva to His new temple at the TOVP, and offer Him the first arotik, but your sudden departure has left us in shock.

We maybe able to fulfill Srila Prabhupada's dream of manifesting the TOVP before any more generals in Srila Prabhupada's army leave us for the spiritual world.

Your humble servant  
Svaha dasi

of planetary system with  
material world and abo  
world... We are going to  
edic culture throughout  
world, and they'll come  
to attract people of t  
Mayapur.



*"Vaisnavera kriya  
mudra bujaibe keba",  
no one can understand  
the actions of a  
devotee, much less that  
of our dear Lord  
Krishna.*

## SVAHA FORD

Krishna is very kind that He has left with us your divine brother HG Jananivas prabhu, in whom we not only see and feel your presence, but who we all look up to for guiding us for moving Sri Sri RadhaMadhava into their new home in the TOVP when it is completed.



Although, when that auspicious time does arrive, many sincere souls trained by you will undoubtedly render this service magnificently not only to please the Lord and His devotees but knowing you WILL BE PRESENT WATCHING AND CELEBRATING IN YOUR SPIRITUAL BODY!!!

“Vaisnavera kriya mudra bujaibe keba”, no one can understand the actions of a devotee, much less that of our dear Lord Krishna. Your presence was probably needed elsewhere to assist Srila Prabhupada and therefore, we cannot lament your sudden departure from our vision. We take comfort knowing that you are in the association of all your godbrothers in the eternal ISKCON society.

Please forgive any offences we may have committed in our service at Your lotus feet and please bless us all that we may be able to fulfil Srila Prabhupada’s dream of manifesting the TOVP before any more generals in Srila Prabhupada’s army leave us for the spiritual world!



## PREMAVATAR GAURANGA DAS

Construction Manager

What I admired the most about Pankajanghri Prabhu is this. He immediately grasped, understood, and offered a perfect solution for any decisions on the TOVP site that I discussed with him.

One time we were carving the Jai Vijay garland. The Jai Vijay carving proportions are enormous, and we needed to achieve the perfect garland size. I immediately knew the best person to approach. As soon as Pankajanghri Prabhu came on the site and saw the carvings, he instantly decided on their size, which was simply perfect!

I lived in Australia for some years of my life. But one inspiration made me drop all my comforts there and come to Mayapur. That singular inspiration were these amazing twin brothers. I had the deepest desire in my heart to serve them and learn from them. This desire drove me to settle in Mayapur. It is only due to Jananivas Prabhu and Pankajanghri Prabhu's blessings, prayers and good wishes that I am here today and able to do my service to the Holy Dham through the TOVP.





