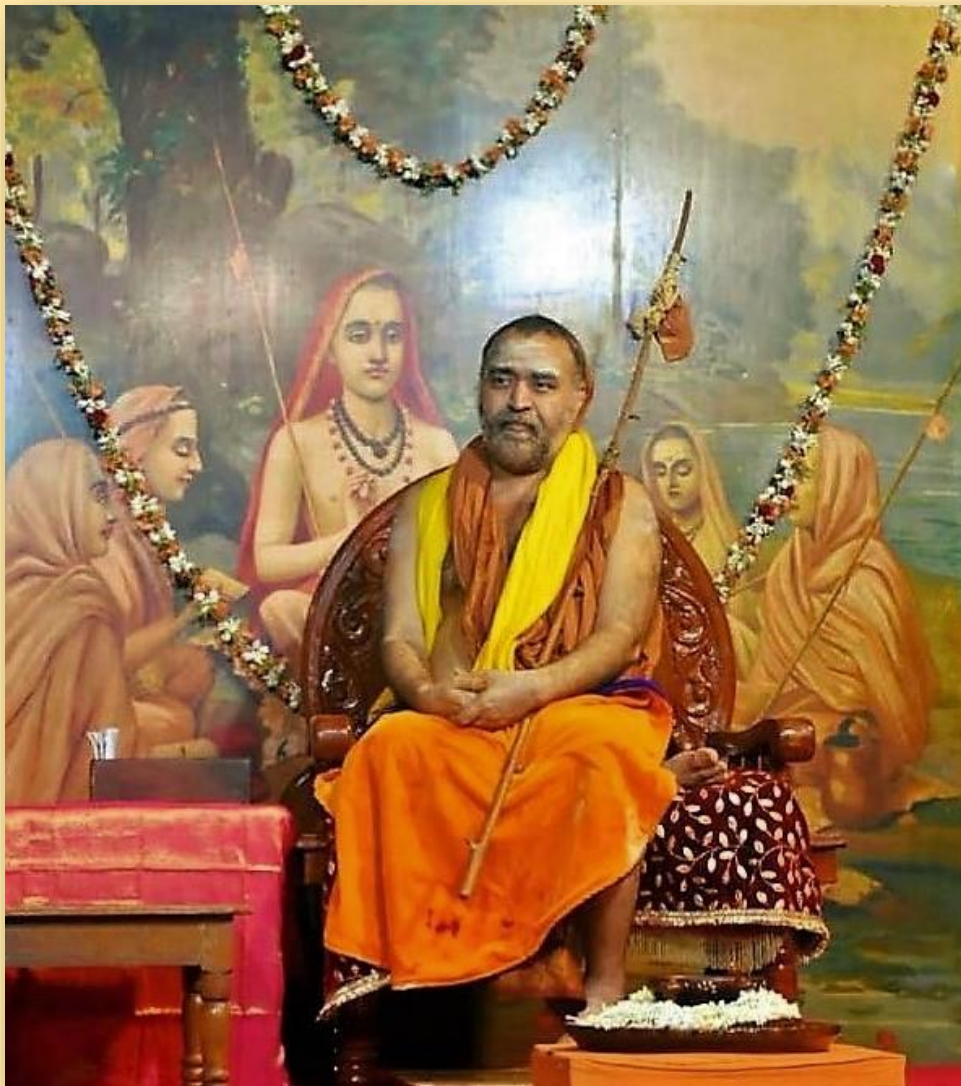


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Message from Acharya Swamigal to NRI's devotees

Shruti Smriti Puranānām Ālayam Karunālayam

Namaami Bhagavadpāda Shankaram Loka Shankaram

Sadāshiva Samārambhām Shankarāchārya Madhyamām

Asmad Ācharya Paryantam Vande Guruparamparām

Vasudeva Sutam Devam Kamsa Chanura Mardhanam
Devaki Paramanandam Krishnam Vande Jagathgurum

Yada Yada hi Dharmasya Glanir Bhavati Bharata
Abhyuthanamadharmaasya Tadhatmanam Srujamyaham

Paritrānaya Sadhunam Vinasaya Cha Dushkritam
Dharma Samstapanartaya Sambhavami Yuge Yuge

Whenever there is a major need to grow Dharmic thoughts, when the people who follow the Dharmic path face troubles, and when people are put to lot of inconveniences, the mighty and ever Compassionate Almighty Lord comes in the Human Form, takes the Avatar and descends on this Bhu-Loka to protect the people and showers blessings.

Like that, the Dasavatharas take place; Koorma Avataram, Matsya Avataram, Varaha Avataram, Narasimha Avataram, Parasurama Avataram, Rama Avataram, Vamana Avataram and in these lines Krishana Avataram took place.

The Lord acts as Guru by guiding the people in the good path through good preaching. The Lord acts as Jagathguru as well. That is the unique glory of the Krishna Avataram. In general, the Avatars are to alleviate troubles, remove obstacles and to destroy the troublemakers.

In Krishna Avatara, through Bhagavad Gita, the Lord has given clear teachings for the development of human civilisation. By God's grace, the human birth is a great boon one can get. In this rare human birth itself, one should strive to know the God's teachings. To take this birth to a higher level of divine birth, we should be benevolent to others to the best of our ability.

We should also help others, like;

- To appease hunger, thirst and ignorance
- Should develop a service-oriented mind
- Should take care of the old people in a nice manner
- To obtain Education with Guru Bhakti
- In this human birth we should develop Deiva Bakthi for which Satsang is required; by being in the company of good Samaritans.

Though this human birth is not permanent, it has the capability to give eternal Punya and through the good deeds done, one can fetch eternal Eshwara Narayana Punya and Blessings.

So, our State has given many teachings like; Study at Young (Ilamayil Kal), Desire to do Charity (Aram seyya Virumbu), Temple worship is ever good (Aalayam Thozhuvadu Saalavum Nandru) and so on.

Krishna Paramatma has given us the Bhagavad Gita, which is considered as a global treatise. That preaching of Krishna Paramatma is a much needed one in today's context for the whole world. This is because people should be friendly and collaborate with humanity, civilisation, faith and reconciliation.

Punarapi Jananam Punarai Maranam
Punarapi Jananee Jathare Shyayanam

We are taking so many births as said above by Sri Adi Sankarar in the Bhaja Govindam. God's Grace is vital for mankind to try and do good deeds in all those births. So, for us to get a good life, good thoughts, good friends, good economic status, good job opportunities, we all should share the God given things in a proper way, by helping all, by making our life with sacrifice, by doing service and affection, thus we being happy, by making people around us happy, to live with joy, love and affection and a matured good thoughts and deed – by reading books like Achara Kovai and Tirukural and we should form of a quality life which can bring all good.

As a testimony to all these, flood light kind of glory and brightness must happen in our life. This Deepavali Festival stands as an example for Light and Brightness.

On the auspicious occasion of Deepavali Naragadasi, which has been started, recognised and blessed by Sri Krishna Paramatma, everyone should apply oil on the head and take bath by early morning and get the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi and the benefits of having taken the holy snanam at the Ganges, called as,

Thaile Lakshmihi, Jale Ganga

On the Deepavali day, people will exchange pleasantries and greetings by enquiring with each other as, “*Ganga Snanam Aacha!*”.

