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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**

Greatness & Uniqueness of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam – A glimpse

As followers of Kanchi Math, we have to know about the hoary & holy Guru Parampara of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam. Jagadguru Adi Shankara Bhagavatpada in his earthly sojourn established Maths in our country to preserve and take forward Sanatana Vaidika Dharma Parampara in its fullest & purest form. The Jagadguru blessed Acharya Parampara to continue his work of spreading & sustaining Sanatana Vaidika Dharma Parampara, Advaita Philosophy, Shanmata worship, performing Digvijaya Yatra, and so on for Loka Kshema.

We know the life of Acharya, where even as a Brahmachari, he prayed to Goddess Mahalakshi to shower prosperity on a woman in penury, signifying the importance of wealth to sustain worldly life & Dharma. The incidence revealed Acharya's deep compassion. His mastery of Vedas & Sastras at such a tender age showed his intelligence and glimpse of Daivamsha. His steadfastness to renounce worldly life and take up Sanyasa Ashrama when he was just eight showed his adherence to Sastric dictums and inherent detachment. Following this, His taking Krama Sanyasa from Govinda Bhagavatpada walking all the way from Kalady till Omkareshwar, showed his perseverance, unparalleled respect to Guru and importance of Guru Anugraha as a pre-requisite for all deeds.

Acharya's writing of Bhashyas on Brahma Sutras, Upanishats, Bhagavadgita & other works showed his greatest veneration to Veda Dharma & deep concern for people, by way of revealing true intent of Vedic traditions. The Shanmata Sthapana & Stotra Sahitya showed Bhakti Marga being properly channelized to attain Gnana. Wherever the Acharya sung, were abode of divine, and today we see all the Kshetras receiving a never ending stream of devotees. The Yantra Sthapana at various shrines of divine showed Acharya's profound understanding of continuous flow of Daiva Shakti, bountiful blessings & positivity. It was his wish to make this Anugraha reach every devotee worshipping therein and thus evolving the inner soul, surpassing generations.

Jagadguru's practise of Vaad & Samvaad to impart the right meaning of Shrutis & Smritis, showed his genuine appreciation of enquiry and solution methods. Finally, Pada Yatra to all Kshetras & Teerthas of Bharat Varsha showed that Bharat is a Daiva Bhoomi, Rishi Bhoomi, Punya Bhoomi & Divya Bhoomi and the Acharya an omniscient Avatara of Parameshwara.

This great Acharya after accomplishing all his Avatara work finally came to Kanchi, remodeled the entire city in Sri Chakra form, established Srichakra Yantra in front of Goddess Kamakshi, founded Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam as its first Acharya, ascended Moolamnaya Sarvagnya Peetham and finally shook his mortal coils and merged with the divine consciousness Kamakshi at her divine abode.

Till date devotees offer prayers at Samadhi shrine of Jagadguru Adi Shankara in 'Purushakruti Swaroopam' above which there is Guru Parampara Murthis and below Sishyas. This ancient Vighraha Murthy of Acharya is not to be seen anywhere else in our country. Also, the various sculptures of Acharya in ancient temples of Kanchi like in Ekamranatha, Kamakshi, Varadaraja, Brahmapureeshwara, Kailashanatha, Mrutyunjayeshwara, Vyasashantaleeshwara temples which date back thousands of years shows the eternal connection of Acharya and Kanchi which is again unique.

Kanchipuram is the only Mokshapuri of South India. It is the Odyana Peetha. Kanchi is the Pruthvi Kshetra as per Shiva Sthalams and Akasha Kshetra as per Shakti Sthalas. The Bilakasha in the Kamakshi temple represents this.

Such a great lineage starting from Jagadguru Adi Shankara and now recently till our Acharyas, Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam has been a beacon of light for Veda & Shastric Adhyayana Adhyapana Parampara, devotees, spiritual seekers, scholars, and an inspiration for the noble and service minded people. Following the Acharya's footsteps, Acharyas of Sri Kanchi Math have written treatises on Advaita Vedanta, travelled the length & breadth of country, consecrated temples & sustained Veda Dharma. Records show that several Kings including Krishna Deva Raya, attracted with their austerities & Dharmic deeds, have conferred honours and gifts in form of Sarvamanya villages to Acharyas for the continuance of Dharma. Nitya Trikala Puja of Yoga Chandramouleeshwara Lingam commenced by Jagadguru is being performed by the Acharyas for Loka Kshema.

The Acharyas of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, in line of Jagadguru Acharya have been carrying on the onus of Dharma Prachara in a manner, unrestricted by limitations of region or language in a pan Indian level and to overseas devotees selflessly to sustain Veda Dharma, uplift the people and this great nation. Devotees are most fortunate to receive the bountiful grace of Acharyas.

It is our bounden duty to venerate Acharya Parampara in the best way we can and we should strive for Achanchala Guru Bhakti. Just as trees give fruits, clouds give rain, rivers flow unconditionally, our Acharya Parampara have been pouring unconditional Anugraha Varsha on all of us. Glory to Kanchi Acharyas.