# SRAVANANAND DAS

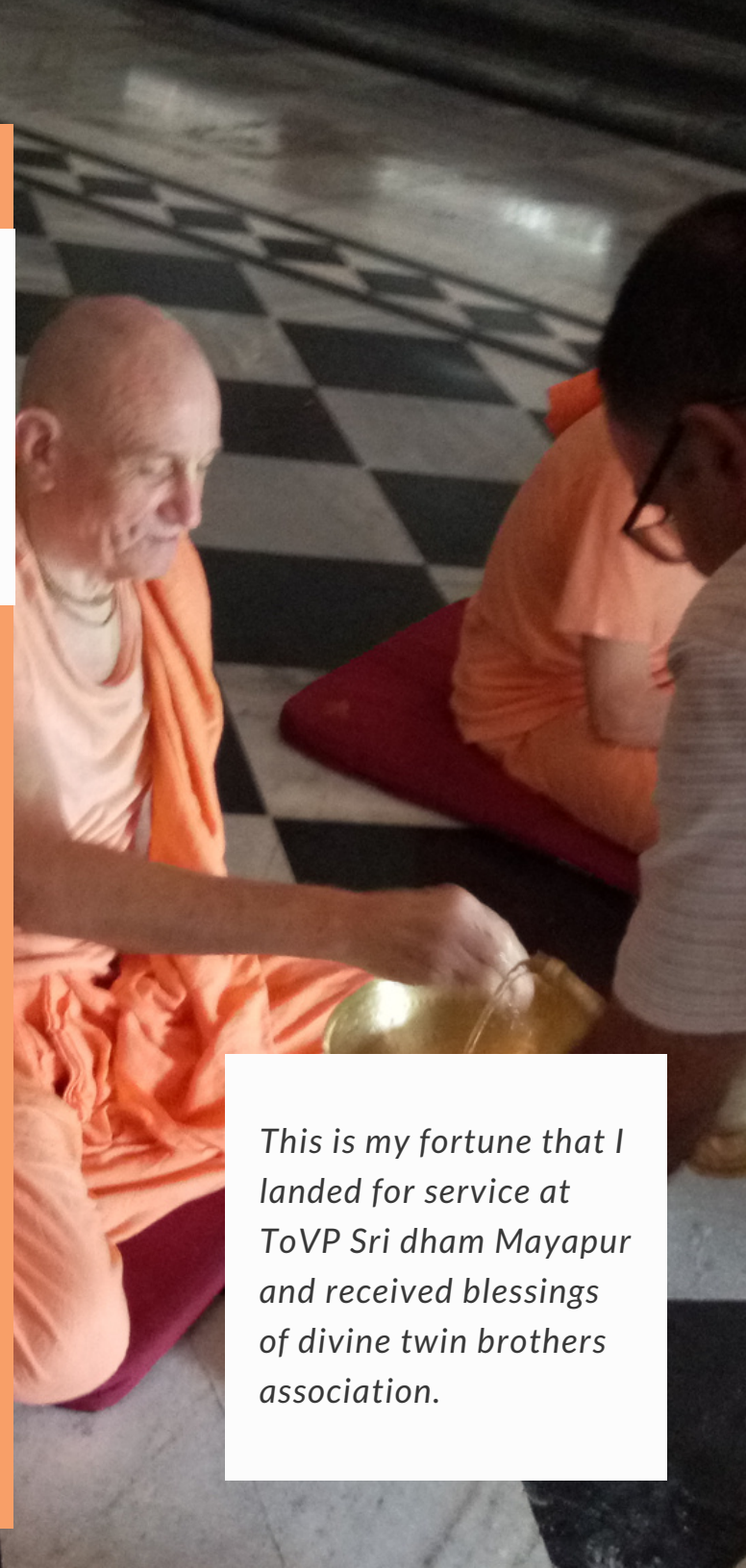
Project Consultant

## Devotional Confusion.

Years passed but puzzled to identify who is who remained as it is... Once I had interviewed HG Jananivas Prabhuji as an encouragement talk for Mataji's who serves in deity back services in our NVCC Pune temple. That interview was such a highlight in that program, and the next day HG Radheshyam Prabhuji shared thanks to HG Jannivas Prabhuji and in the morning Japa time, usually both brothers walk and chant around Panchatatva. So I saw, and I thought he is Jananivas Prabhuji and I went and started saying: Thank you Prabhuji, for your encouraging talk for Pune Mataji's and HG Radheshyam Prabhuji is grateful to you and also thank you for answering my questions.

Prabhuji : Stopped waking ...smiled and little confused and said :Thank you . Then I ask one of my friends there, and he said... He is Pankajangri Prabhuji, and I felt embarrassed. Later, to avoid more confusion, I immediately went to HG Jananivas Prabhuji room behind Panchatatva and shared a vote of thanks.

This devotional confusion continued many times with me later too... But now that sweet confusion service has been taken away by HG Pankajangri Prabhuji.



