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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**

दूरीकृतसीतार्तिः प्रकटीकृतरामवैभवस्फूर्तिः।

दारितदशमुखकीर्तिः पुरतो मम भातु हनुमतो मूर्तिः ॥ हनुमत्पञ्चरत्नम् - शंकरभगवत्पादाः

The Stotra is on Hanuman by Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya in Hanumat Pancharatnam. Hanuman is Bhakta of Lord Rama, and Bhagavan to us. It is rare for one to be a Bhatka & Bhagavan. Even at the very first meeting with Hanuman, Rama says to Lakshmana about Hanuman that unless a person is well-versed in all the Vedas, one cannot talk like him. It was the confidence in Hanuman and the words of Kabandha in Gandharva form, that Rama forged friendship with Sugriva. During the search for Sita, Rama handed over the Abhignyana - ring to Hanuman expecting him to find Sita. Such was his trust in him.

In this shloka Jagadguru Shankarabhadgavatpada describes three important achievements of Hanuman that is seen in Ramayana. This should be grasped by one & all. The first one is Hanuman relieved the mental agony of Sita - दूरीकृतसीतार्तिः . As we study in Sundara Kanda, Sita had lost all hope of life when Hanuman first saw her under the Shimshapa tree. Having sustained tremendous mental agony from Ravana & his people for about 10 months, all alone, in a hostile environment, Sita was driven to an extreme situation. Hanuman as we see, crossed the ocean, reached Lanka, found Sita and in a melodious tone sang Rama Charita. After gaining confidence of Sita, He then showed the Abhignyana given by Sri Rama. This instilled the much required hope to sustain life for Sita. Another meaning to this word may be given like this, Hanuman removed the agony of Lord Rama too pertaining to losing Sita. When he mentioned 'Drushta Sita' leaving no room for any sort of anxiety or ambiguity, Hanuman showed sensitivity in handling emotions & 'Vakpatum' impeccable communication skill.

The second adjective describing Hanunam is प्रकटीकृतरामवैभवस्फूर्तिः. In our Shastras there is a sentence which says- गुरुं प्रकाशयेत् धीमान् meaning that it is very important to bring out the greatness of Guru & God. Hanuman, wherever he went, which ever situation he encountered, was very vociferous about bringing out the greatness of Lord Rama. Whether to Mainaka or even in Ravana's Sabha. 'Ramakaryam' was the word with which he entered Lanka without any delay despite obstacles. In fact Sri Pudu Periyava used to say in his talks that while every god is pleased when their names are chanted, Hanuman is pleased only when Rama Nama is chanted. It was Hanuman's nature to bring out Lord's name or chant without any hesitation. Though our nature is not to tom tom our veneration but it is also one's duty to reveal the divine attributes of God & Guru without any inhibition. Hanuman did this. By seeing Hanuman's Murthi, we remember Sri Rama. That is the inspiration that we get during darshan of Hanuman.

The third adjective is दारितदशमुखकीर्तिः - The one who destroyed the fame of Ravana. Hanuman showed to the world that while it is a duty to bring out greatness of good people, it is very pertinent to not encourage wrong people even if they are of great fame. Hanuman while entering Lanka talks about the great city, where even Vayu Bhagavan is controlled, Sun & Moon gods are under control and so on. While seeing Ravana at his Sabha, Hanuman whose nature is to appreciate merit & goodness at first exclaims about the greatness of Ravana but quickly says that inspite of all this, the Adharma which he has committed has diminished all the acquired fame. He openly expresses this in front of Ravana too. By his valorous exploits at Ashok Vanam and burning of palaces, he made Lanka vulnerable. Hanuman exposed this longstanding fame of Ravana due to his in

adherence to Dharma and committing Adharma. Hence, this too is felt in our hearts while having darshan of Hanuman's Murthi.

Another important feature of Hanuman is his selflessness and observance of Karma Yoga. Hanuman's achievements are unparalleled. The Sanjeevini mountain that he brought from Himalayas restored Rama Sena which otherwise was in a dire position. Jambavan who knew Hanuman's greatness extolls him time & again.

By remembering such great pursuits of Hanuman we are blessed with good intellect, strength, fame, courage, fearlessness, health, briskness & art of speech.

बुद्धिर्बलं यशो धैर्यं निर्भयत्वं अरोगता।

अजाड्यं वाक्पटुत्वं च हनुमत्स्मरणाद्भवेत्॥

We are happy to note that NRI newsletter which made a small beginning has completed 25 editions.

On this auspiciousness Karthika Pournami, with prayers to Lord Hanuman, we convey blessings to all devotees.



Jaya Jaya Sankara Hara Hara Sankara



A large collection of Anugraha Bashanam is now available. A sample is included below. Please check out

Shorturl.at/BFPQZ

Event: 60th Peetharohanam of Acharya Swamigal (22nd March 2013)

Place: Sarvateertha Karai, Kanchipuram

Acharya Swamigal gave a special attention to this troupe of Grameeya Bhajanai. This is one of the most liked aspects of our culture cherished by Kanchi Acharyas. Acharyas have time and again blessed Bhajan instruments & extended assistance for its patronage.



Editorial: With abundant blessings from Acharya Swamigal, the editorial team is pleased to release the 25th edition of the NRI newsletter. Acharya Swamigal vision is to disseminate the initiatives, happenings at Sri Matam, activities taken up by devotees abroad, to as many devotees as possible and encourage NRI's to share their religious and spiritual gatherings as it will mutually motivate one another to draw inspiration to channelize activities & devotion in the right direction. Most importantly, Acharya Swamigal categorically advised that this should be a channel to engage the next generation and they should be involved in as many ways as possible.

It was during Chaturmasyam in 2019 when Sri. Sundarraman (President NRI Parents and relatives association) got the blessings from Acharya Swamigal for this initiative. Acharya Swamigal advised the relevant people who should be part of the team and advised to have a meeting on this in place very next to where Chandramouliswara pooja was being carried out. That marked the auspiciousness beginning of the newsletter.

This humble beginning with 5 pages as the first edition on Vijaya Dasami in Oct 2019 has now grown. Reminiscing the words of Acharya Swamigal when HE mentioned that each edition should be a minimum of 25 pages and true to the words of His Holiness, every single edition for the last 1 year has been minimum of 25 pages. As always, much more requires to be done. The zeal with which Acharya Swamigal is performing Vijaya Yatra, guiding people and expanding activities of Kanchi Math further inspires us to do something more.

The team was thrilled to notice that Diwali 2022 edition was read by circa 7000 devotees in under 10 hours of releasing it. We very much convey our sincere gratitude to NRI devotees who apart from taking care of their families are performing so many activities to sustain Dharma carrying out the directions of Acharya Swamigal. They are a great inspiration for us. In addition, we convey our sincere thanks to all who share content and provide information for the Newsletter and to all the devotees who reads and share feedback. We feel fortunate to have been entrusted with this task of NRI Newsletter and pray Acharya Swamigal to shower His grace for further developing the newsletter to His expectation.

Humbly,

Newsletter Team

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.





Jagadguru Vacanam

Acharya Swamigal is blessing us with many important messages in HIS Anugraha Bhashanam on various occasions. Sri Shaankari team has compiled many of them as short capsules (arulurai). Excerpts from Anugraha Bhashanam of Acharya Swamigal are shared as quotes and audios on regular basis.

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Launching Kamakoti Vani in Marathi - On this holy Subbaraya Shashti, with the blessing of Acharya Swamigal Kamakoti Vani in Marathi language, a monthly Patrika, covering activities and events at Kanchi Math is being released for the benefit of devotees. Please click link to access the Patrika.

<https://www.kamakoti.org/kamakoti/Marathi/Newsletter/>

Kamakoti Vani- కామకోటి వాణి – A monthly newsletter in Telugu covering activities of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam – November/December 2022 edition.