Jaya Jaya Sankara Hara Hara Sankara



Editorial: There is a growing interest among the youngsters to know more about the Indian traditions.

Current educational policies and practices encourage them to “question” everything. This is in sharp contrast to the Ancient Indian paradigm of having a very healthy “spirit of inquiry”. There is a subtle difference between the two approaches, even though the basic motivation seems to be one of getting clarified about an unknown concept. A spirit of inquiry stems out of humility whereas an attitude of questioning arises out of ego. A natural extension of this attitude has resulted in them wanting to know more about some of the ancestral knowledge and cultural practices that we follow even today.

These are organized systematically in several layers. Śṛuti, which is otherwise known as Vedas and Upanishad’s has defined governing principles for life. On the other hand, Smṛtis have detailed them and provided useful guidelines by way of rules for day-to-day living. The Dharma śāstras provide these details and specify Sāmānya and Viśeṣa dharmas. They point to Nitya and Naimittika karmas that everyone must follow.

There were few questions raised on Sandhya vandanam (basic and most important Nitya karma), let’s call it FAQ on Sanatana Dharma:

Q: What is the significance of worshipping the presiding deity (Sun god) through Sandhyā Vandanam?

Modern science has given us the insight that anybody who has some familiarity with basic physics knows that the sustainability of the earth critically depends on the Sun.

In Praśna Upanishad, in response to a query, from Kātyāyana Kabandhī one of the six disciples, “Wherefrom the creatures are born?”, Sage Pippalāda replies that it comes out of matter (Rayi) and energy (Prāṇa). The sage further explains that the Sun is verily the life and the Moon is the matter.

Q: Why should one wear the sacred thread (Upanayanam/Poonal)?

- To become eligible for performing all duties enjoined in the Śṛuti and Smṛtis
- And through such a process, obtain Brahma tejas by removing sins

Q: What is the appropriate time to do Sandhyavandhanam

According to Yajnavalkya morning Sandhi should be done before the Sunrises, Madhyamikam by mid-day when the Sun is above the head and evening Sandhi should be done before Sunset. The time between the disappearance of the stars and sunrise is the appropriate time for performing the morning Sandhi.

Sandhi – This implies that it is the confluence of two different time. EG: Afternoon merging into evening is one Sandhi i.e., end of afternoon and start of evening. The same principle applies for end of night and start of morning. Sastra provides a simple definition for Sandhi. It says when the Sun and the Naskṣatras are both visible such a time is called Sandhi

Devotees are encouraged to send their queries on religious/spiritual matters to nrikanchinews@gmail.com and the team will consult with experts in the field at Sri Matam and facilitate response as appropriate in the subsequent editions.



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This issue covers the Holy Camp from 21st May 2022 by HIS HOLINESS PUJYASRI SANKARA VIJAYENDRA SARASWATI SANKARAACHARYA SWAMIGAL:

Period	Camp Location
20-April-2022 till 19-Jun-2022	Hyderabad - Sri Subramanyeswara Swamy Temple, Skandagiri, Kamakoti Nagar, Warasiguda, Secunderabad, Telangana - 500061
19- Jun -2022 till 27-Jun-2022	Sri Mahavidyapeetham, Dundigal, Nehru Outer Ring Road, Hyderabad
28-Jun-2022 till 28-Jun-2022	Dundigal, Hyderabad
29-Jun-2022 till 02-Jul-2022	Jaggiahpet, Andhra Pradesh
03-Jul-2022 till 04-Jul-2022	Eluru, Andhra Pradesh
05-Jul-2022 till 06-Jul-2022	Samarlakota, Andhra Pradesh
07-Jul-2022 till 09-Jul-2022	Peddapuram, Andhra Pradesh
10-Jul-2022 till 10-Sep-2022	Lakshmi Goshala Thimmapuram, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh
Guru Pournami & Chaturmasam starts on 13 th July 2022	

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.

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MAHABHARATA - YAKSHA PRASHNA SERIES

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 younger generation (10 or above till 25 or so) to write about your 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 sign of asceticism?	Single-minded devotion to one's own religion is the mark of asceticism.
What is considered true restraint?	Restraint of mind is considered true restraint.
What constitutes forgiveness?	Forgiveness consists in endurance of enmity.
What is shameful?	Withdrawal from laudable acts is disgraceful.
O King! What is said to be Knowledge?	Awareness of Brahman is Knowledge.
What is said to be control of the senses?	Tranquility of mind is the sign of control of senses.
What is said to be mercy?	Mercy consists in wishing happiness to all.
What is said to be forbearance?	Forbearance (patience) means equanimity of mind.
Which enemy is invincible?	Anger is the most invincible enemy.
Which disease is incurable?	Covetousness is an incurable disease.
Which men are honest?	A righteous man desires the well-being of all.
Which men are dishonest?	An unfair man is one who is not merciful
O King! What is ignorance?	Ignorance means lack of awareness of obligatory duties.
What is pride?	Pride means that one is the doer of actions.
What is considered as idleness?	Astention from performance of one's duties is idleness.
What is said to be grief?	Lack of knowledge (of truth) leads to grief.