Through the sacred snanam performed on the Deepavali Day, the people in Tamil Nadu and all over the world would get the equivalent Punya of having did the Ganga Snanam in the far away Ganges in the Himalayas; We also get Lakshmi Kataksham and Wealth. Thus, by getting blessings and means, and for the more prosperity of our nation and the world, we will pray to the all-mighty Lord Krishna Paramatma and Kamakshi Amman, who lives with all fame and glory in the beautiful town of Kanchi as “Annai Kamakshi”.

Hara Hara Sankara Jaya Jaya Sankara



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Editorial: DEEPAVALI GREETINGS TO ALL THE DEVOTEES ALL OVER THE WORLD

Sri Gurubyo Namaha, Namaskarams,

On this auspicious joyous Deepavali Function, on behalf of all the members of the Editorial Board of the NRI Newsletter, I am blessed to greet everyone and convey the Holy Blessings of His Holiness Sri Acharya Swamigal Sri. Vijayendra Saraswati Swamigal, the Peetadhibadi of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam.

The last 18 months have indeed been stressful to all of us across the globe due to the pandemic. This “Plava” Varsham, as indicated in the various Panchangams, is the year of recovery and path to normality again. So far, the events of the Plava Varsham indicate a return to normalcy. We are all indeed blessed.

We are especially delighted to welcome a new large group of NRI Devotees based in China & Hong Kong and their “large widely dispersed, yet closely connected Devotee Parivar” now on this auspicious festival. With this noble addition of the readers, the global readership of the NRI Newsletter almost doubles. Such a wide network of devotees, we trust, will enable you all to more actively connect and interact across the globe.

So let us again start by going to temples, visiting our relatives and friends. Let us thank all those who helped, blessed, guided, cheered and kept us courageous in the past difficult time.

Many greetings, best wishes and congratulations to one and all in your families on the joyous festival of lights and sound – **Happy and Safe Deepavali.**

Sri Gurubyo Namaha, Namaskarams,

K S Sundar Ram

Chairman

NRI Parents & Relatives Association

Chennai, India – 04 November 2021

With benign blessings of Acharya Swamigal, Kamakoti TV Mobile App was launched on the auspicious Vijayadashami.

<https://connect.kamakoti.org/appstore>

<https://connect.kamakoti.org/playstore>



This issue covers the Holy Camp from 26th Sep 2021 by HIS HOLINESS PUJYASRI SANKARA VIJAYENDRA SARASWATHI SANKARAACHARYA SWAMIGAL:

Period	Camp Location
22-Sep-2021 till date	Manimandapam, Orikkai, Kanchipuram

Devotees are encouraged to share spiritual/religious events in their respective cities which can be included in the subsequent edition. You are invited to get in touch with any one of the devotees comprising the editorial team of this issue of the Newsletter.

To make the future NRI Newsletters more informative and useful, we welcome your feedback.

Kanikkai samarpanam can be performed through e-seva portal www.kanchimuttseva.org.



MAHABHARATA - YAKSHA PRASHNA SERIES (Part II)

The episode known as *Yaksha Prashna* in Mahabharata relates to the exchange of questions and answers between Yama in the guise of a Yaksha who poses 126 questions to Yudhishtira who gives the most fitting answers to those questions.

We encourage the next generation (10 or above till 25 or so) to write about their favourite Yaksha's questions with Yudhishtira's answers from the great epic of Mahabharata in simple English (with a rationale on why it is their favourite question) which can be published in this section. You can submit your entries to nrikanchinews@gmail.com



Yaksha's questions	Yudhishtira's response
What is the cause of divinity of Kshatriyas?	The wielding of arrows and weapons constitutes their divinity.
What constitutes their practice that makes them pious	Performance of sacrificial rites is their trait like that of the sages.
What is the human-like trait in them?	Their human trait is fear (timidity).
What trait in them is like that of the bad people?	Abandoning (those who seek protection) is their bad trait.
What is Sama in a sacrifice?	Prana is the Sama in a sacrifice.
What is Yajus in a sacrifice?	Mind is the Yajus in it.
What does the sacrifice invoke?	The Rik is that which is the refuge of the sacrifice
What is it that it does not transgress?	And it is the Rik alone which sacrifice cannot do without.
What is the foremost value of agriculturists?	Rain is of the foremost value to agriculturists.
What is of foremost value for those who sow?	Seed is the best thing for the sower.
What is the best thing for those who want a stable life?	Cows are the best those seeking a stable life.
What is the best thing for those who give birth?	A son is the best thing for the progenitors.

Brahmana Sabha Pancha Dravida (BSPD)

Brahmins who live in south of Vindhya mountains are called Pancha-Dravida Brahmins and they speak Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Marathi, Gujarati and Malayalam. BSPD is an organization for and of Panchadravida Brahmins across the globe formed to promote, preserve and pass onto posterity, the traditional values and cultural identity of the community.

Jataka Parivartana

Parents of Brahmin boys and girls for whom alliance is being sought are welcome to register with BSPD by clicking on the below link or contacting us.

<https://forms.gle/NFFeP8r6Cs1xnJpDA>

Contact details: +91 7358 399425, +91 9940 236425 or email at brahmanasabha.org@gmail.com

www.brahmanasabha.org

Deepawali Bakshanam

Once, a devotee wanted to make and give sweets to Sri Maha Periya. HH requested the devotee to give the same to veda patasala students saying He will be very happy and satisfied if they are happy and satisfied.

Sri Jayendra Periyava said that the children leave their parents to come and stay at patasalas, dedicating their lives to learning our Vedas. They follow strict aacharam in their food habits and routines from dawn till night.

SADHYA PRADHAYINI wing of BSPD was formed by Sri Acharya Swamigal to make bhakshanam, pickles, chips etc with strict aacharam and give every month to the veda patasalas in our neighbourhoods and visit the kids and interact with them in a regular basis. Whilst we aim to carry this out every month, this is being done diligently for the last 7 years.

- Volunteer or join monthly preparation/distribution with return of normalcy
- Volunteer to deliver to patasala/vrddasramam (CONTACT LESS)
- On Deepawali day, join us to visit Siva temples in Kanchi
- Participate with monetary contributions as every rupee counts



Click here to watch the full video

With the blessings of Acharya Swamigal, BSPD is making Deepawali bakshanam/lehyam for Veda Patasalas, Integrated Patasalas, and Vrddashramams for the seventh year. We also deliver bakshanam along with abhisheka / pooja dravyam for 108 Siva temples in and around Kanchi. This initiative has been going on for 30+ years as ordained by Sri Maha Periya.

The bakshanam along with Deepawali marundhu is made with strict acharam for 1000+ veda vidhyarthi and 300+ elderly and 500+ Vaideekas in and around Chennai.

