

# ŚIVĀNANDA LAHARĪ

of ŚRĪ ŚANKARĀCĀRYA



# ŚIVĀNANDALAHARĪ

OR

Inundation of Divine Bliss

OF

ŚRĪ ŚANKARĀCĀRYA

*Translation with transliteration and notes by*

Swami Tapasyananda



SRI RAMAKRISHNA MATH  
MYLAPORE :: MADRAS-600 004.

## PREFACE

We have great pleasure in placing before our readers a lucid translation of Śrī Śankarachārya's grand hymn *Śivānandalaharī*.

There is exquisite appropriateness in Śrī Śankara singing of Śrī Śiva. For, was not the prodigy of Kālady an incarnation or aspect of the Lord of Kailāsa? Whenever we hear of Śrī Śankara we think of Sannyāsa, even as when we speak of Lord Śiva we envision the prince of renouncers, Tyāgarāja, who dances in ecstasy because no want or desire binds Him down. Untold wealth the Lord showers on his devotees, but His own garment is an elephant hide. He shares half His body with the world-bewitching Umā, but He is the supreme symbol of the unattached Yogi. The celestials strive for nectar to make themselves immortal, but Śiva quaffs the Kālakūta to save the three worlds. No wonder Śankara pours out not only his heart but also all his poetic skill in painting a picture of the Lord which no one can view without a thrill. This century of verses has been aptly called *Śivānandalaharī*—the waves of bliss that inundate those who contemplate on Śiva, the source of all that is auspicious.

For the convenience of those who are not very familiar with the Devanagari script, we have included a transliteration of each verse in Roman script. It is our earnest prayer that the reader may find through this intoxicating hymn the joy that comes to those who pursue the Good, the True, the Beautiful—*Satyam, Śivam, Sundaram*.

Sri Ramakrishna Math  
Madras  
1-3-1985

Publishers.

## **Some of Our Publication**

The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

The Condensed Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

Holy Brindavan & Sri Ramakrishna

and His Apostles

Sri Ramakrishna the Great Master

Sri Ramakrishna-A Biography

Sri Ramakrishna Life & Teachings

Sri Ramakrishna's Thoughts

in a Vedantic Perspective

Sri Ramakrishna, The Power and Glory

Sri Ramakrishna as

Swami Vivekananda Saw Him

Sayings of Sri Ramakrishna

Tales and Parables of

Sri Ramakrishna

Sri Ramakrishna Upanishad

The Visions of Sri Ramakrishna

Worship of Sri Ramakrishna

First Meetings with Sri Ramakrishna

The Master and the Disciple

---

**Sivananda Lahari      Rs.8.00**

**ISBN 81-7120-010-9**