Acharya Swamigal blesses village adoption program in Medchal (27-June-2022)

Visit to Konnaipallie Village at Medchal Mandal- Acharya Swamigal blessed the Village adoption program



Acharya Swamigal arrived at Andhra Pradesh border on 28-June-2022

Acharya Swamigal reached around 10 PM (travelling 200 kms) after leaving Dundigal Camp in Hyderabad Telangana in the afternoon. Acharya Swamigal was received with Purnakumbha Swagatham by a gathering of Veda Pandits from Kanakadurga Devasthanam, Endowment Department officials, government officers and general public on the border.

Earlier enroute to Balusupadu village, Andhra Pradesh, Acharya Swamigal visited Chityala Venugopala Swamy Temple on a hillock and blessed Bhoomi Puja for Shankara Math in the foothills. Acharya Swamigal then visited a Prahlada Varada Narasimha Swamy Goshala in Nalgonda and arrived at Kodad. Kodad is a border town in Telangana. Acharya Swamigal addressed a public gathering in which the importance of events during upcoming Chaturmasya Vratam was highlighted. Acharya Swamigal reached Srimatam Camp at Balusupadu village at 11:30 PM after receiving Deepa Harathis of waiting villagers in every street of the village.

Deputy CM, AP darshan of Acharya Swamigal (29-June-2022)

Sri Kottu Satyanarayana Garu, Hon'ble Deputy CM & Endowments Minister, Sri Anil Kumar Singhal IAS, Principal Secretary, Sri Dr. M Hari Jawaharlal, IAS Commissioner, and other officials visited Srimatam camp to welcome Acharya Swamigal to Andhra Pradesh and held detailed discussion about Dharma Prachara Karyakramas in the state. After Puja Acharya Swamigal visited Venakeshwara Swamy Devalayam in Kakatiya Cement & Sugars factory in Jaggiapet and Ramalayam in Balusupadu. Acharya Swamigal arrived back to Srimatam camp and performed third Kala Puja.



Bhoomi Pooja for Shankat Math at Chityala



Acharya Swamikal at Prahlada Varada
Narasimha Swamy goshala, Nalagonda



Anugraha Bhashanam at Kodad, Telangana (28-June-2022)



Anugraha Bhashanam at Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Jagayyapet, AP (29-June-2022)



Swagata Sabha by Endowments Department - Andhra Pradesh (30-June-2022)

Swagata Sabha to Acharya Swamikal organised by Endowments Dept, Government of AP



Swarna Torana Samarpanam to Sri Venkateswara Swami at Vijayawada (02-Jul-2022)

Vijaya yatra to Vijayawada- Pujyashri Shankaracharya Swamigal performed Samarpanam of Swarna Thoranam to Sri Venkateswara Swamy at Labbipet, Vijayawada



Visit to Sri Venkateshwara Swami temple at Eluru (04-Jul-2022)

Vijaya Yatra of Acharya Swamigal to Eluru - visit to Sri Venkateswara Swamy Devasthanam at Eluru.



Vijaya Yatra of Acharya Swamigal arrival at Samalkot (04-Jul-2022)



Vijaya Yatra of Acharya Swamigal to Eluru - visit to Sri Annapoorni Sametha Avimukteshwara Swami Temple on (4-July-2022)



Acharya Swamigal arrived at Kakinada on (09-July-2022) at Kakinada

Acharya Swamigal will observe Chaturmasya vratam from 13th July. Devotees led by Brahmashri Chaganti Koteswara Rao garu, Sri Varaprasad Reddy garu, Timmapuram village president Sri Bejawada Satyanarayana garu, several others participated in the Shoba yatra celebrated with vedic chanting, garagas, bhajan groups, kolatams, mangala vadyams



Vijaya Yatra - Rajatotsava Veda Sabha at Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Samalkot

Acharya Swamigal blessed Rajatotsava Veda Sabha (25th year) at Samalkot conducted by Chandrabhatla Patanjali Sastry family. Vedic Scholars from Godavari Jilla area led by Gollapalli Anjaneyulu Salakshana Ghanapathi participated in the Sabha. The scholars chanted Brahmana Bhaga, Samhita, Krama, Jata & Ghana Patham from Krishna Yajur Veda. Sastra & Veda Bhashya Vidwans Sri Vishwanatha Gopalkrishna Sastry & Chirravuri Srirama Ghanapathigal also took part. Acharya Swamigal blessed Sanmanam to all Veda Pandits.

Silver Crown Samarpanam to Acharya Swamigal for Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Sri Chandrabhatla Patanjali Sastry whose family is conducting the Veda Sabha for past 25 years submitted to Acharya Swamigal a Silver crown and performed Pada Puja. Amidst chanting of Veda Swasti, Acharya Swamigal adorned the Silver crown to the delight of all present. The crown is studded with images of Sri Kanchi Mahaswami & Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal.