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# SRAVANANAND DAS

Project Consultant

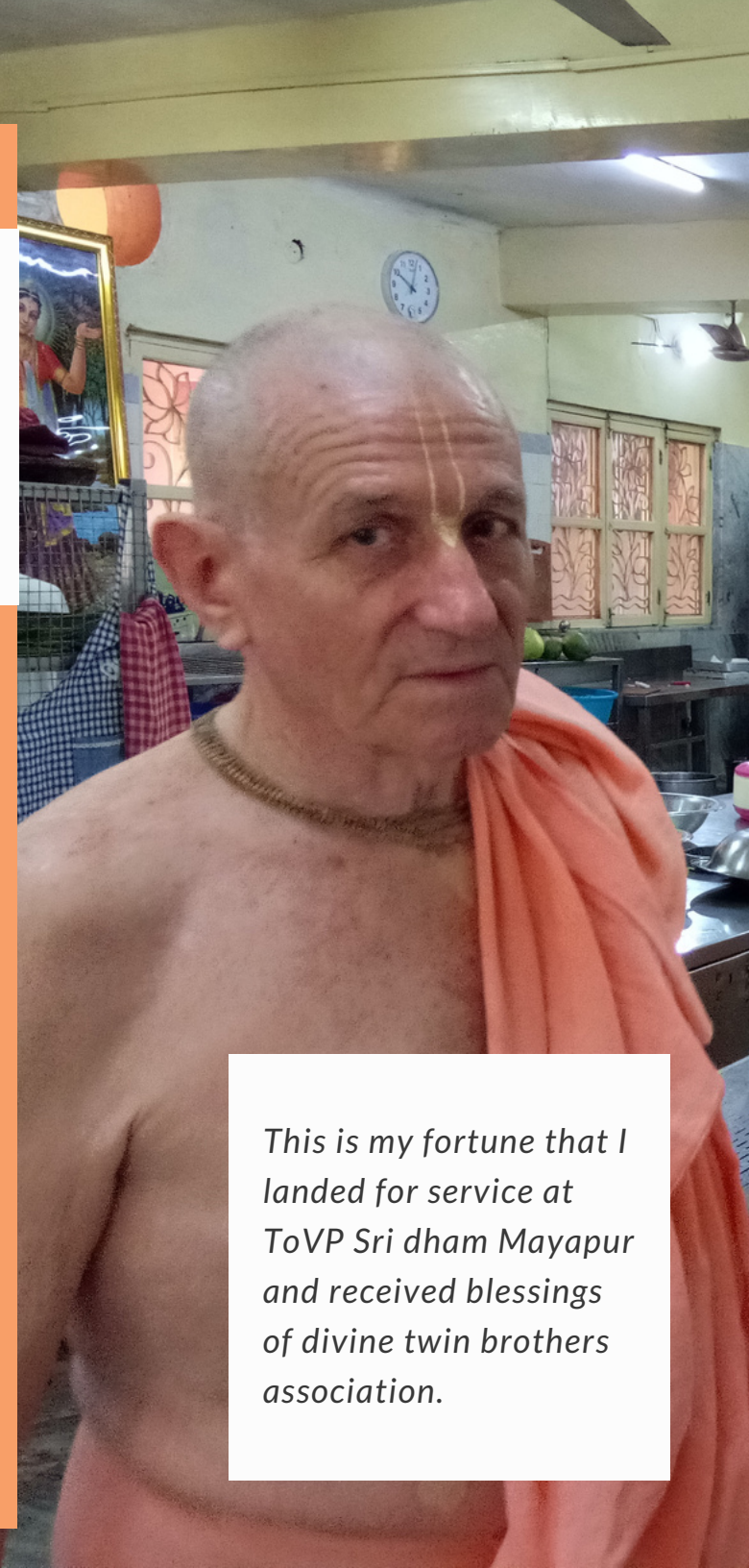
## Perfection in service

HG Pankajangri Prabhuji has spent hours and hours at the site for finalising many tasks at ToVP Pujari floor also for Temple floor Alters.

I remember we had many discussions with Prabhuji for finalising kitchen set up with its locations of equipment's, specification of materials... And I have seen Prabhuji was asking precise questions on the basis of utility, operations along with the longevity of products and above all cost-efficient. Myself with HG Radhavallabh Prabhu had many visits to our existing kitchen where Prabhuji explaining their requirements.

Prabhuji was an all rounder in both devotional and professional field.

Prabhuji is not only in temple services, but many times I have seen Prabhuji walking at the site with measurement tape and taking the measurement, drawing sketches and explaining his views to present services, devotees / architects... The result of which we all can see magnificent ToVP pujari floor.



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Project Consultant

## A Best Team Player

HG Pankajangri Prabhuji is the best team player. Prabhuji's mood is always he wants to lead together and finish the tasks... When we use to go to the temple kitchen, Prabhuji use to call many devotees who are serving at ground level and asking them their present inconvenience in performing services and taking their input trying to improve at ToVP. I have never seen Prabhuji disturbed or raising his voice in any of the discussions also when Prabhuji use to come to ToVP office for discussions, he uses to listen to our technical points and he uses to share many good points, and in the end, we all were happy with conclusions..