Need volunteers only for pick up /delivery Transport: +91 9840736093 +91 9043070709 +91 9940369680 Contributions: +1 503-453-0597 +91 9940236425	Rupee Contributions can be sent to Radhika Chandramouli IFSC: HDFC0002406 Acct: 24061000000600 Or Google Pay to 9962549086	Overseas Contributions to be sent to Sri Pratyaksha Charitable Trust IFSC: SBIN0000691 SWIFT: SBININBB104 Acct: 40092263907
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Visit to Kalavai Shankara Matam (23-Sep-2021)

Acharya Swamigal visited Kalavai Shankara Matam where Acharya Swamigal performed puja and deeparadhana at the Adhistanams of the 66th and 67th Shankaracharyas Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi the VII and Sri Mahadevendra Saraswathi the V - followed by Anushtanam. Later, Sri Acharyal visited the Vruddashramam and blessed the inmates.



Sharada Navaratri Mahotsavam at Shri Kanchi Kamakshi Ambal Devasthanam (5-17 October 2021)



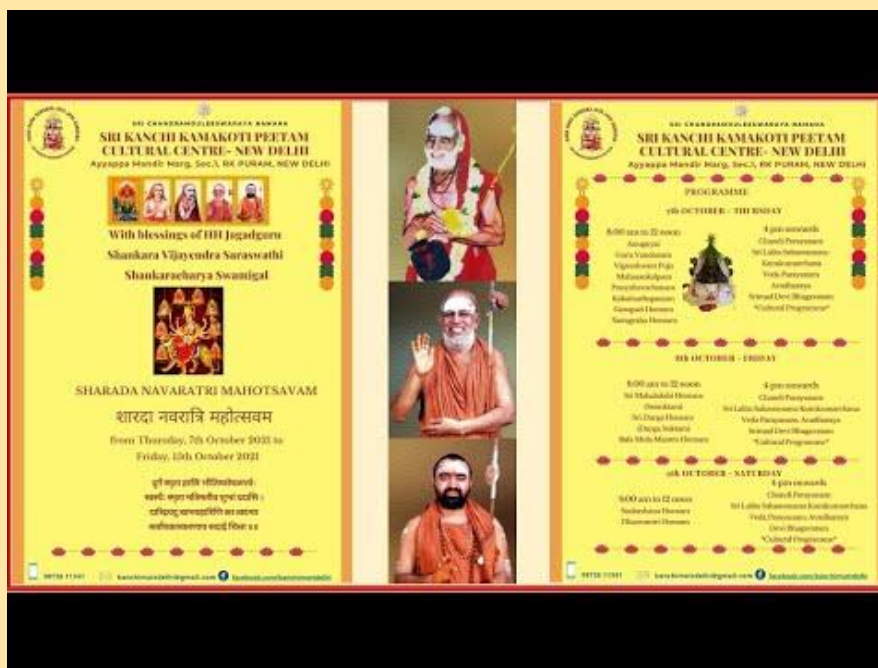
With the blessings of Acharya Swamigal of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Sarada Navaratri Mahotsavam this Plava Year' was celebrated at Sri Kamakshi Ambal Devasthanam, Kanchipuram from 5th to 17th October 2021. Special Pujas and alankaram were performed to Sri Kamakshi Amman. Cultural programs were performed in the evenings as part of the Navaratri celebrations.

The utsavam commenced with Chandi Homam, Angurarpanam and Rakshabandhanam on Tuesday – 5th October (Purattasi 19). Soorasamharam took place from 6th to 13th October (Durgashtami). Mahanavami on the 14th and on the 15th - Vijayadashami - Teertavari & Navavarana Poorti took place in the morning and Yagashala Mahapoornahuti was performed in the evening.

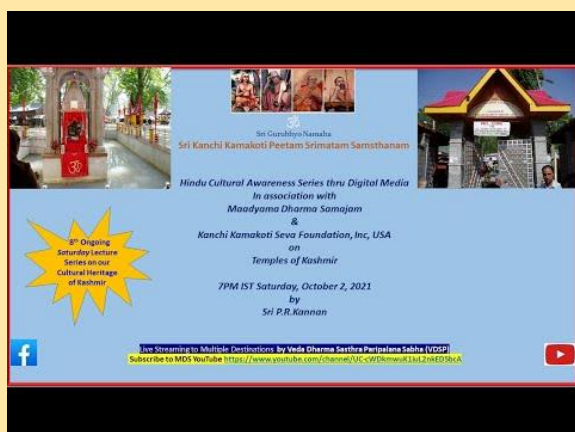
Cultural Programmes were held as part of the Navaratri Mahotsavam in Kamakshi Ambal temple every day in the evenings. Nitya Veda Parayanam took place during the Navaratri Utsavam.

Navaratri Mahotsav at Kanchi Kamakoti Cultural Centre, New Delhi

With the benign blessings of Jagadguru Acharya Swamigal, the Navaratri Mahotsavam was held from 7th to 15th October at Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Cultural Centre, New Delhi. Veda Parayanam, Chandi Parayanam, Devi Bhagavata parayanam, various havans, and visesha pujas were carried out.



Ongoing Series on our Cultural Heritage of Kashmir (current and videos from recent past)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNv5slDsQzs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OxKKBT9LWY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6k53GC7afU8>

Veda Poorti Pariksha - Certificates distributed (Video) 15-Oct-2021

The Annual Veda Rakshana Nidhi Trust Poorthi Pariksha Certificates were distributed by Acharya Swamgal at Srimatam camp at Orikkai on Vijayadashami day.

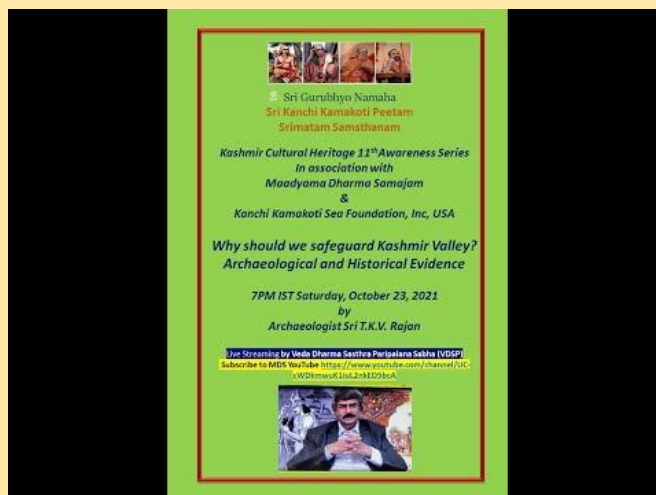
The awards instituted for various levels in the different vedic branches were given to meritorious students and outstanding Adhyapaks and scholars. Pujyasri Shankaracharya Swamiji blessed the gathering with Anugraha Bhashanam. Every year, the certificates are distributed on the Vijayadashami and Sankara Jayanthi days



Navaratri homam - Pooranhuti and Abhishekam to Jagadguru 15-Oct-2021



Why should we safeguard Kashmir Valley? - Perspective of an archaeologist



Archaeological and Historical evidence--by
Sri T.K.V.Rajan, Archaeologist



Palar Harati performed (24-Oct-2021)

Harati was performed to the Kshiranadi - River Palar at Kanchipuram by Acharya Swamigal on the river banks adjoining the Shrimatam camp at Pujiyashri Mahaswamigal Manimandapam, Orikkai. Vishesha pujas were performed to Sri Adi Shankara.



