

## "Chaitanya Baharathi" - Telugu School

The school was started in fall 2004 with the idea of teaching children written and spoken Telugu. This program was spear-headed by Sri Prasad Polavarapu and Sri Mohan Reddy Cheruku, with support from Sri Himakar Borra and Sri Chenchal Rao Subraveti, who help in managing class logistics of printing, copying and other needs. The interest from the community was very encouraging with children from all groups between 5-15 as well as few adults who are enthusiastically learning to read and write Telugu.

Sri Mohan Reddy Cheruku also began imparting the values of Hindu culture by introducing concepts from Gita in the class. He constantly draws upon his study of Sanskrit (which is also offered as language class in the Temple) to teach young minds about *karmendriyas*, *gnyanedriyas*, *slokas* that describe virtues of wise men, etc. Children, as well as parents listen to him and get their thoughts rolling.

In fall 2005 it was decided that the class be split into two classes based on proficiency of the children in the language. New enrollees were taken into the *beginner* class while the older kids who enrolled during the fall of 2004 continued as *intermediate* class. Sri Mohan Reddy Cheruku and Sri Himakar Borra now teach the *intermediate* class while Smt. Malleswari Paruchuri and Sri Sudhir Bandi teach the *beginner* class.

The school was formally named *Chaitanya Bharathi* from Ugadi 2006 onwards.

Venue: Ganesha Temple

Class time: Sunday 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

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