Now available at

<https://kamakoti.org/telugu/newsletter/kamakoti-vani-Nov-2022.html>

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/CnnUZXXNfMtudwgZW9>

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

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This issue covers the Holy Camp from 14th July 2022 by HIS HOLINESS PUJYASRI SANKARA VIJAYENDRA SARASWATI SANKARAACHARYA SWAMIGAL:

Period	Camp Location
28-Oct-2022 till 10-Nov-2022	Mukkamala, Andha Pradesh
11-Nov-2022 till 17-Nov-2022	Draksharamam, Vedapatasala, Velampalem
18-Nov-2022 till 20-Nov-2022	Iragavaram Vedapatasala
21-Nov-2022 till 23-Nov-2022	Munganda, Gannavaram Mandal
24-Nov-2022 till 10-Dec-2022	Peruru, Sri Mantha Satyanarayana, 9-60 Higher street
11-Dec-2022 till 15-Dec-2022	Gangalakurru, Sri Jayanti Bhaskara Subramanyam Garu, Ambajipeta Mandal
16-Dec-2022 till 24-Dec-2022	Kovvuru, Samskruta Patasala, Andhra Geervana Vidyapeetam, Opposite to RDO office

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 truth?	The world overshadowed with ignorance is like a cauldron. The sun is fire; the days and nights are fuel; the seasons constitute the wooden ladle; Time is the cook boiling all creatures in the cauldron (with these aids). This is the vartā (Truth)
O repressor of foes! You have answered all my questions satisfactorily. Now tell me who is an ideal man and who owns all kinds of wealth	The fame of a virtuous man spreads over heaven and earth. As long as the fame lasts, he is a worthy man A person who rates both the pleasant and the unpleasant, joy and sorrow, the past and the future as equal is immensely rich
O King! you have correctly explained who is an ideal man and who is really rich. Now, let one of your brothers, in accordance with your choice, get back life.	O Yaksha! Let Nakula whose complexion is dark, whose eyes are red, who is tall like shorea robusta tree, who is broad-chested and mighty-armed get up alive
Bhimasena is dear to you, and Arjuna also is one upon whom all of you depend. Why, then, O King, do you, wish a stepbrother to get back his life	Virtue (Dharma) if defiled ruins a man, if abided by it protects a man. I, therefore, am not willing to forsake dharma as I do not want to be destroyed by it being spoilt by me.
Why do you wish Nakula to be alive in preference to Bhima who is mightier than ten thousand elephants?	Kind-heartedness is the highest virtue. It is, in my opinion, higher than the highest attainment. As I adore that virtue, O Yaksha, let Nakula be alive.
People said that Bhimasena was dear to you. What is the purpose, then, of getting your stepbrother Nakula alive?	Let men know that the king is always virtuous. I will never abstain from my duty. Let Nakula, therefore, be revived!
Why do you wish Nakula to be alive renouncing Arjuna whose muscle is admired by all the Pandavas?	My father had two wives – Kunti and Madri. It is my view that they both should live their sons. (So, I desire Nakula, son of Madri to be alive.) I do not discriminate between Kunti and Madri. To me, they are equal. So, O Yaksha, revive Nakula

Yaksha concludes: O King of Bharata! Since you value kindness above wealth and pleasure, let all of your brother be alive.

Here ends Yaksha-prashna (Yaksha-Yudhishtira conversation) in Araneya Parva in Chapter 113 of the Mahabharata



Skanda Sashti - Parayanam being performed at Shrimatam (26-Oct-2022)

Skanda Sashti is observed on the sixth day of the bright fortnight of the Aippasi month to commemorate the victory of Sri Subrahmanya Swami over evil through the decimation of Tarakasura. Every year, Vishesha Veda Parayanam is held at Shrimatam during the Skanda Sashti utsavam. This year, Skanda Sashti parayanam commenced on 26th October and concluded on 31st October. Parayana prasadam was offered to Acharya Swamigal with great devotion by Sri. Anand Vadyar



Godavari harati performed on 26-Oct-2022

Godavari harati was performed at the Pushkara Ghat in Rajahmundry in the presence of Acharya Swamigal on the banks of Godavari River. Acharya Swamigal blessed the devotees with Anugraha Bhashanam



Brahma Saptaham at Mukkamala village (28-Oct-2022)

The seven day long Vedanta Parayanam & Pravachan event named 'Brahma Saptaham' commenced on 28th Oct at Mukkamala village in the divine presence of Acharya Swamigal. Senior Vedanta Shastra Vidwans from South India are participating in the Brahma Saptaham. It may be remembered that the Brahma Saptaham was held in the same village by Kanchi Mahaswamy in the year 1937 and the house where it was held is intact.

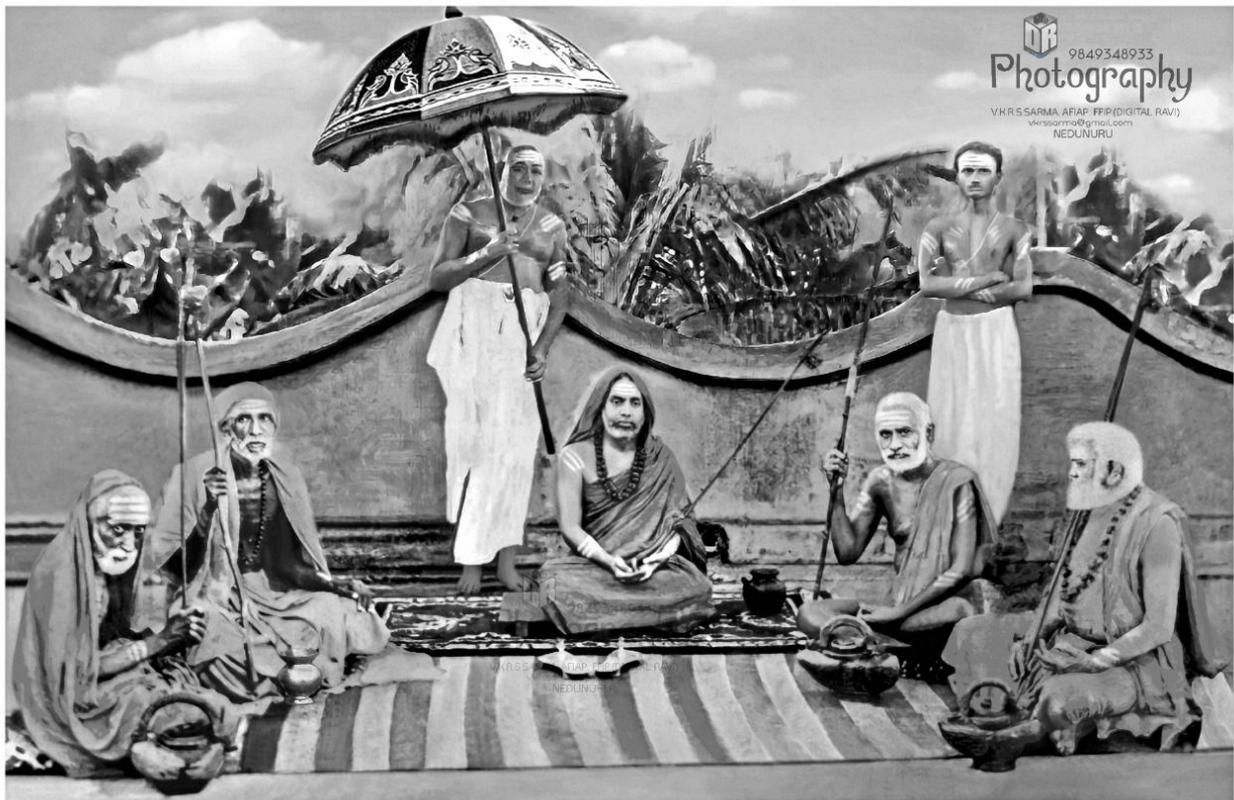


After worshipping at the Shrines of Kotipalle and Mukteswaram, the party entered the fertile land of Konaseema in the lower delta of the Godavari. The eagerness with which the public received and offered their respects to His Holiness was remarkable. Almost every Agraharam in the delta of Saptagodavari invited His Holiness. Thousands of Bhaktas in every village had darshan of His Holiness. His Holiness visited Antervedi and Brahma Samvedyam also. A grand Brahma Saptaham was performed in connection with the Sri Sankara Jayanti of Iswara year at Mukkamala, on the banks of the Kowsika-Godavari in the heart of Sapta-Godavari delta between 14th and 20th May 1937. Recital of Vedas, Bhashya Parayanams, Sahasranamarchanas, discourses on religious questions, lectures etc. were performed with the assistance of able and learned scholars including Vizianagaram Pandit Brahma Sri Vedantam Seshayya Sastrigaru.