## Ideal Brothers:

The ideal brothers are these divine twin brothers, as they stayed together for so many years, gone through so many challenges; however, their dealing and behaviour with each other was the role model for me and the whole world. I never observed in any discussions /services HG Pankajanghri Prabhuji disobeyed HG Jannivas Prabhuji.

They were the host at Sri Dham Mayapur at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Madhav, Sri Sri Panchtatva, Sri Sri Narsimhadev and welcoming the whole world and who use to come they use give lots and lots of Lordships mercy on them and also they were the father, elder brothers for the whole Mayapur resident devotees.

*I bow down to HG Pankajanghri Prabhuji for showering lots of mercy with his divine association and giving me the direction of how to serve Srila Prabhupda and the Vaishnav community.*



# RADHAVALLABHA DAS

Architectural Facilitator

HG.Pankajangri Prabhu had a very special attachment to TOVP; He was always enthusiastic to share his views and ideas regarding various service areas in the pujari and temple floor. I feel very fortunate to spend a good time with him discussing different design requirements of the pujari floor; once I was sitting with him in my office and he was elaborately describing to me how he wanted the Lord Narshimadava jewellery room design, giving all the details of the different types of jewellery storages, I could see he was very enthusiastic and very much absorbed getting the best for the lord service. He sometimes used to narrate lords pastimes in the middle of our discussions which I really relished.

My sincere prayer and Heartfelt gratitude to such a loving person.





# ANUPAMA SHETH

Design TeamLead

Isn't it strange that god love for us is invisible, and yet they define our entire existence? Pankajanhri Prabhuji showered love and happiness to everyone around by passing God's love through him. He was a person with silver in his hair, gold in his heart, a smile on his face, and his eyes would answer all your problems.

He helped everyone to connect with Krishna. Being around him and telling him any problem you knew the solution was meeting him or sitting next to him. His eyes would always say, don't worry, I am there for you. Everything about him was so simple but always inspiring. Nothing in this world can replace his blessings. I have shared so many moments around him - meetings, onsite visits, conference room discussions, discussion outside his house. Those times will also be close to being me and cherished for life. He was a magician who created beautiful memories for everyone to remember, cherish and smile at forever.

We always felt blessed around him.