Speaking on the occasion Acharya Swamigal stressed the need to create Vedic environment to foster peace, progress, harmony and service in society. Acharya Swamigal also appealed Veda Pandits to take up higher learning so as to spread the hoary tenets of Veda Dharma in its fullest sense, and said that this learning will also help for their Atma Trupti.

Acharya Swamigal talked about 'Netrutvam' leadership and 'Datrutvam' philanthropy which are important for continuing & sustaining Vedic learning and Vedic practises. Acharya Swamigal recollected the efforts of Chandrabhatla Sri Chintamani Ganapati Sastry (late) who was devoted to Kanchi Acharyas all his life, as an inspiration to the people of Samalkot & surrounding areas, and as one had nurtured the Sabha for more than two decades. Acharya Swamigal blessed Sri Patanjali Sastry and family for continuing this Vaidika Seva.

Earlier Acharya Swamigal performed Harathi at Anjaneya Swamy, Swayamvara Paravathi Sametha Chandramouleeshwara Swami shrines and visited the Goshala in the premises.



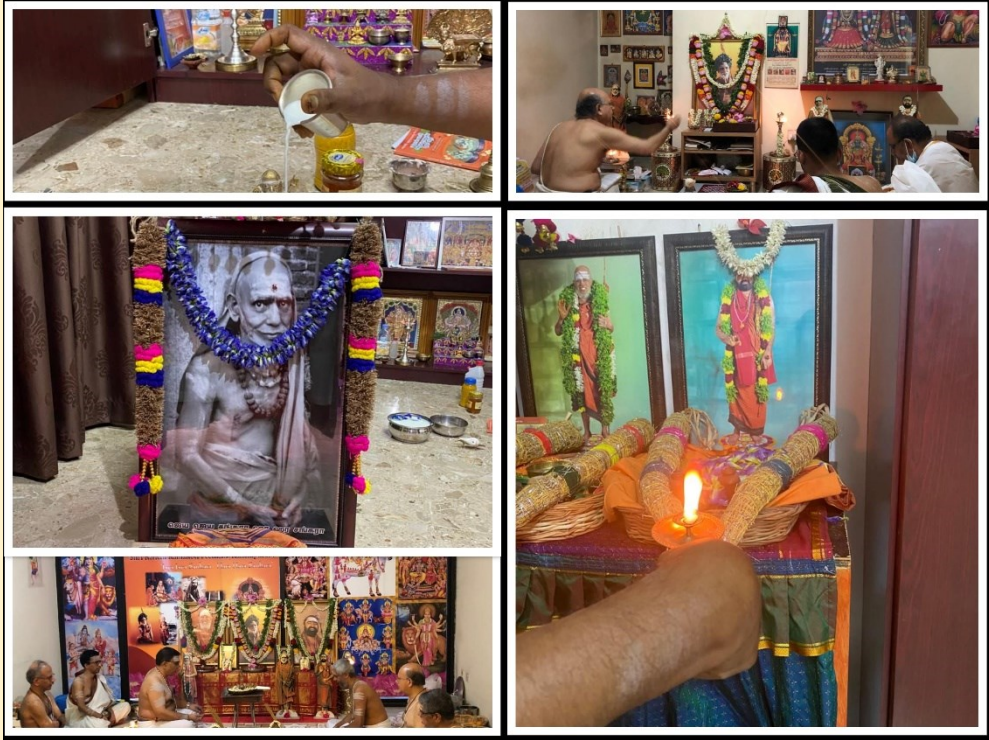
Acharya Swamigal performed Vyasa Puja at Kakinada, Andhra and Chaturmasya Vrata Sankalpam (13-July-2022)

Vyasa Puja is performed on the Full Moon Day of the Aashada Month, considered auspicious and holy for worshipping the spiritual preceptors beginning with Sage Vyasa, the avatara of Lord Vishnu, who has blessed humanity by classifying the Vedas, writing the eighteen puranas, the great epic Mahabharata and Srimalad Bhagvata. Devotees from far and wide offered their obeisance to the Acharya Swamigal on the holy occasion of Gurupoornima and received HIS Blessings. Vyasa Puja link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDxazZBdWJQ>



From around the world, as shared by devotees

Abu Dhabi: Maha Anusham Pooja at Ruwais Abudhabi with Rudra abhisekham



Dubai: 129th Jayanthi of Sri. Maha Periyava was celebrated in a grand manner. The event started with Vinayagar poojai, Sodasodhasa poojai, Kumbha avahanam, Guru avahanam, Rudrabhishegam, Ashtotarangal and Veda Parayanam. A large number of devotees participated in person. Monthly Anusham was celebrated with great fervour.