Some updates from the 6th day of Brahma Saptaham being held at Srimatam Camp in Mukkamala village, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. Pushpagiri Peethadhipati Sri Vidya Shankara Bharati Swamiji

participated and addressed in the Saptaham. The relationship between Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam and Pushpagiri Peetham is centuries old. This was recollected by Acharya Swamigal in his Bhashanam. Parayanam & Pravachanams by senior Vedanta Sastra Scholars is going on.

Old photo of Kanchi Mahaswamy at Mukkamala Brahma Saptaham and a small news coverage about the event by DBV Subrahmanya Sastry in his Vijayanagaram Vijaya Yatra of His Holiness in 1937 is now being shared along with recent photos.



Brindavana Dwadashi - Tulasi Vivaham performed on 01-Nov-2022

Brindavana Dwadashi - Tulasi Vivaham was performed in presence of Acharya Swamigal at Shrimatam Camp in Mukkamala



Karthika Somavara Puja at Sri Bhimeshwaraswamy temple



Acharya Swamigal performed Karthika Somavara Puja at Sri Bhimeshwaraswamy temple, Draksharamam. Acharya Swamigal chanted Shiva Panchakashara Nakshatra Mala Stava of Adi Shankara Bhagavatpadacharya and performed Archana with Bilwa Patras. This video is released on this holy Karthika Somavara Pradosha.

Acharya Swamigal during camp at Mukkamala visited the century old house where Brahma Saptaham was held in 1937. It was a memorable moment for the people of the house and Mukkamala villagers.

Acharya Swamigal visited the Shivalayam and a Nagabharanam in silver was adorned to Shivalingam. The

Purohitha Sabha members conducted a special programme at Srimatam camp and paid respects to Acharya Swamigal



A special concert was performed by Sri Kumaresh & Smt Jayanthi Kumaresh on the Godavari Canal at Mukkamala in the benign presence of Acharya Swamigal. Acharya Swamigal started from Mukkamala on 10th November to reach Draksharamam that night enroute Yanam where Purnakumbham was given by devotees led by MLA of the place. A grand welcome was given to Acharya Swamigal at Draksharamam.



Vijaya Yatra - Shrimatam Camp at Draksharamam (10th till 17th November 2022)

Draksharamam is one among the Pancharama Kshetrams in East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. Sri Bhimeshwara Swamy is a 13 feet Shivalinga and Manikyamba is the consort of the Lord. The temple which is the nucleus of Draksharamam village, is very ancient and in worship for several thousand years. Currently the temple is under the protection of Archeology Department.

Sri Kanchi Mahaswamy had visited the Kshetra in 1937 and again in 1967/68 along with Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal.

Acharya Swamigal arrived on 10th night and left for Iravaram on 17th night. The camp was in a Veda Pathashala run by local family which has hosted Kanchi Acharyas previously. It was a week of divine festival at Draksharamam during the entire week. Thousands of devotees had darshan of Trikala Sri Chandramouleeshwara Swamy Puja and Acharya Swamigal. Annadanam was performed to all devotees.

Karthika Somavara Pujas were held at Sri Bhimeshwara Swamy shrine by Acharya Swamigal after completing the Pujas at Shrimatam. Special Dravyas were used for Abhishekam. Vibhuti Abhishekam was performed while chanting Tryambaka Mantra for welfare of one & all.

On Tuesday (14th), Munganda visited Vijayadurga temple at Vedurupaka village and Agastheeswara Swamy temple at Ramachandrapuram town. Acharya Swamigal visited Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamy School and upcoming Tyagaraja Sabha premises at Ramachandrapuram.

On Wednesday (15th) (Budhashtami), Acharya Swamigal performed special Pujas at Manikyamba Sannidhi. Trishati, Lalitha Sahasranama, Devi Khadgamala, Lakshmi Ashtottara & Lalitha Ashtottara Pujas were performed. Vishesh Pushpabhishekam was done at Bhimeshwara Swamy and Harathi was performed at Kala Bhairava Sannidhi. Earlier in the day, A Vaidika Purohita Sabha was held in the divine presence of Acharya Swamigal and special Sanmanam was held.

On the penultimate day after Trikala Puja Acharya Swamigal gave Teertha Prasadam to devotees for more than two hours. Devotees then performed Pushpabhishekam to Acharya Swamigal. After couple of visits, Acharya Swamigal visited Grama Devatha- Gokulamma temple and then started for Iragavaram (west Godavari district) which is about 50kms and reached at 9:30 PM. Taking Acharya Swamigal through the village Veethis, the entourage reached Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Veda Pathashala where a Swagatha Sabha was held.

Vijaya Yatra - Shrimatam Camp at Munganda (23-Nov-2022)

Acharya Swamigal arrived at Munganda on 20th November night from Iragavaram. At Tanuku Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies Sri Karumuri Venkata Nageswara Rao received Acharya Swamigal at his residence and two other visits. Enroute Purnakumbham was given at Narendrapuram village before arriving at Munganda village.

Munganda village was visited by Pujya Kanchi Mahaswamy in 1937. The village is known for scholars in Vedas & Shastras. Jagannatha Pandita a great scholar in Alankara Sastra of 17th Century belonged to this village. Late Sri Pulya Umamaheshwara Sastry who is native of this village has written 175 shlokas in Sanskrit language on Sri Kanchi Mahaswamy as early as in 1930's.

The village known as 'Munikhanda' in Sanskrit is a very serene place conducive for Dharmic pursuits. The Agraharam area has about six streets and the village has a high school & a college. The people here are mostly agriculturists and the place has a perennial supply of copious Godavari water channeled through canals. There are two Shiva temples and a community run Mantapam which is used for Ganapati Navaratri festival. This Mantapam in the name of Chinthamani Ganapathi is where Sri Chandramouleeshwara Swamy Trikala Puja is being held. On Monday, which was Alpa Dwadashi, Karthika Somavara & Pradosha, Acharya Swamigal performed first two Kalam pujas from 6AM to 10AM and gave darshan. Karthika Somavara Puja commenced at 3 PM. Ekadasha Rudra Abhishekam was performed and the Deeparadhana completed at 8:30 PM. Vedic scholars from Rajahmundry and nearby villages also participated in the Ekadasha Rudra Parayanam.



On Tuesday (22nd November) Acharya Swamigal went round the village before Pujas and visited both the Shivalayams (Sri Rajeshwara Swamy & Parvathi Amba Sametha Shiva Swamy) in the evening. As it was Masa Shivaratri Laksha Bilwa Archanas were performed and completed with Deeparadhana in the presence of Acharya Swamigal. Later Acharya Swamigal performed third Kala Puja.

Some pictures to illuminate the beauty of the village



Gita Jayanti 3rd December 2022

Anugraha Bhashanam & Launch of GitaSamvatsaraVaibhavam by Acharya Swamigal

English translation of the same is available here <https://www.brahmavidyafoundation.org/anugrahabhaashanam>



Devotees can sign up for the current Gita 2022 digital-only course, a simple, systematic and structured program by registering the details here <http://bit.ly/bv-gita22>

Dharma Prabodhana Trust, Vrudhasram, Kalavai

Kalavai occupies a special place in the history of 'Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetaparampara'. It was here, at Kalavai, that Sri Maha Periyava took Sanyas in the year 1907 at the tender age of 13. The Adishtanams of the previous two Acharyas are also in Kalavai.

- * It is 40 KM from Kanchipuram, 45 KM from Vellore and 119 KM from Chennai.
- * Vrudhashram, an Old Age Home is run by the Trust in Kalavai.
- * It was started in November 1978 by His Holiness Sri Maha Periyava.

It currently has 62 elders as under :

AGE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
60 - 70 Yrs	12	15	27
71 - 80 Yrs	6	17	23
80 Yrs above	4	11	15
	22	43	65

- * Six blocks to stay, a bhajan room, a dining hall, a small temple are available at the premises.
- * A Ghoshala with 12 Cows are also available.
- * Staff of 12 locals support the institution.
- * Delicious cooked food is provided 3 times a day taking into account the age group of inmates.
- * Various programs including Samaradanai conducted from time to time.



