

FOOD DONATION--- DRAUPADI AKSHYA THALI

Everybody knows the importance of food donation. In Kali Yuga, food donation has phenomenal value. In earthly and spiritual life the problems and perils are annihilated by food donation. If anybody in the family has irrecoverable disease then by food donation it can be annihilated. Food donation has astonishing effects. Everyone should experience it, but it should be towards deserving individual. When a needy person gets food he gives his blessings, heartfelt good wishes which can change our lives. Hearty wishes given after satisfactory meal are invaluable. Everybody's stomach is like 'Yagna Kund' which is satisfied by food and then automatically blessings are given. Saint Tukaram had said, "Whoever we meet, accept them as Omnipotent". Swami Vivekananda's Guru Ramkrishna Paramhans had said, "Helping needy means experiencing God". Each individual human or animal, is given food when he gets hunger pangs, is satisfied and then the bestowal of food is complete. Everyday those millions of hungry people who sleep without food should be satisfied. But if the food donation is given to those who are rich and have material objects, it will be a waste. Many times to receive favors, people donate food to distinctive people. They are given grand feast. But it is useless. Then it leads to dissatisfaction. Do not feed beggars as it is wasted on them. They do not feel any gratitude as they feel that if you do not give someone else will. Their emotions are apparent and elusive. So food donation should be righteous.

Actually any donation should be given to deserving individuals. During marriage, thread ceremony or any festival, when a gift is given everyone should think whether it is right or wrong. If the gifts or food donations are given to needy people, they will bless you from the bottom of the heart. If the gifts are given to the undeserving person they will not appreciate and will have a set of unwanted things. Swami Vivekananda propagated to offer food to hungry people. In present time, more than fifty percent of Indians are below poverty line. They go either without food or have it once a day. Every Yuga consists of virtuous deeds. For example in 'Satya Yuga' MEDITATION was virtuous deed, in 'Treta Yuga' SELF DISCIPLINE was virtuous, in 'Dwapar Yuga' RELIGIOUS RITUALS had importance, likewise in 'Kali Yuga' DONATION is a virtuous deed, but FOOD DONATION has maximum value. Moreover in 'Kali Yuga' a good deed achieves immediate result. In 'Satya Yuga' 90% was truth and 10% was untruth; in 'Treta Yuga' 70% was truth and 30% was untruth; in 'Dwapar Yuga' 30% was truth and 70% was untruth and in 'Kali Yuga' 10% is truth and 90% is untruth. It means full 100% truth or 100% untruth condition was not there in any of the Yugas. In 'Satya Yuga' to achieve good results, meditation, rituals, good deeds and food donation was done consecutively for ten years which could be achieved within one year in 'Treta Yuga'. To get same results in 'Dwapar Yuga' the rituals were done for one month while in 'Kali Yuga' to get the same result food donation or other good deeds are needed to done only for one day.

Kardalivan Seva Sangha has started 'DRAUPADI AKSHYA THALI' as food donation scheme for the devotees. It is arranged in such a way that donated food by every able person will reach the needy. As written in 'Mahabharata' Krishna had given Draupadi, a dish when she and Pandavas were exiled in jungle. So, when any guests or saints visited them they were provided as much food as they wished. In the same manner, with the help of Shree Datta and Shree Swami Devotees and other citizens, 'Draupadi Akshya Thali' project has started. The monetary collection is used for needy, backward people and the institutes connected with this work.

1. Many people are interested in food donation but their life is so busy that they do not get time. More over they do not know any place to donate food
2. Many people wish to donate food but they are embarrassed to express it. They have a fear that they will be insulted if a needy person does not accept the donation.
3. Many people do not know the importance and reason for donating food.
4. Many want to donate food but due to their circumstances and nature they avoid doing it. To assist them Kardalivan Seva Sangha Trust has started this aid.

Method:

Men, women, institutes, companies or whoever wishes to participate in this food donation project can do so by following methods:

1. Monetary Donations:

- a) Donate at least Rs.501/- or more once.
- b) Donate per month Rs.1000/- or Rs. 12,000/- once a year
- c) Donate monthly Rs.2000/-, Rs.3000/-, Rs.5000/- or Rs.10000 /-
- d) Single donation of Rs.10000/-, Rs.50000/- or Rs.100000/-

2. On special occasions like birthdays, Remembrance Day, donate Rs.1000/-, Rs.2000/-, Rs.5000/- or Rs.10000/-

3. On special occasions like marriage, thread ceremony, retirement, receiving awards donate Rs.5000/-, Rs.10000/-, Rs.21000/-, Rs.50000/- or Rs.100000/-

4. By narrating effectively the importance of 'Draupadi Thali' to the family, friends, colleagues, business acquaintances.

5. Campaigning through email, sms and facebook or through discussions.

6. Make people aware about it through different programmes, news papers, magazines etc.

7. Collection of people's experiences, exchanging each others' opinions.

8. Make people aware about the importance of welcoming guests, helping them and reestablishing the thought of food donation.

People always get engaged in long debates that Corporate Social Responsibility i.e. the Business people should do some social service or the government should extend helping hand to the society and people. But it is never mentioned what they should do personally. To be selfless is the greatest selfishness. But nobody wants to have that experience. When a single grain is given to God he returns it in thousand fold. But nobody wants to share that one small particle of grain. Rather they want to collect as much wealth as possible for themselves and for future generation, although they know that nothing can be carried after death. More over the people for whom this wealth is collected do not have any value for it. They are happily sitting there and fritter away that wealth. Everyone should honestly understand this situation and every month should donate some amount in food donation campaign. They will have fantastic experience of their life. When on one side we make progress, in the other part the poor section should have a little food in their hungry lives. For this reason come forward and participate in Draupadi Akshay Thali.

Funds collected through this arrangement are used to provide grains for the needy, backward and down trodden people of the society. A search will be made for such families and it will be given to them lovingly. A care will be taken that each grain reaches to the right person. A day will arrive in this country when no one will crave for food in this country. With your help this dream will become a reality through Draupadi Akshay Thali.

Kardalivan Seva Sangha has donated rupees one lakh towards Draupadi Akshay Thali and has commenced the program. Our aim is to gather at least ten thousand such donors who will donate Rs.1000/- per month for this purpose. ShreeDatta and Shree Swamisamarth sect has a lot of significance in food donation and help guests ('Atithi Seva'). With their blessings very soon the project of Draupadi Thali will expand and needy people will get the aid. We request you to participate whole heartedly in our project.

Membership donation can be given in any branch of State Bank of India by cash/cheque or online NEFT. The donation can be given at our office also.

- ❖ Details of Bank Account: Name of the Account: Kardalivan Seva Sangh Trust
- ❖ Name of the Bank: State Bank of India, Deccan Gymkhana, Pune
- ❖ Saving Bank Account No.: 33391645314: IFS CODE- SBIN 0001110