Netherlands: Pradhosham rudra japam & Vishnu Sahasranamam parayanam



Hong Kong: Sri Sankara Jayanthi Celebrations. By Periaava's anugraham HK Govt relaxed the Covid 19 restrictions for us to celebrate Sri Sankara Jayanthi on 6th May 2022. A small program was organized at Sri Narayan's house on 6th evening at 6.30 pm. The pooja started with chanting of Sri Rudhram, Chamakam and Sukthams followed by Sri Sankara Bhagavadpada pooja, Swasthi Vachanam and Thotakaashtakam.



Houston (KKSF): KKSF Houston celebrated Adi Shankara Jayanthi and Mahaperiya Jayanthi at Shri Guru Nivas Paduka Mandapam on 14th May 2022



The function included Svasthi Vachanam, Veda Parayanam, Stotram Parayanam with a focus on Adi Shankara Stotra Parayanam, and Nama sankeerthanam.

A number of children chanted Adi Shankara Stotrams as they had learnt the same during Sahasradala Padma Aradhanam event in 2020. The event concluded with Totakashtakam and Prasada Bhojanam.

Tampa (KKSF): With the Blessings and Anugrahams of Guru Parampara, KKSF Tampa Chapter celebrated April Month's Anusham Pooja on May 14th @ Smt. Anuradha and Sri. Balakrishnan's Residence. Pooja Started at 4 PM with Ritweeks and families. Guru Pooja started with Vishnu Sahasranama parayanam, Swasti, Ganapathy Pooja, Varuna Kalasa Sthapana, Panchamritha vishesha dravyodhaka snanam, Ekavara Rudrabhishekam for Shivan and Periyava, Pancha Suktam Chanting, Ashtothram for Shivan, Adi Shankara, Periyava, Pudhu Periyava.

Program continued with lots of ragas and kirtis including Namasankeerthanam. Children of Shankara Bala Vihar recited Bhajans, Devotional songs, an excellent piece on Mirudangam and chanted Bhagavad Gita Chapter2.

Followed by Thotakashtakam and concluded with Naivedhyam , Maha Aarthi and distribution of Mahaprasadam.



Austin, Texas: With Sri Sri Sri Periyavaa's guidance and grace, we were blessed to celebrate Maha Periyavaa's 129th Jayanthi to HIS Divine Padhuka. The celebrations started on 10th June evening till 12th June.

<u>10th June evening</u>	<u>11th June morning</u>	<u>11th June evening</u>	<u>12th June morning</u>
Swasthivachakam	Swasthivachakam	Swasthivachakam	Swasthivachakam
Ganesha Pancharatnam	Vigneswara Pooja	Thirupugazh Bhajans	Aruna Prshnam (Soorya Namaskaram)
Subramanya Bhujangam	Mahanyasam	Veda Parayanam	Lagunyasam
Arya Dwishati	Kalasa Stapanam	Thotakashtakam	Ekadasa Rudra Homam
Mooka Pancha Shati (10 from each)	Ekadasa Rudra	Periyavaa Guru Stuthi	Aavahanthi Homam
Akilandeshwari Mathruka	Abishekam	Panchakam	Sooktha Abishekam
Pushpa Mala	Sooktha Abishekam	Prasadam	Bhagavathpadal
shrIshiva keshAdi	Bhagavathpadal		Ashtotram
pAdAnta Stotram	Ashtotram		Periyavaa Ashtotram
Deeparadhanai	Periyavaa Ashtotram		Deeparadhanai
Thotakashtakam	Deeparadhanai		Veda Swasthi
Periyavaa Guru Stuthi	Veda Swasthi		Thotakashtakam
Panchakam	Thotakashtakam		Periyavaa Guru Stuthi
Prasadam	Periyavaa Guru Stuthi		Panchakam
	Panchakam		Prasadam



Portland (KKSF): With HH Periyava's anugraham, devotees celebrated HH MahaPeriyava's 129th Jayanthi in Portland Jaya Hanuman Temple. Abhishekam was performed as devotees recited Ekadasha Rudram, followed by Archana, Thotakashtakam, Swasti vachanam.

The Oregon chapter kids Sangeetha Samarpanam was also telecasted on Kamakoti TV on the auspicious HH MahaPeriyava Jayanthi. <https://youtube.com/watch?v=v2LUfKLrCIg&feature=share>



Portland KKSF Periyava Padhuka Yatra was held on Jun 17 and Jun 18, 2022. This was made possible by His Holiness Periyava's Anugraham and Abundant Blessings. Core team of Portland volunteers, with guidance and support from Sri Arun Sitaraman ji and Sri Ramesh Natarajan ji meticulously planned the program for the past one month till the end of the Yatra on Saturday, June 18th. Sri Parthasarathy ji helped get the holy Sri Matam prasadam from Skandagiri, Hyderabad Camp.

Paduka Yatra was performed with Holy Padukas of: Sri Sri Sri Maha Periyava, Sri Sri Sri Pudhu Periyava and Sri Sri Sri Periyava Padhukas

Sri Venkat Putarjunan ji from Seattle, helped to be the volunteer priest in the Yatra and Portland area volunteers were there in every devotee's home taking care of the preparation for the puja.