Several cultural programs, health camp, festivals (Diwali, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navaratri) etc were celebrated with great energy and zeal.

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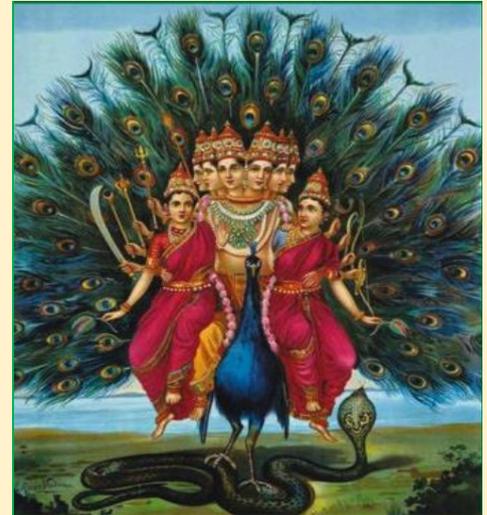
Skandar Sashti Celebrations 2022 with Kumara Bhojanam in India and in Overseas (Special coverage)

At angyai of PujyaSri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal of Kanchi kamakoti Peetam, Sri Periva Kainkarya Sabha, (SPKS), Nanganallur, a wing of www.thanjavurparamparai.com in association with the HH Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal Golden Jubilee Trust, Chennai celebrated Skandar Sashti on 30th October 2022, as in previous years with Kumara Bhojanam for Brahmacharis with the reciting of Sri Subramaniya Bujangam by All those assembled for the event. In 2022, Skandar Sashti It was the Sankalpam of PujyaSri Periyava to have the celebrations in various cities not only in India but also in overseas. Accordingly, with Sri Periyava's krupai this year, this was arranged in **25 centres in India, 15 cities in USA, in Singapore and in Dubai.**

Sri Periyava with HIS abundant grace bestowed us to use this picture for the occasion.

About Kumara Bojanam

It is our Culture and Tradition, especially in the erstwhile Thanjavur District, every year, during the days of Skandar Sashti that is, the first Six days, following Iyappasi amavasya many people used to observe Shashti Vratam (penance) and celebrate the Skandar Shashti, the concluding day, in a grand manner. As a part of these celebrations, our ancestors used to invite bachelor boys subsuming them as Lord Subramanya, to their homes and extend all the traditional courtesies, providing new clothes, performing the ordained rites to Lord Subramanya's form including the divine offering of food and then partaking the same to the boys and seeing them off with appropriate gifts.



Over the years and with the passing of time, this practice seems to be fading away. With a view to restoring such traditions and culture of ours, loaded with immense benefits like cultivating love and devotion through the propitiation of Lord Subramanya, H.H. wished to make the next and third generations to be aware of our age-old traditions and to follow them as such. Accordingly in the year 2019, He ordained the performance of Sahasra Kumara Bhojanam (Divine feeding of 1000 eligible bachelor boys), as a part of Skandar Sashti celebs. Since then every year, we are organising this event during Skadarsashti.

On 30th October, 2022, the day of Skandarsashti, SPKS conducted the celebrations in 25 centres across India, One centre each in Dubai & Singapore & in 15 Centres across USA with a total number of 1800 plus Brahmacharis participating. We all were overwhelmed to see Sri Periyava joining us live from his camp in Mukamala (Andhra Pradesh). Periyava was kind to join in the morning & again late in the evening for USA celebrations. On the day of celebrations, the boys performed Sadyavandanam followed by Samithdhanam. The boys were given vasthram, Tulasi mala along with vibuthi kunguma parsadam from Pujyasri Periyava. Tirisadhi Archana for lord Subramanya was performed in all centres followed by Subramanya Bhujangam Parayanam by all participants. Periyava anugraha bashanam was played. In his anugraha bashanam periyava highlighted the importance of the event. This event is mainly to bring our community on a single page, the community which went out of the dharma because of bhojanam now getting united on this kumara bhojanam we should be community first & unity must. He also highlighted the contribution of this community in olden days with no wastage, no prestige & only preserving heritage was the main aim with this they strengthened the sanathana dharma, these are required even now this will create confidence among youth. He also insisted that present day youth should be planned to focus on community, culture & country (Swadesam, Swadharmam & Swabhavam). Above are few points highlighted in his speech.

After hearing to anugraha bashanam participants performed madhyanikam & then they were given a rich lunch / Bhojanam. Some pictures of the event are shared below. Anyone who wish to join the SPKS to participate in the eventful celebrations in the coming years in his / their locations, he/they will please reach out to Sri. Sethu Ramachandran IAS Retd. (+91 94441 29208), Sri. Chandramouli (+9196001 55419) or Sri. Sathya Narayanan (+91 99625 40901).

Photos from various centers across India



Photos from Dubai & Singapore



Photos from U.S.A.

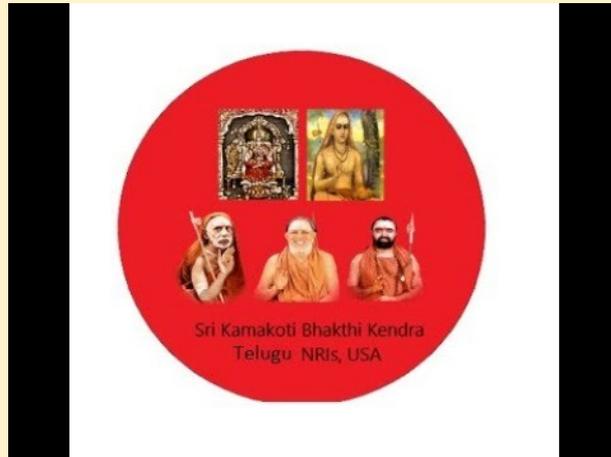


More photos from various centers across U.S.A



Sthala Puranas - Discourse series

The Sthala purana series concluded on 25th September with 36th discourse in the series. About 60 Sthalas were covered. The ongoing series of lectures on Mookapanchashati explanation, started on 1st October and this happens every Saturday



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Adi Shankaracharya--From Kalady To Kashmir
 7PM IST/9:30AM EDT USA,
 Saturday, July 23, 2022
 by
Dr. J. Jaganathan
 Senior Prof & Head,
 Dept. of National Security Studies,
 Central University of Jammu

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Tour of Kashmir Temples from Archaeologist Dr. R.Nagaswamy's collections
 7PM IST, Saturday, June 11, 2022
 By
Dr. Kala Nagaswamy
 Former Director-in-Charge & Asst. Prof.
 Centre for Cyber Forensics & Info Security
 University of Madras

Historical and Cultural dimensions of Kashmiri Pandit Exodus in 1989-90 (Part 1 & 2)

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Historical and Cultural Dimensions of Kashmiri Pandit Exodus in 1989-90
 7PM IST/9:30AM EDT USA,
 Saturday, July 30, 2022
 by
Col Tej K Tikoo, PhD
 A Veteran of 1971 Indo-Pak War
 Former President All India Kashmiri Samaj
 Author "Kashmir: Its Aborigines and Their Exodus"

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Historical and Cultural Dimensions of Kashmiri Pandit Exodus in 1989-90 - Part 2
 7PM IST/9:30AM EDT USA,
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 by
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 Author "Kashmir: Its Aborigines and Their Exodus"



Devotee's experience – contributed by Sri. K. Guruvayurappan

Nostalgic 30th Anniversary & 10th Anniversary & many more to come!

Masterpiece of these Anniversaries was the Surprise Live Darshan of HH on 30th October to USA Devotees with an Anugraha Bashanam sending a Powerful Message to the Blessed Devotees “No Prestige! No Wastage! Only Heritage” What a Great Blessing from HH for the Kumara Bhojanam on Skanda Sashti to be celebrated across the USA by bringing many if not all of the Sri Kamakoti Peetam based organizations under one event to celebrate the Skanda Sashti.



