Shankara Jayanthi Mahotsav

Jyeshtha Mata Mandir
Sringeri, Srinagar
3rd May - 11th May 2016
Kashmir has been a centre for Vedic culture and tradition, birth place of Kashyap Mahamuni and abode of Goddess Saraswathi Devi. Their Holiness Jagadgurus Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Sankaracharya Swamigal and Jagadguru Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Sankaracharya Swamigal of Shri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam have blessed for Veda Parayanam to be organized at various places, for universal peace and prosperity. In pursuance of Their directions, Viswa Shanthi Maha Yagnya and Veda Parayan have been held in Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Nepal, Arunachalpradesh, Manipur, Sikkim, Tripura and such regions. In 2012, Samskruti Saptaham was held in Yjeshta Devi Temple in Srinagar for seven days coinciding with Akshayatrithiya and Sankara Jayanthi in the presence of His Holiness Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Sankaracharya Swamigal. In 2013 Krishna Yajur Veda Jata Parayana was held. SAMA VEDA SAMMELAN was held from 25th April to 4th May 2014. Last Year Atharva veda sammelan was held. Starting from year 2011 the Shankara Jayanthi is being celebrated as an annual event in Shankaracharya Hill wherein Rig, Yajur, Sama Veda are chanted and various havans conducted.

This Year Rigveda Samhita Havan, Chathurveda Parayanam, Ramayana navanham Agnihotram, Vishasha havans will be held from 3rd May to 11th May at Yjeshta Mata Temple (near Raj Bhavan) and on the occasion of Shankara Jayanti, special abhishek and paryan will be performed at the Shankaracharya Hills in SRINAGAR. His Holiness has blessed that the Jayanthi of Jagadguru Shankaracharya to be celebrated in Shankaracharya Hills Srinagar.

The Acharyas of Shri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam have initiated sustained efforts to bring peace and development to Jammu, Kashmir & Leh and to rejuvenate the Vedic atmosphere of the region.

**Shankara Jayanthi at Shankaracharya Hills**:

The great Saint Adi Shankaracharya, who hailed from the southern part of the country had travelled to Kashmir, more than two millenniums ago and spread the vedic message of truth, oneness & harmony. The Rajatarangini authored by Kalhana has recorded the existence of a temple in the name of Shankaracharya and its renovation by a Kashmiri King Gopaditya. The Shankara Jayanti Mahotsav is being celebrated at this Shankaracharya Hill every year to commemorate the Great Saint’s contribution to India’s unity in this holy land.

Devotees are invited to participate and receive the blessings of Pujyashri Acharyas and Anugraha of Yjeshta Matha Devi and Sri Maha Tripurasundari Sameta Chandramoulieshvara Swamy.
Daily Programme at Jyesththa Mata Mandir

3.5.2016 to 11.5.2016 Morning
Go puja, Ganapati puja, Sankalpa, Rigveda Samhita Havan, Agni Hotram, Vishesha Havans, Chaturveda Parayan

3.5.2016 to 11.5.2016 Evening
Svasti vachanam, Totakashtakam, Vishnu Sahasranam & Avadharaya during Harathi at Mandir sanctum sanctorum

3.5.2016 to 11.5.2016
Ramayana Navanham by Pravachana Vachaspathi Brahmasri Sengalipuram Damodara Dikshitar

11.5.2016
Shankara Jayanti day
Abhishekm & Archana at Shankaracharya hills.
Veda Parayana Purti - Purnahuti
Adishankara Avataraghatta Parayana - Sambhavana

विश्वाभ्रातू सृष्टिसुभृत्तं नाजासातमं धर्मानु धर्मुनं सत्यमपितम।
अमित्राह चुग्रहा दस्युहरं ज्योतिर्ज्ञं असुराकासपल्ल।
हृदं श्रेष्ठ ज्योतिषं ज्योतिरूतमं विश्वाभ्रातू ज्योतिरिज्ञीजुधुच्यते बृहत।
विश्वाभ्रातू भ्राजो महि सूयो दृश्य उरु प्रायये सह ओम ओ।
अंगुष्टम।

--- ऋषिवेदः २०.१२.२.३४७

Salutations! to this eternal divine light of Surya, which is the foremost of all that is light, which is firmly established in truth, which is most luminous, is a bestower of strength, energy, wealth, knowledge & all that is good, is the dispeller of darkness, vanquisher of enemies & Asuric forces, and ever victorious! Hail!

Rig Veda 10.12.1&2