KKSF's representation was clearly visible throughout the Yatra with participation of Sri Arun Sitaraman ji and Sri Ramesh Natarajan ji in the Holy Yatra.

Yatra started on Friday June 17th from Portland Jaya Hanuman Temple. Periyavas graced the homes of 10 families in and around the suburbs of Portland. The Holy Paduka puja of Three Periyavas started with Ganapati Puja followed by sankalpam, shodasasa upacharam, Maha Periyava Ashtotram, Pudhu Periyava Ashtotram and

Nidhanapataye for Periyava. After the archanas, devotees chanted Thotakashtakam and Maitreem Bhajatha. Swasti was chanted in each devotee's home while their family was blessed with Holy Srimatam Prasadams from Sri Sri Sri Periyava. Pilot vehicle with volunteers wearing traditional dress went to each devotee's home 20-30 minutes before The Periyavas could grace their homes with all the necessary puja materials. They made sure that everything for the puja is arranged and devotees are ready to receive The Periyavas in traditional manner with Poorna Kumbham. The hospitality and kindness at every devotee's home was unimaginable and exemplary. We saw and felt the excitement, spiritual vibrations filled in the air at every home as they welcomed The Periyavas.

The Padhukas were held and carried by Portland volunteers including the devotees. Their emotions, feelings, and happiness in doing such a kainkaryam for Kanchi Kamakoti Guru Parampara was clearly visible throughout the Yatra. Most of them wished to have the Yatra every year as well as said "Our fervent wishes to have this blissful experience again soon"

Sri Arun Sitaraman ji highlighted:

- Pujyasri Periavals' vision to sustain Sanathana Dharma at its roots in Bharata Desam including Veda, Vidhya and Vaidhya
- KKSF current NexGen initiatives to reach out to next generation which helps youngsters to get engaged with KKSF



With HH Periyava's anugraham, Anusham Pooja was celebrated with Guru Stotrams, Swasti, Ganapati Pooja, Archana to HH Mahaperiyava, HH Jayendra Periyava, followed by recitation of Guru Ashtakam, Panduranga Ashtakam on account of Ashada Ekadasi and upcoming Guru Poornima 🙏 We concluded with Thotakaashtakam and Maitreem Bhajata, Harati and Naivedyam. Devotees enjoyed the Thandalam patashala visit presentation by Sri Anand ji from Bay area. This was arranged for devotees by Sri Lakshmi Narayanan ji, coordinator for Integrated Patashalas. Sri Matam prasadams were distributed to all devotees.



Canada: Anusham Celebrations



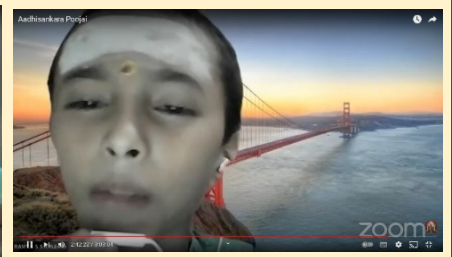
China: Anugraha Bhashanam by HH Pujyashri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamiji for Arultharum



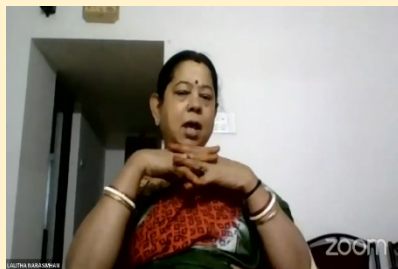
Mahaperiyava Global Group (ATM) in Hyderabad Shri Ganesan Mama residence on 16-06-2022 and blessed by putting Akshadhai in Pidi Arisi Boxes of ATM Global Group on that day. As of June 2022, over 5750 families spread across 10 Countries, are actively participating in activities initiated by the group.



Adi Sankara Jayanthi: ATM celebrated Adi Sankara Jayanthi for two days (05/05/2022 and 06/05/2022) by performing Gho Pooja, Bhajan by Ganasmruthi Bhajan Mandali, Sri Rudram Chanting by Sri Rubesh (ATM Child), Vocal concert by Villivakkam Sisters (Selvi Shruthi and Selvi Smrithi).



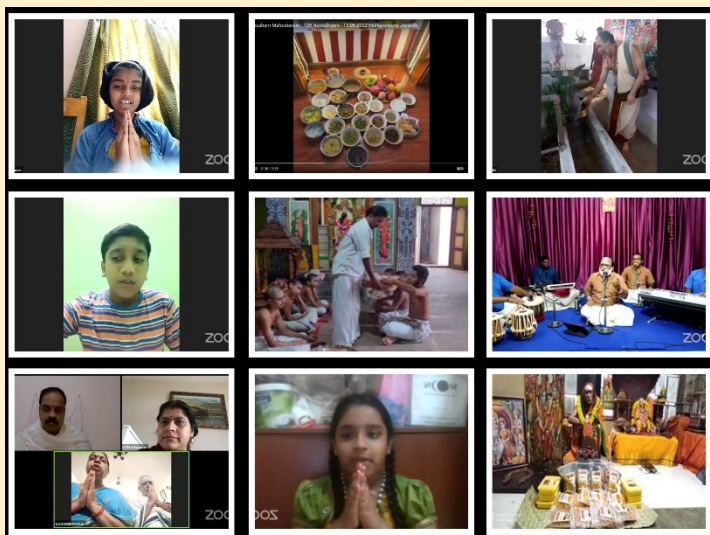
Children Summer Vacation Sloka Learning: During Summer vacation, sloka classes were conducted for children. Smt Lalitha Narasimhan taught slokas to children and large number of children benefitted by learning various slokas.