Almost 5 decades back, three different Sri Matam Bakthas migrated from Motherland to USA to make it as their Homeland & landed in different parts of USA. One in Political Capital of USA in DC Area Prof. D. Sundararaman, one in Business capital of USA in NY Prof. A.V. Raghunath & another in Entertainment capital of USA in CA Sri V. Subramanian. They brought with them The Abundant Divine Blessings of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Guruparampara, hardly known to anyone about that then! 30 years ago around this time, first came HH Sri Maha Perivaa's Holy Padukas - when Sri Maha Perivaa was alive - Blessed & given by HH Himself after wearing - to NJ, the Religious Center of USA Nobody knew what was in store at that time for USA.

While Sri V. Subramanian connected the Sri Matam Devotees across USA, both Professors Dr. Raghunath & Dr.



Sundarraman have extensively supported our Satsang activities across especially in NJ by each of them visiting from their home states NY & MD respectively. Selected photos of KKSF NJ celebration of 34th Jayanthi of HH Sri Bala (the then) Perivaa on 8 Mar 2003. At their age & at the climatic conditions of peak winter with Snow (you can see on outside photos) they didn't hesitate to take part in our function at NJ. Their hard work & dedication in bringing Sri Matam Prasadams, books, media to the devotees in NJ paid off well after several decades.

Within Six months of the arrival of those Holy Padukas of Sri Maha Perivaa into NJ, some cities in USA were Blessed to have the 100th Jayanthi Celebration in the Political Capital DC area & Business Capital NYC & in some other cities in other states in May 1993 when Sri Maha Perivaa was in Sthoola Sarreram.

May 1993 Anusham Puja & Homams - after the first set of Holy Padukas arrival in 1992 made a big booster for Monthly Anusham Pujas across the USA by Kanchi Kamakoti Seva Foundation USA (KKSF USA) & Kanchi Kamakoti Center of CA (KKCC) were actively involved in conducting Padukas Puja, with Three Perivaa's Jayanthis to start with annually! As of now we celebrate 3 Perivaa's Jayanthis & 2 Aradhanas. More & More Holy Padukas came in subsequent years to many other states & more organizations also were formed.

When Prof. Sundararaman started Monthly Anusham Pujas & annual Jayanthis & Aradhana in DC area, devotees from NJ attended every month Puja for 10 years totaling more than 100+ Pujas apart from annual Pujas. Prof. Sundararaman & his KKSF DC Satsang members also started attending NJ Puja, when NJ started celebrating Three Jayanthis & Aradhana. The early 90's momentum picked up & with Y2K migration of younger generation devotees moved to USA from early 2000 onwards many states started doing pujas. Until then we used to go with Prof. Sundararaman carrying Holy Padukas all over to various states!



After NJ Satsang of KKSF USA started Paduka Pujas in NJ, different devotee families did the Puja & whole community was feeling very Blessed with the divine opportunity to do the Puja & to get Holy Prasadam from Sri Matam including many times audio & video messages.

Years rolled so fast & in 2012, 20 years after the Very First Set of Holy Padukas came to NJ, two brothers from NJ were Very Blessed to do the 78th Jayanthi Holy Padukas Puja for the Very First Time in the newly consecrated Sri Guruvayoorappan Temple in Morganville, nobody knew what was in store at that time for NJ or for the Blessed NJ Brothers.

On this 10th Anniversary year of the First Time NJ Brothers Puja, NJ Satsang is Blessed to have the Elder Brother Suryanarayanan coordinate with Sri Matam & with other Sri Matam based organizations to conduct Kumara Bhojanam as part of Skanda Sashti celebrations 2022 across USA under the organization for the temple that was built for Sri Maha Perivaa in Flemington, NJ where he is one of the office bearers. NJ was Blessed to have the



maximum number of participants amongst all the states in this major event under HH Instructions for the first time! HH knowing the importance of NJ made Kumara Bhojanam World Coordinator Sri S. Ramachandran (IAS Retd.) to attend the NJ function (while he was in USA on family trip) on behalf of Sri Matam. 18 Centers of various Sri Kamakoti Peetam affiliated organizations across USA took part in this magnificent function.

ONLY Their Holiness can make it happen to reward for the 10th Anniversary with the hard work, dedication by him, his family & with lot of other volunteers! While Prof. D. Sundararaman long before Y2K went with his younger generation

across USA, HH Sri Maha Perivaa Blessed the second generation to go around the making the Global Devotees aware of Flemington, NJ Sri Maha Perivaa Temple! Let's all join & pray for many more events like this & many more anniversaries!



From around the world, as shared by devotees

Abu Dhabi: Anusham, Avittam and Uthiradam was celebrated with great fervour across multiple locations with participation from several families.



Dubai: Anusham celebrated in a grand manner. The event started with Vinayagar poojai, Sodosodhasa poojai, Kumbha avahanam, Guru avahanam, & Rudrabhishegam. A large number of devotees participated in person.



Netherlands: Pradhosham rudra japam on occasion of Pradosham



Portland, Oregon: With HH Periyava's anugraham, Anusham Pooja in Portland was celebrated at Smt Anusha Venkat's home during the Aippasi month. Devotees recited Guru Stotrams, Swasti, hosts and kids did Archana to HH Mahaperiyava, HH Jayendra Periyava, Nidhana Pataye for HH Periyava. Devotees recited Sadhguru Dashakam, Stotra Maalika stotras composed by Pujyashri Periyava, Durga Pancharatnam, HH MahaPeriyava Panchakam. Kids offered their Shloka and Sangeetha Samarpanam. We concluded with Thotakaashtakam and Maitreem Bhajata, Harati and Naivedyam. Sri Matam prasadams were distributed to all devotees.



Tampa (KKSF): With the Blessings and Anugrahams of Guru Parampara, KKSF Tampa Chapter celebrated October Month's Anusham Pooja on October 29th @ Smt. Srividya and Sri. Viswasundar'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 Kanda Shashti Kavacham. Followed by Thotakashtakam and concluded with Naivedhyam , Maha Aarthi and distribution of Mahaprasadam.



Dallas, Texas (KKSF): The ghosham of "வெற்றி வேல் முருகனுக்கு அரோகரா!! வீர வேல் முருகனுக்கு அரோகரா !! reverberated Dallas area today Oct 30th Sunday 2022.



Context: With Periyavas Anugraham and AgnyA KKSF Dallas celebrated Skanda Shashti Samsashti Brahmachari Samaaradanai in a grand manner with complete involvement from the community.

Around 45+ brahmacharees attended the Samaaradanai with 135+ satsangees participating and volunteering actively under the AgnyA of Periyavas and under the guidance from Brahmashri Chandramouli Vadhyar and support from Late Brahmashri Kannan Vadhyar family.

All Brahmacharis did their Sandhyavandanam and Samindadanam

before the pooja. Pooja started with Svasti, Ganesha Pooja, Sankalpam , Avahanam and kalasa sthApanam. Abhishekam and alankaram were done to Valli Deva Sametha Subramanya Swamy Vighram which is from Brahmashri Kannan Vadhyar. During alankaram Subramanya Bhujangam and Kanda Shashti Kavacham was recited by all 135+ devotees. It was blissful. It felt like we were in Thiruchendoor blissfully immersed in Muruga Bhakthi.

KumAra Pooja: After Pooja completion and samashti madhyannikam, we did Avahanam of Subramanya Swaroopam on the 45+ brahmacharees. They were given vasthram and upachArams were done to all of them. The brahmacharees 45 of them patiently sat through four hours of Pooja without any discomfort.

Brahmacharee Bhojanam: The brahmacharees were served traditional south Indian bhojanam on banana leaf. Parisheshanam was done before food was eaten. All Brahmacharis ate sumptuously.

Dakshinai: After dakshinai the brahmacharees sat as one group and were given dakshinai (Veshti , \$11 and Adi Shankara Archanai book with English meanings) after pradakshina namaskarams. The chanting of

வெற்றி வடிவேல் முருகனுக்கு அரகரோகரா ! Murugan naamavali bought tears to so many during that time.

Madi Samayal/Cooking: KKSF Dallas Annpooranees cooked Samaaradanai bhojanam for brahmacharees on premises as one big team by waking up at 3am. Other KKSF Dallas teams including Shloka Chanting team, food planning team, video team, pooja setup team , dakshinai team and Finance team did their part for precise execution of the program.

