

THE FIRST PATANJALI TEMPLE IN BELLUR

The world's first Sage Patanjali temple was inaugurated by Gururji in Bellur on 31st October 2004. The work of the building and restoration of this temple was completed by the Bellur Krishnamachar Seshamma Smaraka Niddhi Trust within a span of just four months by the villagers of Bellur.



The temple to Sage Patanjali is part of a complex of four temples, in Bellur, which include an 800 year old Hanuman temple (which was fully renovated) plus the temple dedicated to the *nava grahas* (the nine planets) as well as another dedicated to Lord Rama and Sita. The *prana pratistha* ceremony was held and the black stone idol of Patanjali was put into place in the sanctum sanctorum on the 31st October. Two sets of priests



had continuously recited the appropriate chants, from either side of the temple, for nearly 2 and half days without losing their breath and voice. It is envisaged that it will become a pilgrimage to go to Bellur to the Sage Patanjali temple for Iyengar students from all over the world.