Panchanga Sadas held on 25-Oct-2021



The Annual Panchanga Sadas was held at Shrimatam camp at Orikkai. HH Pujiyashri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal blessed the scholars and gave Anugraha Bhashanam

Deepavali (04-Nov-2021)

Acharya Swamigal blessed the devotees with Viswaroopa Darshan, followed by the vishesha deepavali puja to Sri Tripurasundari Sametha Sri Chandramouleeswara Swami early morning.

Acharya Swamigal blessed the devotees and gave deepavali legyam. Prasadam from Sri Kamakshi Ambal Devasthanam was given to Pujiyashri Shankaracharya Swamigal.

Link to the Anugraha Bhashanam (below)

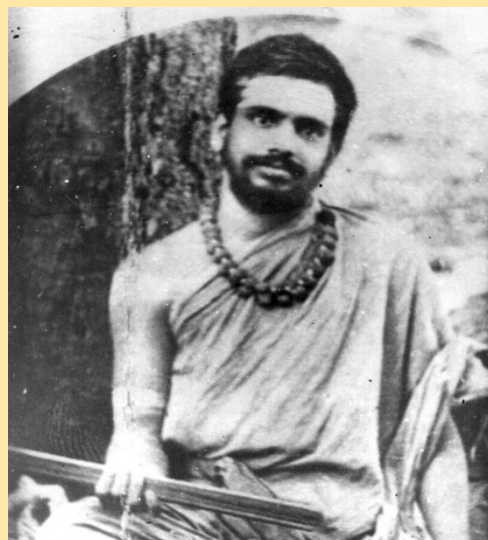
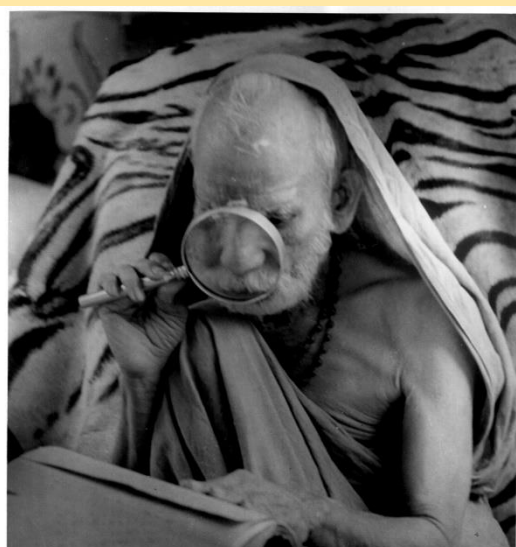
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Palm Leaf Manuscript Library at Kanchipuram - A treasure trove of Knowledge at Kanchi

पाण्डुलिपिविभागः

India is home to vast treasure trove of Knowledge since ancient times and is revered and celebrated as *Vishwa Guru*- one who provides guidance to the world. Our forefathers have documented this rich knowledge in the form of Palm-leaf manuscripts that have survived many centuries. This written mode is one of the two modes of Knowledge preservation and transmission followed in the past, the other mode being the Oral Tradition of Knowledge transfer wherein the Vedas, Shastras etc. were taught from teacher to student in oral mode to preserve the knowledge. The palm leaf manuscripts have proven to be a very good medium for its single-most important property; ability to remain intact for a few hundred years even when maintained in ambient conditions. Manuscripts were handwritten (engraved) on Palmyra Leaves with metal stylus. Contents span historical, cultural, scientific, and other domains.



Palmleaf Manuscripts are found across the country, inherited by families from their preceding generations. Such manuscripts were collected during the yatras of Our Jagadgurus Pujya Shankaracharya Swamijis of Shri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam around the country. This collection of manuscripts of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam is now preserved at an exclusive centre at the International Library of Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya, a Deemed University run with the blessings of His Holiness at Enathur, about 4 kms from Kanchipuram.



The Palm Leaf Manuscript Library was officially inaugurated by Former Prime Minister of India, Shri.P.V.Narasimha Rao in 2000. The library has a collection of close to 3500 palm leaf manuscript bundles containing more than 2.5 lakh palm leaves. The manuscripts span a variety of subjects including Sahitya, Vyakarana, Vedanta, Vaidya, Agama, Tantra, Nyaya and Mantra Sastra. Most of the manuscripts are in Sanskrit language and the scripts are Grantha, Telugu, Tamil, Nandinagari, Devanagari, Malayalam and Kannada. A few manuscripts are also in Sharada script and other rare scripts. A sizable percentage of manuscripts are rare and unpublished. Copies of Ramayana and Mahabharata are available in palm leaf material.



Some Rare and Important Manuscripts at the Centre:

<i>SNO.</i>	<i>TITLE</i>
1.	MADRAKANYĀPARINAYAM मद्रकन्यापरिणयम् (चम्पू)
2.	AMŚUMĀGAMAM अंशुमागमम्
3.	KĀMĀKŚIAMMAN SĀSANANGAL காமாஷியம்மன் சாசனங்கள்

4.	SAHAŚRĀGAMAM	सहस्रागमम्
5.	KĀÑCHĪMĀHĀTMYAM	काञ्चीमाहात्म्यम्
6.	BHAIMĪPARINAYAM	भैमीपरिणयम्
7.	DVANYĀLŌKALŌCANAM	द्वन्यालोकलोचनम्
8.	BHŌJANAKUTŪHLAM	भोजनकुतूहलम्
9.	MĀRGASAHĀYACAMPU	मार्गसहायचम्पू
10.	SANDYĀVANDANABHĀSYAM	सन्ध्यावन्दनभाष्यम्
11.	PATALIPURAMAHATMYAM	पाटलीपुरमाहात्म्यम्
12.	SRI RUDRARTHA SARA SANGRAHA STAVA:	श्रीरुद्रार्थसारसंग्रहस्तवः
13.	SRISHARADHASHATAKAM	श्रीशारदाशतकम्
14.	VADAVALI:	वादावलि:
15.	VAIDIKAKOSA:	वैदिककोषः
16.	SAMANADIKARANA VICARA:	सामानाधिकरणविचारः - क्रोडरत्रम्
17.	SAMANYANIRUKTI	सामान्यनिरुक्तिक्रोडपत्रम्
18.	SRIKAMANETRASTUTHI	श्रीकामनेत्रास्तुतिः
19.	SRISARASVATIMANIMALA	श्रीसरस्वतीमणिमाला
20.	HARIMEDE STOTRAVYAKHYA	हरिमीडेस्तोत्रव्याख्या



Focus on Preservation

Palm leaves are biological materials and hence, they are prone to natural decay mechanisms and degradations. The Manuscript Library is working to preserve the invaluable heritage collection of the manuscripts in their original form. Special efforts are being taken including designing custom storage racks made of teak wood that are found to be least vulnerable to termites, and maintaining optimal levels of temperature and humidity to ensure the longevity of the original palm leaves. A process of cleaning the palm leaves and oiling them with lemon oil is also carried out regularly to preserve the palm leaves.

