

## **Swarna Kavacham for Lord Swaminatha Swami**

Devotees have been continually donating pure gold biscuits, ornaments and scrap gold, from time to time, with the request, that at the appropriate time, a Swarna Kavacham for Lord Swaminatha Swami and a Swarna Kumbham for the temple complex, should be made and the Lord adorned and the Kumbham at the top should also be gold plated. Sufficient gold had accumulated and the Board of Management felt, at the end of 2004, that time had come to fulfil the long standing request of the devotees. Accordingly, a Swarna Kavacham was got prepared from a reputed firm in Chennai, engaged in gold plating of idols, kumbhams etc through a modern electro plating process. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2005, Lord Swaminatha Swami was adorned with Swarna Kavacham, and the Kumbham fitted with a gold cover, in all solemnity, after performing the prescribed rituals before a large gathering of devotees.