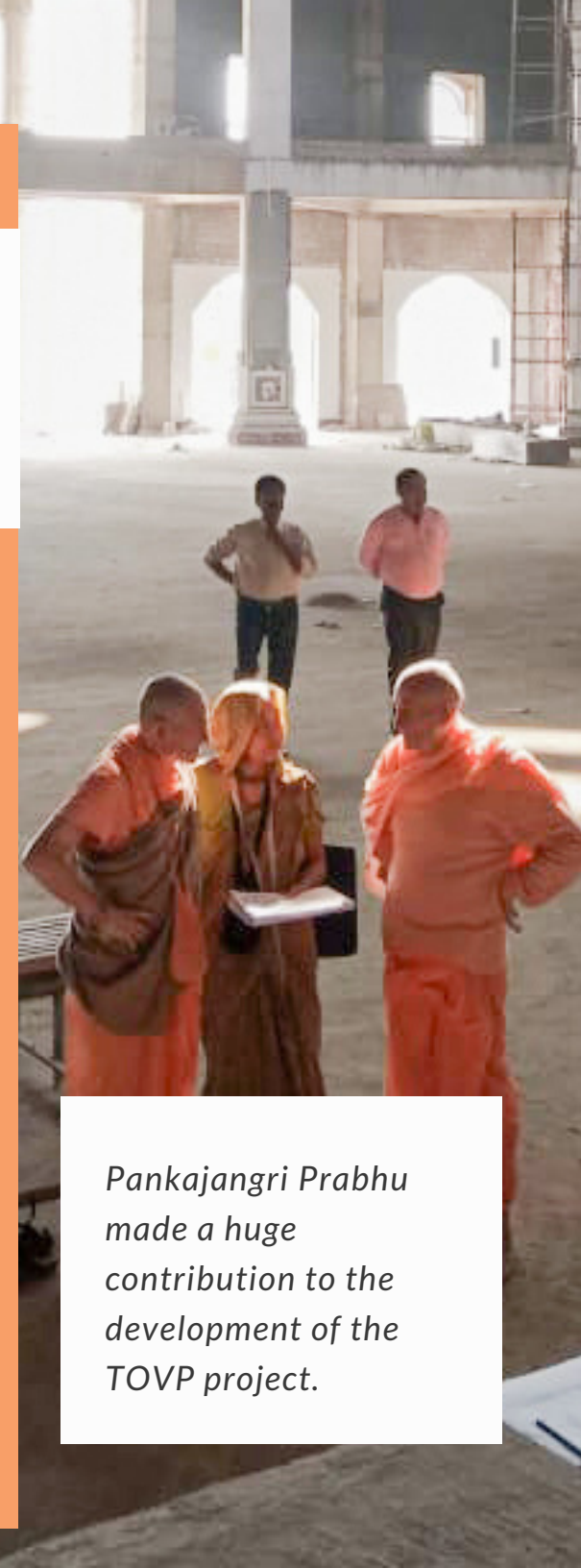
# RANGAVATI DD

Designer

He was the Main Pujari in the temple of Sri Sri Radha Madhava, so he actively participated in many discussions with his brother Jananivas Prabhu. While designing the Pujari Floor, we often invited him to discuss the proper organization of the interior. Pankajangri Prabhu had extensive experience in all types of service. He could make all the decisions himself and save his time, but he always consulted with those devotees who perform their service in the temple. Pankajangri Prabhu dedicated a lot of time and attention to detail considered all the possibilities from different points of view. He tried to take into account the needs of the devotee servants so that the service was performed in the best possible way.

For him, the construction of a TOVP was not just an organization of functional space. It was an immersion in spiritual reality, where everything was aimed at the satisfaction of the Lord and His devotees.

Pankajangri Prabhu and Jananivas Prabhu analyzed especially carefully the altars for the Deities. Who better than they knew all the intricacies of worshipping Them? Pankajangri Prabhu never spared his time and energy in cooperation with the design team and was very concerned about achieving the best possible result.



*Pankajangri Prabhu made a huge contribution to the development of the TOVP project.*

# RANGAVATI DD

Designer

Certainly, without the participation of such an experienced pujari devotee, many aspects of the planning of TOVP would have been overlooked. And the saddest circumstance is that the Lord took Pankajangri Prabhu from us when the construction of the temple was not yet completed. I definitely miss his physical involvement in such a meaningful project for the whole of ISKCON. And I pray that he continues to help us from the spirit world by guiding our decisions through transcendental communication links.



Once there was a meeting at the construction site, where the model of the altar podium for Pancha Tattva was executed in full size. It was necessary to clarify many important nuances (what should be the height of the steps in order to see the lotus feet of the Deities during darshan, what distance should be between the Deities, how far from the viewer They should stand, considering the different heights of the parishioners...). Ambarish Prabhu, Bhavananda Prabhu, Jananivas Prabhu and Pankajangri Prabhu discussed these issues in detail for half an hour. When Ambarish Prabhu and Bhavananda Prabhu left, Jananivas Prabhu and Pankajangri Prabhu stayed there for a very long time and were immersed in deep meditation on this service. He literally lived every moment of worship on the altar, measured every inch, rearranged objects, while Jananivas Prabhu watched from the side and gave his recommendations. This went on for about three more hours. They were already 75 years old then, but they never even sat down!

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# SANDARBH RAJPUT

Design Development Architect

I have no words to express HG PANKAJANGHIRI Prabhu, But I have to share something I experienced during the site visit. It was about lord Narsimhadev altar and where it starts & where it ends at the feet of Lord Narsimhadev. I saw and heard talking to Vilasini Mataji & Radhavallabh Prabhu about the Simhasana of lord Narsimhadev & the Narsimhadev platform.

I observed that he had very sound knowledge of each small details for the Lord Narsimhadev platform. He was very clear about every small detail right from the conceptual stage to the execution, which was completely acceptable in terms of architecture; he shared his views on details of lord Narsimha altar and shared details over the main altar

platform details. He was guiding labourers with the measurements on-site, and this is all because of his experience. No doubt we have lost a sincerely dedicated personality to lord Narsimhadev and a person who was the ocean of knowledge in all respects.