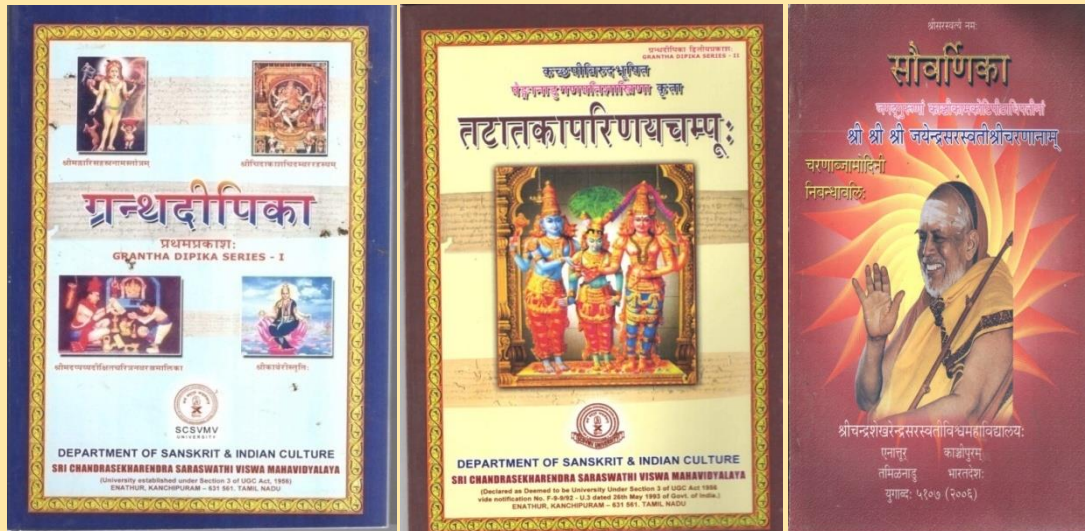
Digitization and Knowledge Dissemination

Apart from preservation of the original manuscripts, the library is also working on the digitization of the palm leaf manuscripts to preserve the contents in a digital form, and to make the contents accessible under the project Saswathaiswaryam - implying eternal (*Saaswath*) wealth (*Aiswaryam*). Various R&D activities are being carried out to uncover the knowledge available in the manuscripts and make them easily accessible to domain experts and common man.

Publication - *Granthadipika*

The unpublished works from the manuscripts are being brought out as books under the *Granthadipika* series, some of which are listed here:

- Sri Mallari Sahasranamam
- Sri Cidakasa Cidambara Rahasyam
- Srimad Appyya Dikshita Caritra Navaratna Malika
- Sri Kaveri Stuti
- Tatataka Parinaya Champu



File photo - Rally held in Kanchipuram for awareness on Manuscripts as part of “MANUS DAY” celebration on 22-Apr-2007

For more information and to support/ participate in the project, write to



palmleafproject@kanchiuniv.ac.in. To apply for open positions in the funded R&D project “Saswathaiswaryam”, visit

www.kanchiuniv.ac.in/project-ad or scan this

QR code

Srisailam Matam- The Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara matam at Srisailam in Andhra Pradesh is an iconic place. The 68th acharya of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam -- Sri Sri Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Mahaswami -- was at Srisailam in the year 1967, and during his penance near the temple, he saw the Saraswati Antarvahini's presence in the same place where the current Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara matam is located. Even today, one can see this holy teertham and the place where Maha Swamy did his penance.

The Srisailam matam is located very close to the temple entrance and is the most serene place. Right at the entrance of the matam, you get to see the Adi Sankara stoopam.



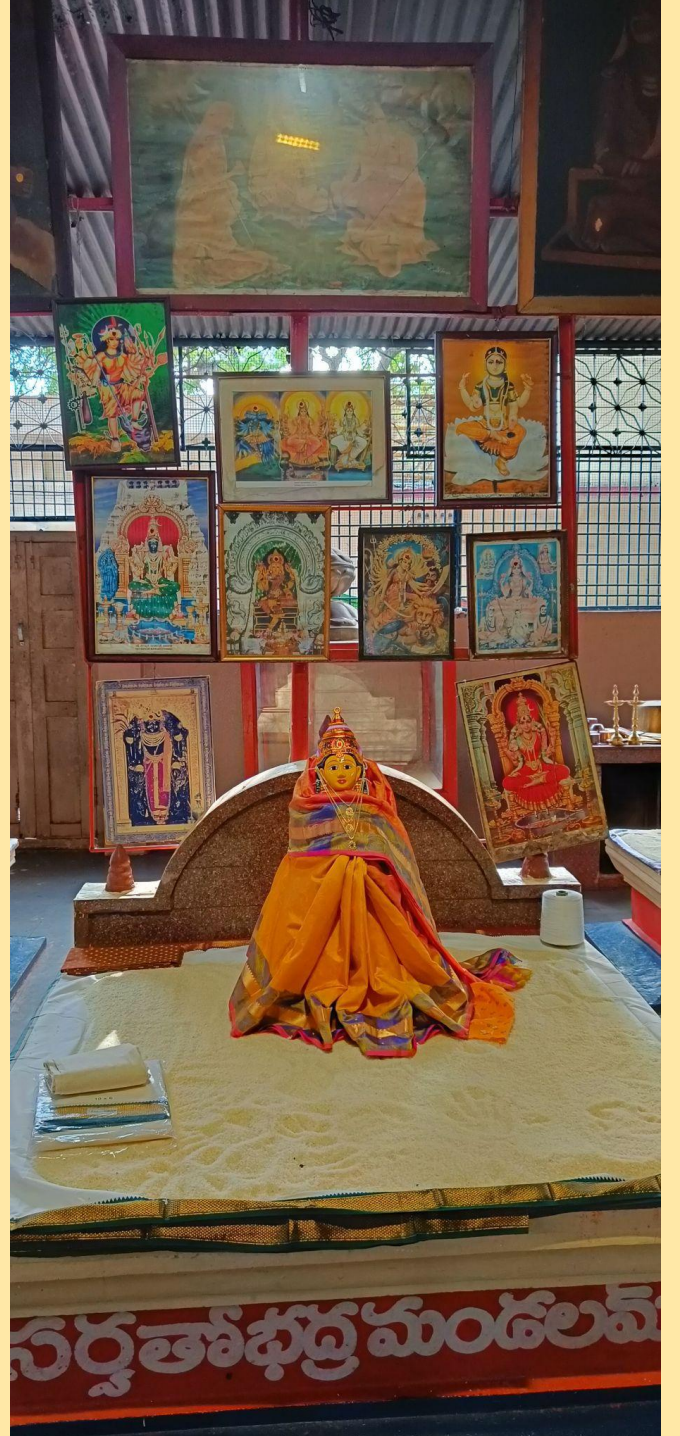
This matam includes a Gayatri mata temple, Valli Devasena sametha Subrahmanya temple, and Maha Swamy rudraksha mandapam. The yaga shala at the matam is used quite often to perform Ganapati, Rudra, and Chandi homams.



The devotee accommodation at the matam includes both non air-conditioned and air-conditioned rooms. The spiritual store -- Sri Kamakoti Divinity -- offers access to valuable books, spiritual ornaments, and pooja items.