Saturday Sath Sangam: Members of ATM above 25 years of age participated in all Saturday Satsangam by singing a song, bhajan, devotional experience etc. and eminent personalities in the fields of music, speech were arranged to participate.

Mahaanusha Mahotsavam was celebrated for 31 days from 15/05/2022 to 14/06/2022 with various programs to make members involve largely in sathsangams and various kaingaryams as detailed below.

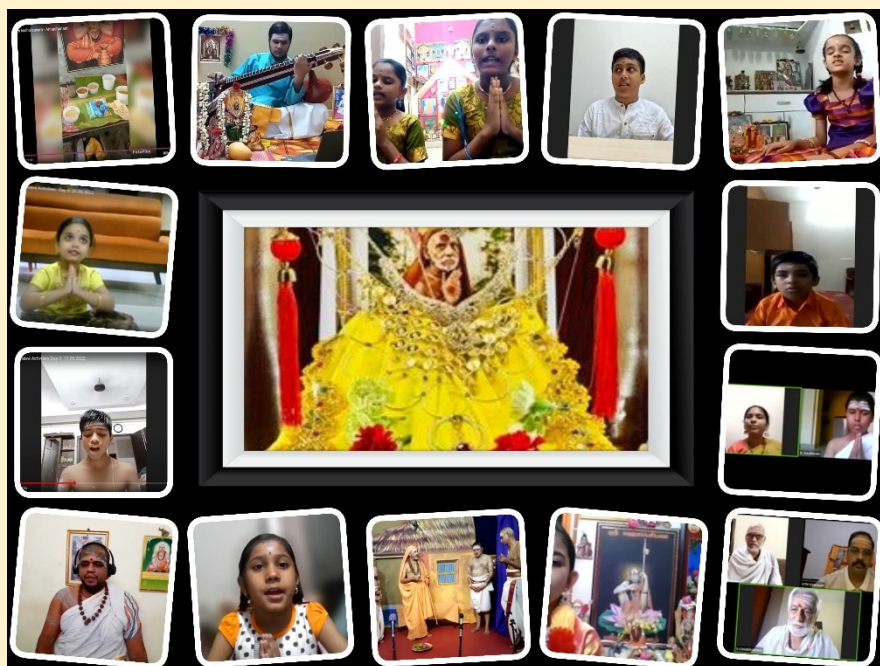
Children Participation: To inculcate bhakthi and devotion in children, ATM Children were made to participate in devotional speech on Sarvavyaapiyum Sahasranamum, Speech on characters of Mahabharatha, Ramayana, Skit on Sanathana Dharmam, Vedarakshanam and speech on Vedapuri Mamavum Mahaperiyavaalum.



Mahaperiyava Trisathi was performed everyday, Devotees collectively carried out Gho Poojai on 5th June, Annadhanam for 200 people on 12th June. Mahaperiyava Drama by Shri Ramki's Kalamitra Troupe was performed. Sampoorana Narayaneeya parayanam was done on 26th June and Veda Parayanam along with aganda Nama japam were carried out as well.

Sweets & Vastradhanam to vidyarthees. Kaingaryam of distributing high quality sweets and bhakshanams to Vidyarthees in 35 Vedapadasalais was carried out

Mahaanusha Pooja: The group started the celebrations with Homams and continued with Poojai, Songs/bhajans by Group Devotees followed by 129 Neivedhyam to Mahaperiyava and ended the day with Devotional speech by Shri Gopi Bhagavathar & Vocal Concert by Shri.Veeramani Raju



Voice of Youth

Canada: Krishnapriya on Sanatana Dharma is a way of life. But it matters on how you use the knowledge of it, to your daily lives. Today let us talk about Kama. Kama is known as desire, and it is a vital part of our everyday lives. When we don't get what we want, it can easily turn into greed, anger, or jealousy. And we gain more and more desires when we do get what we want.



As said in the Bhagavad Gita, "From anger, delusion arises, and from delusion, bewilderment of memory. When memory is bewildered, intelligence is lost, and when intelligence is lost, one falls again into the material pool." (Chp 2, Verse 63)

So, we may think that if we remove materialistic wishes, then we lose the need for Kama. Which may be true, but if we lose our desires to do a good thing, then isn't that also bad? Should we not follow a dharmic way of life?