All donations for the event was raised in 4 hours. We raised only funds that were estimated and needed so that we can use them properly. By Periyavas Anugraham may this KKSF Dallas community be like this forever helping and supporting each other inside and outside.

YouTube links to <https://youtu.be/-FWD0vviS5s> and https://youtu.be/t97OpVH__QM

San Jose, California: In 2014, during our summer vacation we visited Sri Matam for having darshan of Sri Periyavas. Sri Pudhu Periyava called me and said: “Start some Satsangam Activities and impart our religious values and morals to youngsters, young parents and others”. Thus, He did Anugraham to me. Sri Bala Periyava, who was sitting next to him, also blessed me to start the initiative. After returning to the US, I was thinking about what I should do as Satsangam. Five months elapsed. Nothing came to my mind. I prayed to Sri Mahaperiyava to guide me. He made me occur to me that discourse format should be used in Satsangam, and that our great Ithihasas, Puranas and the glorious life histories of our Sages, Saints and Mahans should be covered. He also blessed the initiative as the Elakkai Malai fell. While all these things were happening, a friend of mine, out of the blue, asked me, “When are you starting your Satsangam?”. I took that as a reminder and command from Sri Mahaperiyava. Without any thought I said, “We will start it on coming Saturday at 6 PM in our house”. I did not know that day (December 20, 2014) was Sri Maperiyava’s Aaradhana day.

We attended Paduka Puja in the morning, came home at 3 PM, prepared some Prasadam and informed a limited



number of friends about the Satsangam. More than 20 people were readily present at 6 PM. I do not know how to do a discourse, neither am I experienced in public speaking. I left everything to Sri Mahaperiyava and started the discourse. The first topic was “NALA CHARITHRAM”. It went on for one and half hours. Then only I realized, it was not me who spoke, but only Sri Mahaperiyava did. Since this was started on Sri Mahaperiyava’s Aradhana day, and it is only He who is guiding this Satsangam, it is named as “Sri Mahaperiyava

Satsangam”. Monthly Satsangams happen on the Saturday following Anusham. It started eight years back, and this November 2022 will be the 100th Satsangam. Sri Mahaperiyava’s Blessings and Anugraham are evident in the conduct of this Satsangam. One day after a Satsangam, Sri Mahaperiyava came in my son’s dream and said “I am listening to every word your mother is saying in the Satsangam”. There are many such instances.

The 100th Satsangam will be Sri Mahaperiyava's Paduka Puja in our home on Saturday, November 26, 2022. Past Ninety Nine Satsangams covered topics like: Nala Charithram, Dhuruva Charithram, Satyavan-Savitri Charithram, Daksha Yagnyam-Siva Nama Vaibhavam, Kapilopadesam, Bheeshma Sthavarajam, Gajendra Moksham, Jadabharathar Charithram, Kuchelar, Vamana Avatharam, Ambrisha, Bhagavata Mahathmiyam, Sri Sankara Vijayam, Sri Ramanuja Vijayam, Sri Mahaperiyava's Divya Charithram, Siva Bhakta Vilasam – Appar, Gnanasambandar, Sundarar, Manickavasagar, Nandanar, Kannapar, Meela Adimai Pradoshamama charithram, Vedamurthy Mahaperiyava, Virata Parva, Udyoga Parva, Krishna Charithram, Sri Rama Charithram, Divya Charithrams of Bodhendra Saraswathi, Sridhara Venkatesa Aiyaval, Marudanallur Sadguru, Ramana Maharishi, Raghavendra Swamigal, Ramakrishna Paramahamsar, Vivekanandar, Srinivasa Kalyanam, Meenakshi Kalyanam, Divya Charithams of Sivan Sar, Sadguru Gnanandar, Chiranjeevigal Charithram-Veda Vyasa, Hanuman, Vibheeshana, Mahabali, Parasumar, Aswathama, Kripa, Mahan Seshadri Swamigal charithram, Rama Bhakthi Samrajyam – Bhadrachalam Ramadas, Samartha Ramadas, ThulasiDas, Sadguru Thyagaraja Swamigal, Panduranga Leelai – Sant Gnaneswar, Namadevar, Janabhai, Kabirdas, Meera Bhai, Ekanathar, Thukaram, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Sundara Kanda Periyava, Kamashi Periyava, Thiruthondar Puranam – Periyapuram Nayanmar Charithram.

The Satsangam activities are intended to hook youngsters and elders alike to follow our Dharmic values and principles. This is diligently carried out by Smt. Vidhya Srinivasan. Interested devotees can contact her at srimahaperiyavasatsangam@gmail.com

Past recordings: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8t6VeSvOG5kHEXpIOtC55Q/streams>

Minneapolis: Our Satsangam celebrated Karthigai masa Anusham with Rudhra Abhishekam, Lalitha Sahararanama parayanam and Rudra Krama Archanai. Many devotees joined and got the blessing of Sri Periyava. Gurukulam students chanted Guru Paduka stothram during alankaram. We are also doing every day veda parayanam during the auspicious month of Karthigai.



Canada (KKSF): To celebrate Kritika Somavaram, devotees of KKSF Canada gather every Monday Pradosha kalam and perform Rudrabhishekam accompanied by vedic chantings. As a special occasion, 108 sankabishekam was performed preceded by Ekadasa Rudram and Rudra Homam at the local temple. The temple function was attended by a large group of devotees from KKSF Canada and the public. With the blessings of our Gurus, this special event is performed annually. And the Somavara Rudrabhishekam gathering has been going on without break for the last two years.



Canada: Anusham celebrated in a grand manner at the residence of Smt. Bhuvana. Pooja was carried out to Ganesha and Maha Periyava with Ashtotharam chanting and neivedhiyam. Devotees residing in and around Edmonton, Canada are welcome to contact and join Smt. Bhuvana (780 782 1082)



New Jersey (Manimandapam): Skanda Shashti Vaibhavam at Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam

Our Adi Acharyal exclaimed with utmost devotion about “Sri Subrahmanya Bhujangam”.

Sri Skanda Shashti Vaibhavam was held with the auspicious blessings and directions of Sri Periyava at Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam, NJ, USA witnessed a glimpse of what our Acharyal must have felt. There was Guhamoorthi in the eyes and Guhakeerthi through the voice of all devotees assembled at the premises for the event. 109 registered families along with other devotees were granted Paripoorna blessings of Lord Skandan and from our Acharyal who graced the holy occasion of Vatu pooja and Kumara Bhojanam performed by young Kumaras. The resplendent Kumaras of the devotees who registered to take part were ushered in by volunteers to receive new Vastram,

Navaratnam Malai and Panchapathram. After a Phalaaharam, the volunteers helped them perform Samithadanam according to the Veda Shaka and based on the Sutram they belonged to. For many young lads, this was a learning experience to understand the Rishi Parampara and Veda Shaka they belonged to and about our everyday practices in Aaharam, Acharam and Alankaram. They also got to witness the beautiful diversity of our culture united by a spiritual goal of oneness. It was notable that young volunteers who were born and brought up in the United States were teaching and helping others perform Samithadanam.

The Pooja began with Abhishekam to the Holy Padhukas of our Acharyas and Vel to be consecrated at Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam, NJ, USA. The divine and unique Alankaram of Vel filled the hearts of all the devotees and made them wonder if they were in Thiruchendur witnessing this celestial festival. This followed parayanam of Sri Subrahmanya Bhujangam by volunteers across the US and Shiva Panchakshara Stuthya Shatru Samhara Trishati Namarchana. Dampathis spanning different age groups performed the Vatuka Pooja to 108 Vatus assembled. This was followed by a sumptuous Sathvik Kumara Bhojanam (Madi Samayal) prepared by

volunteers with utmost care & adherence to Acharam. After Mangala Haarathi to all the Vatus and Akshadhai, Aasirvadham, Thirupugazh parayanam was performed. Maha Prasadam was served to over 500+ devotees soaked in the divine vibrations of the “Vetrivel Muruganukku Arohara” gosham.