# AISHWARYA JADHAV

Communication Architect

I had the opportunity to write an interview with Pankajanghri Prabhu almost a year ago. I remember making a report on the process of the Pujari Floor design and as I kept going ahead with the report, I realised how much of a difference Prabhuji's inputs made on the design. From the smallest sketch to the broader picture, his insights have made a significant difference in design development. I also remember having a brief thought of-"I hope I meet him someday." It probably was not meant to be for me, but from all the good things that I have perpetually heard from everyone, I guess I got a piece of his insight!





# VILASINI DD

Head Architect

The stormy weather cast the air carrier in all directions. It was a return flight from Jaipur after we completed inspection works of the sandstone for the Utility Floor of the TOVP. By the Lord's grace, we landed in one piece, but the thought of flights always sent a cold shiver down my spine.

Every time I flew from Pune to Mayapur, I made it a point to seek Pankajanghri Prabhu's blessings. And invariably my return flights were always blissful carrying the positively charged mercy from the Dham. One time I messaged him from the flight expressing that feeling. To which he replied, 'One heart filled, 5 billion to go... ToVP will drastically reduce that number!'

ToVP was so important to him. He clearly saw it as a manifestation of Mahaprabhu's mercy and did all within his reach to encourage, inspire and co-ordinate with the design team to make this building a reality.

Every team member of the ToVP can vouch for Pankajanghri Prabhu's involvement in being the torch bearer to the design and function of the Pujari Floor and the Altars.

His precision, his depth, his sketches and his devotion will eternally be etched in the walls of the ToVP and in the core of our hearts.



*One heart filled, 5 billion to go...  
ToVP will drastically reduce that number*

# VILASINI DD

## Head Architect

**'Several years back Pankajanghri Prabhu sent me a beautiful reply to some questions I had asked him...**

*No flower fell from the altar*

## No thunderbolt hit the ToVP

## Building the temple is primary

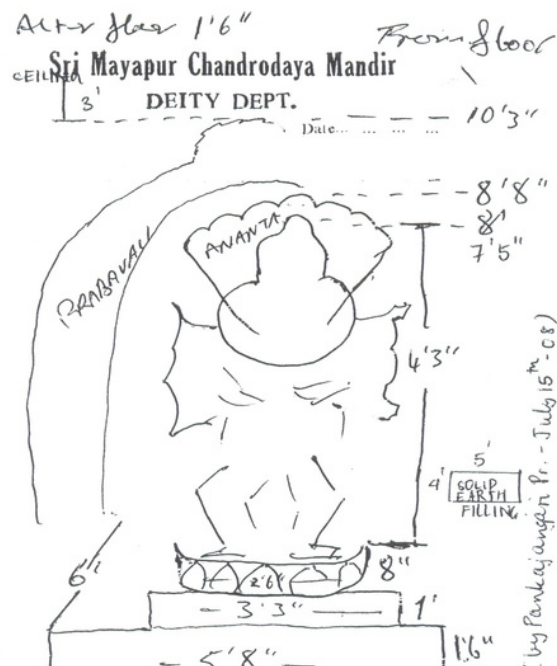
*Personal gain or loss is secondary'*

If there is any success in the Pujari Floor Layout of the TOVP and space distribution, it is all credit to the expert mind of Pankajanghri Prabhu. He would give us detailed information about the size of the deity plates, hooks for the garlands and hour wise movement of pujaris. He made it a point to connect the Architects team to the grass-root level workers to ensure the ultimate success of the space design. I have carefully preserved the scribbles of his handwriting with the minutest of dimensions in my archives.

His selflessness was outstanding! Towards his last days in the hospital, when our Ayurvedic Doctor reached his room and started the massages, he felt a comforting relief. He then asked the Ayurvedic Doctor, 'Did you treat Sadbhuja Prabhu too? He is in the next room'. For somebody to show such concern in that situation is no ordinary thing.

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## NAR SIMH ADEYA - HEIGHT



## SWEET MEMORIES FROM YOUR TOVP FAMILY



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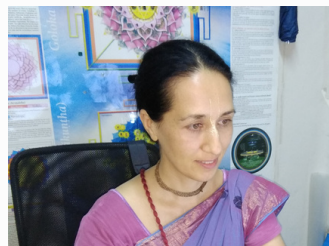
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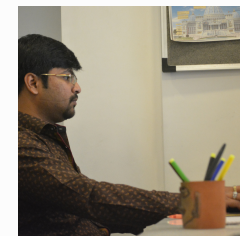
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