The thing is, Kama isn't bad. Desire is a human emotion, and we all have to experience it. But like all emotions, it matters how we use it. If we use Kama with good intent, an intent that falls in line with Dharmic teachings, then it allows you to have more control over your desires, rather than the intention being bad. Although the main goal of Sanatana Dharma is to do things without an attachment, to start off, managing your intent is a great way to haul in the emotions and have control over your mind. Moreover, having a Guru's teachings can further help with your journey to God.

Bangalore: Aneeswar Gurushankar on Bhagavad Gita. The Bhagavad Gita is the greatest spiritual guide for mankind. In the Bhagavad Gita, the spiritual knowledge is explained by Lord Krishna (the Master) to Arjuna (the student) by way of a series of answers to the questions that Arjuna asks.

I liked learning the Bhagavad Gita. I was taught about the various aspects of Bhagwan, from Bhagavad Gita. Among the few Slokhas I was taught from Bhagavad Gita, one of them was from Chapter 4 / Slokha 7.

यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य ग्लानिर्भवति भारत।
अभ्युत्थानमधर्मस्य तदात्मानं सृजाम्यहम्॥

Lord Krishna, through this Slokha, explains Arjuna as to when He manifests or appears in this Universe.

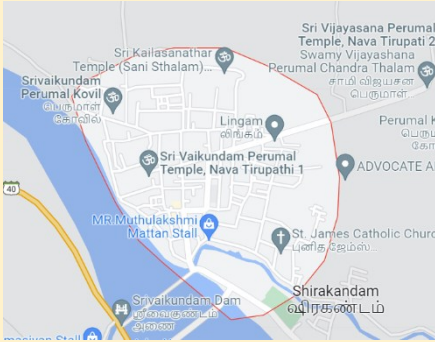
Lord Krishna says "Whenever and wherever a decline of righteousness occurs and unrighteousness begins to prevail, I manifest Myself personally, O descendant of Bharatha!"

This Slokha gives mankind a lot of hope and reassurance that whenever evil men and deeds become too powerful, Bhagwan Krishna will personally appear in this Universe to vanquish the evil and uphold our Dharma. Thank you.



Know Your Village

Srivaikuntam (Thoothukudi District) submitted by Smt. Aparna Sivakumar



Srivaikuntam is a Constituency, a Hamlet with Schools, Railway Station, Bus stand, Residentials, Temples with Religious Significance with a very rich forgotten cultural background

Srivaikuntanathan Temple / Kallapiraan Temple

This temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu and is one of the 108 Divya desam's. This one among “the nava tirupathis” and Surya



Sthalam in Tirunelveli.

Presiding Deities: Sri Vaikuntanatha Swamy, Vaikuntavalli & Kallapiraan.

The Tiruvengadamudayaar Mandapam which is rich with exquisite sculptures of yaallis and devotees can observe them at the ekadasi mandapam. This temple premises served as fort during the days of conflict between Veera Paandiya Kattabomman and East India company.

Kailasanathar Temple -



Architecture: Dravidian Style

Theertham: Thaamraparni

Presiding deities: Kailasanaathar goddess sivakaami, bhoothanaathar (avataram of sri sastha)

This Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is one among "the nine kailaayam"s (kailaasam) and Sani(saturn) parihaara sthalam in Tirunelveli.

In ancient days, after closing the temple, it was customary to keep to hand over the temple keys before

Bhoothanaathar, and nobody would dare to enter the temple

premises during its closing time. The flagpole of this temple was brought from Kanyakumari bhawathy amman temple. The temple walls has beautiful carvings of Romasa munivar agni puthrar, veera bhadraar. The Nataraja in this temple is fondly called as "Chandana Sabapathi".

Salient features: Srivaikuntam is the birthplace of Kumaraguruparar Desikar (a saivite saint and a poet), who could not speak until he was 5yrs old, but later started reciting hymns by the divine grace when he was brought in front of the sanctum sanctorum of Lord Muruga in Thiruchendur. Desikar was gifted a pearl necklace by Goddess Meenakshi, when he was singing Meenakshi Ammai Pillai Tamizh in Madurai. Kumaraguruparar stayed in Kasi and renovated the “The kedaara eshwara temple” at kedhaar ghaat.

He was honoured by Thirumalai Nayakkar. Some of his notable works are:

- Sakala Kalaa Valli Maalai
- Muthu Kumaraswamy Pillai Tamizh(Tamil)
- Meenakshi Ammai Pillai Tamizh
- Tiruvaaroor Nanmani Maalai
- Kandar Kali Venbaa
- Needhi Nedri Vilakkam

A fort, Pillaimaar Kottai (a high mud wall) existed for centuries, wherein a particular sect of people resided inside the fort. It was customary that the men population go out and the ladies neither came out of the house nor get married to men outside the fort. They were self-sustained. They had herbal cure for illness, tutors were allowed inside to teach them. During ancient times, they survived only with lantern (light) and earthen lamps. Slowly, people started evacuating and began to settle down in other places and mingle with outsiders. This fort is perhaps just left with two massive wooden doors as remains.



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