Epitome of the event, the devotees were blessed to receive “Anugraha Bhashanam virtually from Sri Periyava”. Indeed, the nectar of Guhamritam was doubled with GuruGuhamrita Vaani. As the Upanishad says “Esha Aadheshah, Esha Upadeshah”, Sri Periyava’s desire and instructions were in the minds of all volunteers and organizers; to conduct this bliss event of Sri Skanda Shashti Kumara Bhojanam, in line with the tradition practiced for centuries now, Sri Periyava was welcomed with Purna Kumbham and Jaya Ghosham, (which was gracefully accepted) unique hymn in praise of the Acharyas of Adi Shankara Paramparagatha Moolamnaya Sarvajna Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham. In his Anugraha Bhashanam, Sri Periyava outlined the importance of the community overseas to organize such events for the younger generation to stay closer to our roots and understand our Rishi and Guru Parampara. He also explained the need for organizing such Samashti events for harmony among the members of our community especially after the tough times of separation imposed by the global pandemic. Devotees fondly recalled their own student days (from 1970s to 2000s) when they were part of Kumara Bhojanam events in their respective cities organized by our Sri Matam. There was an extreme feeling of delight which all of us in the event could experience and the positive aura of energy of now having their children to the same event even though they were in a completely foreign land was felt through and through. This shows the unique motherly reach of our Sri Matam across both time and space to engage, persevere and sustain our Sanatana Dharma.

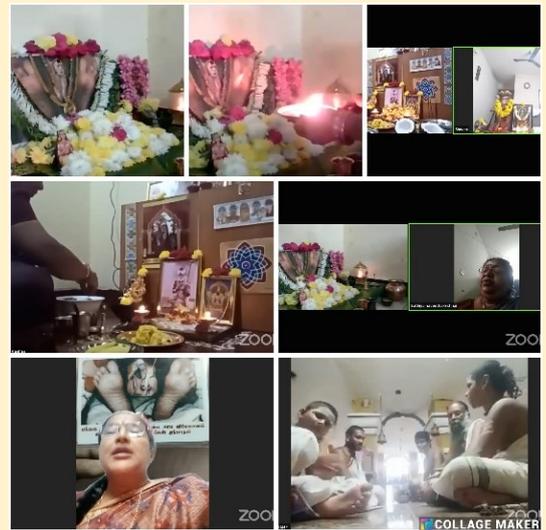


Shangai, China (Arul Tharum Mahaperiyava ATM) : Mahaperiyava Guru poojai - With the blessings of Arul Tharum Mahaperiyava and Pujuyasri HH Sri Sri Vijeyandra Saraswathi Swamigal, 12 weeks ATM Guru Mahaperiyava Puja was inaugurated on 20th November as blessed by HH Sri Sri Bala Periyava. Arul Tharum Mahaperiyava Pooja is in the process of doing by 453 Devlotees. Another 600 devotees registered their interest in ATM APP



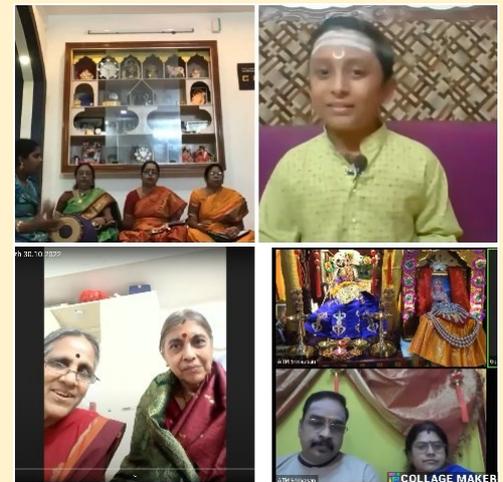
Adi Sankara Jayanthi (Monthly pooja) - ATM celebrated Adi Sankara Jayanthi (Monthly Pooja) on 29-10-2022 and 28-11-2022 at Smt Geetha manikutty’s home and Smt.Rajeswari’s home respectively, followed by songs and Veda parayanam were performed

ATM Monthly Anusha Pooja was conducted on 27-10-2022 and on 24-11-2022 at Smt.Vijayalakshmi Kannan's home and Smt.Mangalam Thiagarajan's home respectively by songs by ATM Devotees followed by songs by ATM Devotees and Rudram Chamakam by Shri Bhoopala Vishnuvardan Ghanapaadigal and Vidyarthees of Sri Vedanarayana Veda patashala.



On Diwali day, early morning Viswaroopa darshan of Arul Tharum Mahaperiyava was done by members and Harikatha by Sri Vignesh Chandrasekar and Mahalakshmi Pooja was done on Diwali evening enabling members to spend their time in a divine way on this auspicious day. Also, ATM Devotees chanted Mahalakshmi Ashtakam, Kanakadhara Stotram and Kamakshi Choornika.

ATM One Crore Nama Japa Yagnam - On 21-11-2022, one crore Nama Japa Yagnam of "Arul tharum Mahaperiyava Saranam" was started and many members chanting and registering their count in ATM App.



ATM celebrated Kadha Sashti by arranging for Tirupugazh program on two days. Thirupugazh was sung by a group on 28-10-2022 and on 30-10-2022 Thirupugazh was sung by Selvan Sooryanarayanan and Smt Mohana Mami and Smt Geetha mami



ATM performed Annabhishekam and Annadhanam in Yettiyathali Agastheeswaraar Thirukovil (Pudukottai District) on 07-11-2022. ATM group with the divine blessings of Sri Mahaperiyav provided annadhanam to villagers.

ATM started Sundara Kaandam learning classes (Teacher- Smt.Perundevi Kannan) on 27-11-2022 and will be conducted on all Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

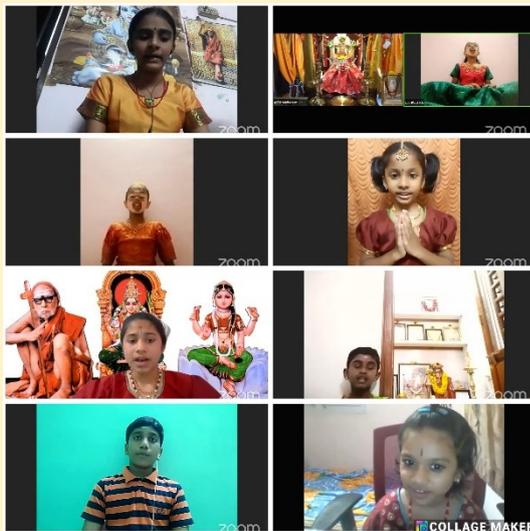
ATM Sath Sangam usually begins with Deivathin Kural by Smt. Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan followed by



Enipadigalil Mandargal by a group member. Members of ATM participated in all Saturday Satsangam by singing song, bhajan, devotional experience etc. and eminent personalities in the fields of music, speech were arranged to participate in ATM Saturday Sathsangam. Every Satsang have Mahaperiyava Ashtothra Archanai, Mahaperiyava Panchakam and Thotakashtakam by ATM Members.



Kids have been participating in ATM Satsang and various other programs of ATM by singing songs, reciting slokas, rendering speech etc.



ATM recently introduced various new activities for devotees.

1. ATM Website and ATM Mobile app was launched and the inauguration speech was given by Shri Ganesa Sharma mama
2. Deivathin Kural –With Arultharum Mahaperiyava’s grace Whatsapp Groups were formed on Vijayadasami day to make the members read Deivathin Kural daily by uploading pdf (few pages- chapter wise) and getting confirmation from them for such reading. About 1000 devotees are daily reading Deivathin Kural, with target of completing Volumn 1 in 200 days.
3. Uploading daily one sloka of Abirami Andhadhi with meaning in our ATM Youtube channel.



Voice of Youth

Sanatana Dharma: the eternal religion by Sripratyaksh from Canada - *Sanatana* is a Sanskrit word, meaning primeval, ancient, perpetual, eternal or permanent. Dharma is said to mean righteous customary observances as religion and moral virtues followed by the pious.



Sanatana dharma is based on the Vedas, the holy scriptures of the Hindus. These sacred works were bestowed to the Aryans, the noble race of people who settled in Aryavarta, the land between the Himalayas and Vindhya Mountain range, and stretched from the east to the west, ocean to ocean. Over centuries this evolved into the Hindu religion. The foundation of this religion was based on two pillars of Shruti and Smriti. In the early days, Vedas were taught orally, and then, memorized by heart, communicated, and transmitted to the following generations. Since the learning was based on listening, the Vedas came to be known as “Shruti” (to listen). Over a period, the learning process evolved to seeing documented text and remembering, and texts developed in this phase came to be called the “smriti” (to remember).