With the divine blessings of His Holiness, the matam management committee organized Sri Sarada Navaratri mahostvam at the matam from October 7th to 15th. Sri Parvateesa Sarma from Hyderabad was in the brahma stanam.



The celebrations included nitya Go puja, Ganapati homam, Chandi Homam, Nava-Avarna pooja, Suvasini Pooja, and Bala Pooja.



On Durga Ashtami, a samuhika Suvasisni, Bala, and Vatu pooja was organized at the matam.



These celebrations were concluded on Mahanavami with the Poonahuti of the Chandi homam.



Several devotees came forward to support the dasara mahotsavam at the matam. A video summary of these celebrations can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTghfIAH5MA>.

The facilities at the matam are a few decades old and require minor renovation to ensure better devotee experience and safety. The matam management committee is requesting devotees to come forward to support betterment of facilities at the matam. If you are interested in contributing, please donate to the matam account.

Bank: Union Bank, Srisailam
Account number: 051512010000122
IFSC: UBIN0805157

If you have any questions or want to reach out to the committee, please write to kanchimuttsrisailam@gmail.com



From around the world, as shared by devotees

Abu Dhabi: Anusham pooja celebrations on 09-Oct-2021



Canada: October Anusham pooja celebrations



New Jersey: At the Guruvayoorappan Temple in NJ, there was a Kolam associated with each of the 63 Nayanmars. Under the guidance of Smt. Bhuvana Venkat, people learnt the Kolams and drew them and did samarpanam on this Pradosham day. This was preceded by the chanting of Abhirami Anthadhi and Abhirami Annai Padhigam.



Houston: Navaratri celebrations



Minnesota: We had a blessed 2021 Navrathri at Minnesota Mahaperiyava Satsang with spiritual and cultural events on all 9 days. On Navrathri Anusham, Mahaperiyava had Rudra Abishekam with violin recitals by two young artists. We were honored to host a fusion music concert by renowned artists Shri Gatam Suresh and co. from Bengaluru. Kids recited several slogams that were taught in our Gurukulam class and sang songs on Ambal in different Indian languages that they had learnt through the All-In-One classes conducted by our temple in Minnesota. From fantastic spiritual speakers we had talks on Ambal, Lakshmi, Go-Samrakshanam and why Avvaiyar said it's rare to be born a human. We recited Lalitha Sahasarnamam throughout the Friday of Navrathri which culminated with Abirami Andhadhi, Soundarya Lahari, Lalitha Sahasarnamam Namavalli and Ambal Abishekam. All in all, we were blessed by Mahaperiyava and Ambal to venerate them this Navrathri. Jaya Jaya Sankara Hara Hara Sankara.

Our events can be accessed via our YouTube channel - <https://youtube.com/c/MNMahaperiyavaSatsang>



New Jersey (KKSF): With the divine blessings of HH Pujya Shri Vijayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal, Maha Periyava Paduka and Puthu Periyava Paduka came from KKSF NJ. The bhaktha Kotis of the Los Angeles area were doubly blessed as the weekend coincided with the 87th Jayanthi celebrations of HH Pujya Shri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal.

Shri Guruvayurappan from NJ and Shri Ramesh Natarajan from AZ brought the holy padukas to Kapilaranyam (present day California). Just like scorched earth welcomes outpouring rain with joy, the devotees who have been going through a lot of turmoil during COVID times, received the padukas with abundant joy. A core team of Volunteers had worked for months behind the scenes to ensure the joy would be shared among all and blessings equally distributed. Due to the need to cover hundreds of miles in a very traffic-dense Greater Los Angeles area, arrangement was made for a 4.5-day itinerary. It was decided that the house where the padukas stayed for the night, the host would perform Sankalpam, Ganapathy Pooja, Abhishekam, Rudram/Chamakam, Veda Mantrams followed by Archanai for Shiva, Kamakshi, Adi Sankarar, Maha Periyava and Puthu Periyava during the following morning.

On Thursday - July 29th, the day started in Shri. Mohan's home with the ceremonial poorna kumbham. Five other homes and countless devotees had the privilege to welcome the padukas that day and do sashtanga namaskarams to the holy feet of Maha Periyava and Puthu Periyava. The day ended at Torrance.



On Friday – July 30th, Shri. Giridharan, his family and friends had the wonderful opportunity to perform abhishekam amidst the chanting of Veda Mantrams. Six other hosts around Irvine / Cerritos welcomed the Padukas, got abundantly blessed and sent them off to Newbury Park.



On Saturday – July 31st, the weekend got off to a very busy start at Shri. Sriram's home. The traditional rituals were followed by Carnatic songs and violin recitals by children of Bhaktha kotis. Nine other families around Thousand Oaks / Simi Valley / Burbank welcomed the padukas with Poorna kumbham and came to Dos Vientos that night.



On Sunday – August 1st, the day's rituals started at Shri. Nagarajan's home followed by Carnatic songs, dances, and violin recitals by children. Eight other families and their friends in and around Thousand Oaks / Simi Valley / Burbank were delighted to receive the padukas and worship the lotus feet of the Acharyas. The highlight of the day was the visit to Sri Venkata Krishna temple in Newbury Park where children recited slokams and sang with utmost bakthi and devotion.



On Monday – August 2nd, Shri. Lakshminarayanan, his family and friends performed the traditional rituals with Veda Gosham followed by Lalitha Sahasranamam chanting and Carnatic songs. The 4.5-day weekend culminated in the evening in Shri. Sriram's house with Vishnu Sahasranamam parayanam followed by Thodayamangalam and Kalyana Astapathi Bhajans, sung by children.



Donations and funds poured in during the longer weekend and donated to Integrated Patasalas, as directed by HH Pujya Shri Vijayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal. When Shri. Guruvayruappan left for the airport on Monday night, the devotees felt a lot of sadness that a divine event that they were privileged to be a part of was coming to an end. Everyone wished for rolling the clock back and re-living the scintillating experiences they enjoyed in the presence of Guru padukas for few days. They were thankful for being chosen to be in Guru's presence and bestowed Guru kadaaksham. All in all, Guru paadham provided the devotees much

needed strength and resilience during difficult times. Blessings of Acharya Swamigal and the hard work of Volunteers made it all possible.

While bhaktha Kotis were reminiscing the joyous days and were longing for more such blessings in the future, they were blessed with yet another divine opportunity to participate in a virtual Anugraha Bhaashanam by HH Pujya Shri Vijayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal on Sep 30th. . Devotees were in ecstasy when Periyava read the names of every family assembled in the zoom call and blessed them.

Lokaa Samasthaa Sukhino Bhavanthu.

Portland: With HH Periyava's blessings, Purattasi Anusham was held during Navarathri. Hosts and kids did Archana to HH MahaPeriyava, HH Jayendra Periyava, followed by recitation of Sadhguru Dashakam, Stotra malika composed by Pujiyashri Periyava, Durga Pancharatnam composed by HH MahPeriyava. Purusha Suktham, Durga Suktham, Sri Suktham were also recited for the auspicious Purattasi month combined with Navarathri festival. The program concluded with Thotakaashtakam, distribution of Sri Kanchi matam prasadam along with Vyasa Pujai prasadam. We also prayed for universal welfare. Program held with HH Periyava's krupai



Tampa: Aippasi Anusham Pooja – 2021. With the Blessings and Anugrahams of Guru Parampara KKSF Tampa Chapter celebrated Aippasi Anusham Pooja on October 9th @ Smt. Lakshmi and Sri. Naga Jayant Residence. Pooja Started at 4 PM with Ritweeks and families. Guru Pooja started with Vishnu Sahasranama parayanam, Swasti, Ganapathy Dhyanam, Punyakavachanam, Rudrabhishekam for Shivan and Periyava, Pancha suktam Chanting, Ashtothram for Shivan, Adi Shankara, Periyava, Pudhu periyava. On Navratri, kids recited Aigiri nandini. Followed by Thotakashtakam and concluded with Naivedhyam and Maha arathi.

Attached are some of the pictures from Guru Pooja.



Hong Kong: Navratri was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the South Indian Bhaktas in Hong Kong. Some of the Bhaktas kept pujas at their home in the morning and invited their friends and families.

There was common puja (Lalitha sahasranama archana) every evening in the Hindu temple in Hong Kong. Ladies from other Hindu communities also participated in the puja. One evening, the ladies performed a Dandiya dance with great energy and elegance before the puja. On the 14th of November, Sahasranama puja was done in the morning. More than a 100 bhaktas participated and performed the puja. The enthusiastic participation made this a special occasion as laksharchana. Kanya pooja was done by Shri Venkat, Shri Krishnan and Shri Narayanan after the laksharchana which was followed by a grand lunch for the Bhaktas.



Dandiya dance being performed by the Ladies



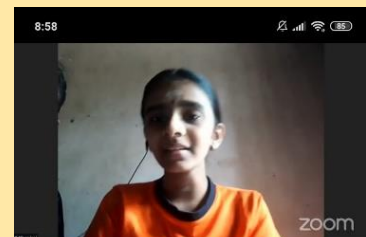
sKanya Poojai



China: With the divine order and blessings of HH Sri Perriyava of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt, Arul Tharum Mahaperiyava devotees performed Samasti Bikchavandanam at Orikkai on 18th September 2021 Saturday, Thiriyodasi thidhi day (Pradhosham and monthly Avittam day) as part of ATM's Guru Vandanam initiative. Generous contribution was made by about 180 devotees. ATM devotees under the guidance of Shri.Chandramouli mama (Group advisor) participated in the Pooja at Orikkai. Our devotees blessed to receive Bikchavandanam Prasadam from Sri Kanchi Mutt. HH Sri Periyava released re-print book of "Sathguru Nithya Darisanam" and first copy was received by Shri. Chandramouli mama (ATM Group Advisor)



ATM Aganda Rama Nama Japam 20th Sep 2021: Arul Tharum Mahaperiyava conducted morning 5 am to evening 5 pm continuous 12 hours Chanting of Aganda Rama Nama Japam virtually by zoom on the occasion of Sri Kanchi Mutt 59th Jagathguru Bhodendra Saraswathi Swamigal Aradanai on 20th Sep 2021 with the participation of 150 devotees from 10 countries spread across 5 continents, which was broadcasted Live in Arultharum Mahaperiyava Youtube Channel. Aganda Rama Nama Japam was inaugurated by Shri.Ganesa Sarma with pravachanam on Mahaperiyava. Ramayana Saram



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speech was performed by Shri.S.Srinivasan, Shanghai on the concluding function of Aganda Rama Nama Japam. The very essence and purpose of Ramayana Saram speech is to reach out to kids and youth to explain the Ramayana in short and simple format.

ATM's Ramayana Pravachanam during Malayapatcham: ATM Group arranged Ramayanam Navaham Pravachanam by Tippi Rajapuram Bala Pravachana Mani, Shri.Mohana Rama Dikshitar (S/o Tippi Rajapuram Kalaimamani, Somayaji, Bramhasri P.N.Ramamurthy Dikshitar, Grand son of Sengalipuram Bramhasri Anantha Rama Dikshitar) at the residence of Mrs.Menaka Sundar and Shri. R.Lokasundram couple which was attended by 25 devotees directly at their residence and 300 plus devotees by Youtube Live



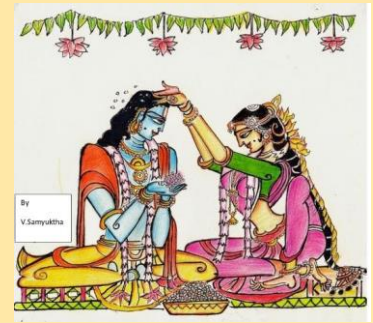
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ATM Navarathri Special Celebration and Kaigaryam

Arul Tharum Mahaperiyava with the great efforts of its coordinators conducted Nine special programs during Navarathri which was overwhelmingly participated by its kids, Youth and elders. The objective of the celebration was focused on appreciating our tradition, encourage devotees to engage in social activities of Annadanam and Ghoseva and educate our cultural values to the next generation starts “our kids and youth”

Navarathri Event 1: ATM Ramayana and Sloka Learning class through Crafts for kids aged 5 to 10 years was inaugurated.

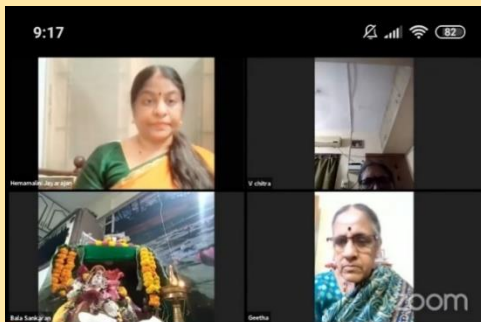


Navarathri Event 2: ATM Lalitha Sahasranamam learning class for adults was inaugurated

ATM Enga Veetu Golu – Golu with theme arranged by devotees and virtually devotees across the world attended the Golu, enjoyed the divine power of Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswathi. Further contest on selection of best Golu by Judges and Public voting in YouTube was arranged, Smt.Girija Guru was elected as the “Winner of Best Golu” and Shri.C.S.Chandramouli was selected for “Best Theme Golu”



Navarathri Event 4: ATM Nithya Sloka Mandali was started to do parayanam of Slokas from Monday to Friday



Navarathri Event 5: ATM Children Traditional Festival Wear contest – We encouraged children to participate in tradition Festival dress contest. Prizes were announced for winners.



Navarathri Event 6: ATM Kids Golu – We encouraged ATM Children to explore their creative talent to set up Kids Golu by using Waste to Use materials. Prizes were announced for winners.



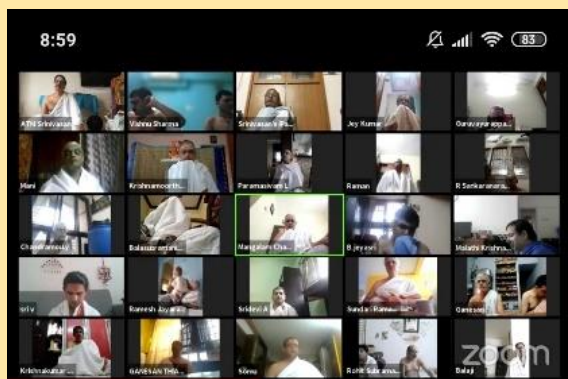
Navarathri Event 7: ATM Annapoorani Annadanam Kaigaryam – We initiated distribution of foods packets by our devotees in their respective city/area and to share picture of such Kaigaryam with us. We noticed overwhelming participation by our devotees in this Annadanam Kaigaryam.