Shruti consists of four Vedas; Rig, Sama, Yajur and Atharva Veda, with each Veda having three subdivisions - Mantrasamhitah, Brahmanas, Aranyakas and Upanishad. The Mantras are essentially hymns, which, when recited under the guidance of a guru will yield specific results. The Brahmana section of the Veda depicts detailed instructions on rituals. Aryankas interpret the philosophy associated with the rituals. The Upanishad consists of philosophical teachings.

The Smriti has been classified into four and these contain laws and regulations for the individual and collectively for Society. It deals with social aspects of life. Aryan law is based on Manu Smritih.

Apart from the Shruti and Smriti, we also have the Puranas and Itihasah.

Paintings done by Anirudh and Anvita, students attending Sri Sankari kids program in Canada (KKSF)



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Sunderakandam is the central story in Valmiki Ramayanam, wherein Lord Hanuman unites Lord Rama and Devi Sita. Umika narrates in this article, Hanuman's journey to Lanka, the obstacles in his path of travel to Lanka, meeting Sita and present the ring as given by Rama as a token of identification, provide assurance that devis difficult time are over. The article captures Hanumans single point focus to accomplishing the mission, alacrity of mind and convey the message appropriately as when needed to his adversaries.

सुन्दरकाण्डः

भारतस्य ऐतिहासिकग्रन्थेषु रामायणकाव्यस्य महत्त्वं अत्यधिकं वर्तते। एतत् महाकाव्यं वाल्मीकिमहर्षिः लिखितवान् आसीत्। सः आदिकविः इत्यपि आख्यातः। रामायणे षड् काण्डाः सन्ति - बालकाण्डः अयोध्याकाण्डः अरण्यकाण्डः किष्किन्धाकाण्डः सुन्दरकाण्डः युद्धकाण्डः चेति । एतेषु काण्डेषु सुन्दरकाण्डः मुख्यः इति जनैः मानितः। एतस्मिन् काण्डे हनुमान् सीतायाः अन्वेषणं कथं कृतवान् इति वर्णितमस्ति।

हनुमतः मार्गे त्रयः विघ्नाः आपतिताः। आदौ मार्गे मैनाकपर्वतः हनुमन्तम् आह्वयति एवं वदति च - “समुद्रराजः मां अत्र भवतः उपचारार्थं प्रेषितवान्” इति। परन्तु हनुमान् उपचारे आसक्तः नासीत्। अतः स्वस्य प्रयाणं सः अनुवर्तितवान्। तदनन्तरं हनुमतः शक्तिं परीक्षितुं देवाः सुरसा इति एकां नागदेवतां प्रेषितवन्तः। तस्याः एकः वरः आसीत् येन जनाः तस्याः मुखं प्रविश्य एव ताम् अतिक्रान्तुं शक्नुवन्ति। हनुमतः सुरसायाः च आकारौ अवर्धताम् । तस्मिन् समये पुनः हनुमान् स्वस्य आकारं न्यूनीकृत्य झटिति सुरसायाः मुखं प्रविश्य बहिरागत्य तस्य प्रयाणं साधितवान्। किञ्चित् कालानन्तरं सिंहिका इति एका असुरी हनुमतः प्रतिच्छायां निगलितवती। अनन्तरं हनुमान् तस्याः उदरस्य छेदनं कृत्वा तां मारितवान् बहिः आगतवान् च ।

लङ्कां प्राप्तुं हनुमान् स्वस्य आकारवर्धनेन समुद्रस्य लङ्घनं कृतवान्। लङ्काम् आगत्य हनुमान् सीतायाः अन्वेषणं कृतवान्। किञ्चित् कालानन्तरं सः अशोकवाटिकायां सीतां दृष्टवान्। तत्र रावणः स्वस्य असुरगणैः सह सीतां पीडयति स्म। तेषां निर्गमनात् अनन्तरं हनुमान् सीताम् उपागम्य रामस्य अङ्गुलीयकं प्रदर्श्य रामस्य दूतः इति निरूपितवान्। हनुमान् सीतां रामस्य समीपं नेतुं इष्टवान् परन्तु सीता निराकृतवती। “रामः एव मां विमुञ्चेत्” इति उक्तवती सीता। रावणे भयं जनयितुं हनुमान् लङ्कां नाशितवान्। तदा सः रावणस्य आदेशेन गृहीतः अभवत्। रावणस्य सभायां हनुमान् “रावणः सीतां न मोक्षयति चेत् रामः तं मारयिष्यति” इति उक्तवान्। एतत् श्रुत्वा रावणः कुपितः भूत्वा हनुमन्तं मारयामि इति उक्तवान्। तत् श्रुत्वा विभीषणः रावणं उपदिष्टवान् यत् “हनुमान् रामस्य दूतः अस्ति अतः अस्माभिः सः न मारणीयः” इति। अतः रावणः हनुमतः पुच्छं ज्वालयितुं आज्ञापितवान्। हनुमान् बन्धनात् विमुक्तः भूत्वा लङ्कायाः सर्वाणि भवनानि आरुह्य तानि दग्धवान्। हनुमान् सन्तोषेण किष्किन्धां प्राप्य रामं सूचितवान् यत् लङ्कायां सीता तेन दृष्टा इति ।

अत्र सीतायाः विषये अपि किञ्चित् चिन्तयामः । मम अभिप्राये सीता हनुमन्तं प्रति तस्याः अभिप्रायं सम्यक् सूचितवती। प्रथमतः हनुमता सह उड्डयनात् तस्याः भितिः आसीत् यतः सा “अहम् आकाशात् पतेयम्” इति चिन्तितवती। यदि हनुमान् सीतां लङ्कातः नयेत् तर्हि निश्चयेन युद्धं भवेत् इति सा जानाति। एवं भवति, तर्हि सर्वैः असुरैः सह हनुमान् एकाकी भूत्वा युद्धं कर्तुं न शक्नुयात् इति सा चिन्तितवती। यदा अहं युद्धे गृहीता भवेयं तदा मम स्थलपरिवर्तनं भवेत् अपि च तस्मात् कारणात् मम पतिः निश्चयेन मां प्राप्तुं न शक्नुयात् इत्यपि सा चिन्तितवती। तस्याः पतिः श्रीरामः मर्यादापुरुषोत्तमः अस्ति। अतः तस्याः विमोचनकार्यं सः एव कुर्यात् इति सा इष्टवती।

सुन्दरकाण्डस्य पारायणेन वयम् अत्यन्तम् आनन्दम् अनुभवामः। सुन्दरकाण्डे सर्वं सुन्दरमस्ति । यथा..

सुन्दरे सुन्दरो रामः सुन्दरे सुन्दरी कथा।

सुन्दरे सुन्दरी सीता सुन्दरे सुन्दरं वनम्॥

सुन्दरे सुन्दरं काव्यं सुन्दरे सुन्दरः कपिः।

सुन्दरे सुन्दरो मन्त्रः सुन्दरे किं न सुन्दरम्॥



Know your Village

Dharmik Y Henderson, Virginia - 7 years about his native village Thakkellapaadu in Andhrapradesh

I would like to share details about my paternal grandparents. My grandfathere's name is Nehru Yarra and grandmother's name is Ramadevi Yarra. My great grandfather name is Venkatrao Yarra and great grandmother's name is Anasuryamma (Chittemma). My grandfather's ancestral village is Thakkellapaadu. Thakkellapaadu is located in Nandigama mandal of Krishna district in Andhrapradesh, India. It is situated 60 km away from Vijayawada. My grandmother's ancestral village is Lingaalapaadu which is 2 km away from my grandfather's village. The nearest river which flows from these villages is Krishna River.



Graama Devatha: Muthyalamma Thalli. My great grandfather created a small village called Thirupathinagar with 40 families in their farmlands at early 1960 and has built one temple where they are staying with Gnapathi along with Boddu Raayi.



There is a beautiful Ganesha and Hanuman temple in the village





Hara Hara Sankara Jaya Jaya Sankara



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