Navarathri Event 8: Feed the Cow and Calf – Goseva Kaigaryam was promoted amount our devotees during Navarathi. Interestingly we find kids and children from our devotees' family participated in this Kaigaryam in feeding at Gosala, Temple and stray cows on the street.



Navarathri Event 9: Story for Children by Shri.Srinivasan on Dasavadaram live on ATM YouTube was done in four episodes during Navarathri. This story was specifically aimed at Children and Youth on Deiva Avatharam, its purpose, thathuvam , moral of each avatharam, how it relates with our life and how to live Loka Samastha Sukhino Bhavanthu life even in this Kali Yugam.



ATM Sahasra Gayathri Japam

Arultharum Mahaperiyava Devotees conducted Sahastra Gayathri japam on few Sunday during the month of September 2021.

ATM Monthly Poojai: Arultharum Mahaperiyava Group select a Devotee and arrange Sastrigal Manthram telecast by virtual zoom link and let the devotee family to perform and telecast monthly Adi Sankara Jayanthi, Annusha Jayanthi and Aadi Velli Poojai. We do live telecast of our devotee pooja in our Youtube channel.



Voice of Youth

Shankara Bala vihar, Tampa

Through the abundant grace of Goddess Sri Kamakshi and with the blessings of Pujiyashri Periyava of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Shankara Bala vihar the initiative by KKSF Tampa chapter started in mid-2019. The classes are meant for children in the age group 5 to 14 and are designed to give the children a basic knowledge about our glorious culture of Sanathana Dharma.

The main purpose of the classes is to help the children learn our precious culture, spiritual wisdom, and related values through age-appropriate learning.

Under this curriculum we have covered all shlokas from SDPA-1, SDPA-2.

Currently students are enrolled for other slokas like Bhagavad Gita, Adithya Hrudayam and other great works of Shri Adi Shankara. We have about 6 volunteer teachers and more are interested in teaching.

On this pious Navarathri month, we along with the kids would like to offer our Humble samarpanams to Pujiyashri periyava by chanting the shlokas that we learnt.

1. Ch.Vishruth Krishnakumar age 7 chanting Bhagavad Gita Chapter 4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZm9eLUmFrg>

2. Ch.Vidur Manoj age 6 chanting Lalitha Pancharatnam

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDoy5aWeccU>

3. Ch.Dhruv Satya age 9 Chanting Bhagavad Gita Chapter 7

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rICjzSeiGe4>

4. Sri. Lakshanya Jayant age 9 Chanting Shiva tAndava stotram.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLcfbLm-is>

China: Krishnapriya, 13 years - Originating from Sanskrit the word, Sanatana meaning *everlasting*, and Dharma coming from *dhri*, meaning *to sustain or hold together*. It often is thought of as the natural law that we all follow.



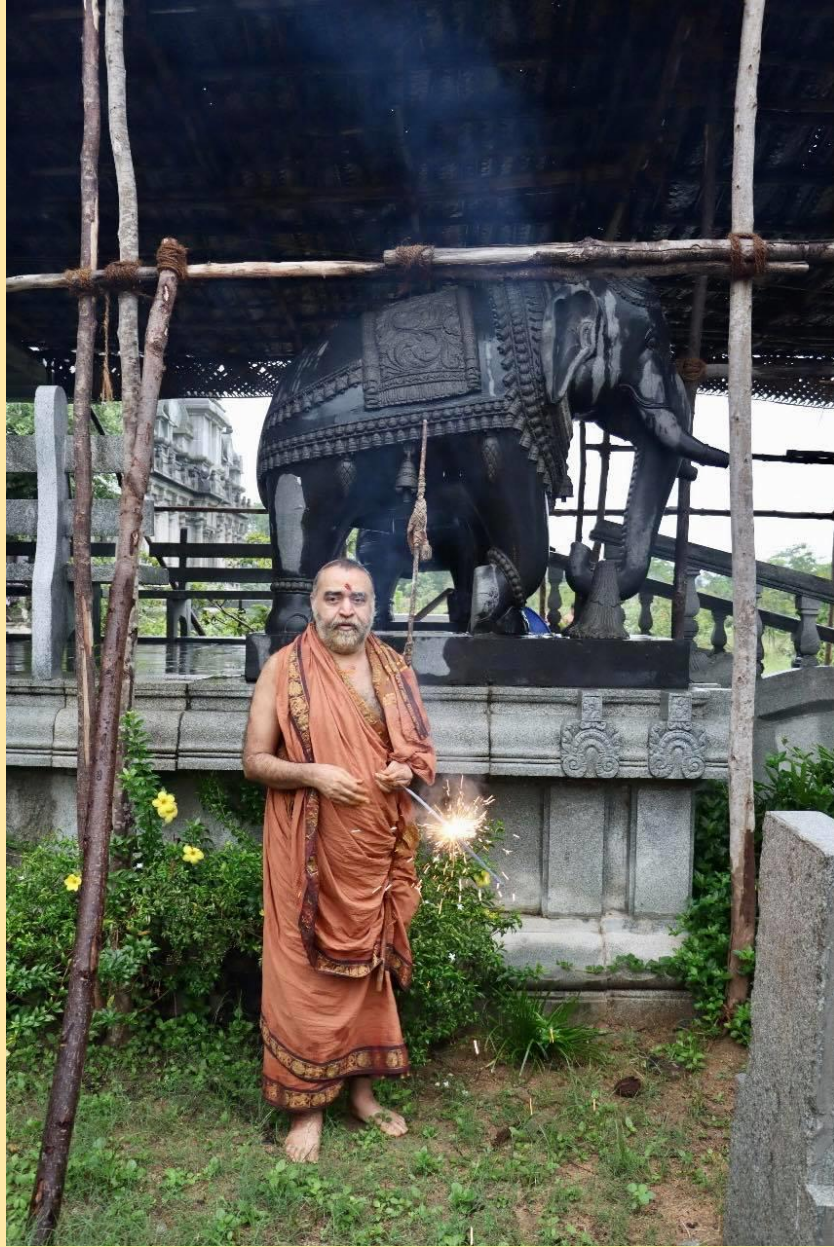
Contrary to what most people think, Sanata Dharma is not a religion, but rather a set of guidelines that people can work with to achieve *Moksha*. Because it doesn't have any holy books, it doesn't focus on one God, but many of them.

Some of the fundamental laws are Artha (*economic values*), Kama (*Pleasure*), Dharma (*Righteousness*), and Moksha (*Liberation*).

It is to help you become a better person, and anyone can strive to do it, regardless of religion or status.

To quote a line from the Bhagavat Purana, *"the supreme occupation [dharma] for all humanity is that by which men can attain to loving devotional service unto the transcendent Lord."*





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