



## NRI Newsletter



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**Message from Acharya Swamigal to NRI devotees**

**Shruti Smriti Puranānām Ālayam Karunālayam**

**Namaami Bhagavadpāda Shankaram Loka Shankaram**

**Sadāshiva Samārambhām Shankarāchārya Madhyamām**

**Asmad Ācharya Paryantam Vande Guruparamparām**

*Message of Blessings*

In our country, quest for knowledge has been a very important aspect in the lives of people. The knowledge system here shaped the pupils in the right manner through Gurukulams and this produced a disciplined, self-reliant, responsible, forward looking, progressive community which ensured long term good for the entire society.

Knowledge has generally been expressed symbolically as Light. In fact, the word *GURU* denotes removal of darkness by shedding light. Words such as *Prakash*, *Bha*, *Deepti* etc. denote light. Rising of Sun rays etc. have also been used to denote advent of knowledge. Several books and commentaries have names based on such words – *Kavya Prakasha*, *Siddhanta Kaumudi*, *Bhamati*, *Deepika* etc. Paramatma is described as *Swaparakasha* as meaning self-emanating effulgence.

Our entire ancient sacred texts given by Maharishis & Guru Parampara are always full of light bringing our life out of darkness of ignorance and showing the path of knowledge. The way they lived their lives is also another major guide to us and surpasses superficial understanding. We have to be ever grateful to all our sages and Punya Purushas but for whom we would not even have access to such a great civilization.

*Deepawali* is an occasion which denotes removal of darkness and spreading light. It is celebrated by one & all with happiness. Dhanvantri Jayanti falls on *Trayodashi* - a day before Diwali signifying blessings for health. On this auspicious Diwali, with prayers to Sri Maha Tripura Sundari Sametha Sri Chandramouleeshwara, blessings are conveyed to all devotees for a life filled with health, peace and knowledge.

तेषामेवानुकम्पार्थमहमज्ञानजं तमः। नाशयाम्यात्मभावस्थो ज्ञानदीपेन भास्वता॥

Out of compassion, I, who dwell within their hearts, destroy the darkness born of ignorance, with the luminous lamp of knowledge. Bhagavadgita



**Hara Hara Shankara Jaya Jaya Shankara**



### **Editorial:**

We are happy to share this Deepavali edition. It has been a quite a learning curve for the editorial team here in India. We are very much awed by the dedication of overseas devotees seen by the various events performed by them in their respective places. The news coverage of such events when seen in a collective print is a sense of immense encouragement.

In this edition, the newsletter has started a column in the name of Devotees' Experience to encourage devotees to share their experiences with our holy Kanchi Math. We urge devotees to share more such experiences which will help other devotees to appreciate and understand about Srimatam & Acharyas.

One more important feature has been a special Srimukham given by His Holiness to devotees including those in overseas to conduct Skanda Shashti Utsav in their places. This event assumes special significance spiritually and also for the community. It will be a great opportunity for our young ones and youth to congregate on the holy occasion. Skanda is Deva Senapathi and carries Shakti Ayudha blessed by mother Parvathi. Observing the occasion will bless us Shraddha, Bhakti & courage for doing right things. It is also a significant opportunity for parents to interact and get to know each other in the community. We wish all the best to the organisers across countries and organizations who are involved in this endeavor. More such events are required to strengthen the resolve of the community.

Acharya Swamigal has been very much concerned about the younger generation of the community especially in upholding our ancient value system and in the field of religion & culture. *'What was protected and passed on to us by our ancestors, even during distress & challenging times, needs to be wholly protected & nurtured when we are in good times'* has been Acharya's benign assertion. While economic development has brought in a great deal of progress in the community, we need to be aware of our Parampara, its values and responsibility. Such occasions help us in this direction.

We wish a very Happy Deepavali to all the readers, devotees and content contributors and place our humble Pranaams once again at the lotus feet of our Acharyas.

### **Kashi Kshetram & Ganga Snanam**

One of our editorial team members is at banks of Ganga at Kashi giving us the opportunity to bring glimpse of Ganga & Kashi kshetram to the devotees

There are three significant items when it comes to Kashi kshetram: Ganga Snanam, Shambu poojanam & Satsangam.

**Ganga Snanam** – The observance of Ganga snan holds special relevance. The Ganges River is most sacred in our tradition. It is understood as the personification of the Goddess Ganga.



The belief holds that bathing in the river on certain occasions causes the forgiveness of transgressions and helps attain salvation. Scriptures suggest that taking a dip in the holy waters will offer salvation of sins and purification of the soul. In fact, the religious texts of Hinduism widely suggest that one should get a salvation by bathing in River Ganges to purify all sins accumulated in current or previous births.

Taking a dip or bathing in the holy waters of Ganges is one of the major things to do in Varanasi. The river's personification is Ganga, the elder sister of Goddess Parvati, wife of Lord Shiva.

It is said that Ganga came to earth for giving salvation to 60000 ancestors. She came to earth as human, but her falling force is said to be so enormous that Lord Shiva had to hold her in his matted hair and he was the one who ultimately released her in the form of river.

The river, associated to Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh is therefore revered by Hindus. Varanasi has 84 Ghats and their steps lead to the River Ganges

Many people believe that this will come from bathing in Ganga at any time. One's life is incomplete without bathing in the Ganga at least once in their lifetime. People carry sacred water from the Ganges that is sealed in copper pots after making the pilgrimage to Kashi. It is believed that drinking water from the Ganga with one's last breath will take the soul to heaven. The ancient scriptures mention that the water of Ganges carries the blessings of Lord Vishnu's feet; hence Mother Ganges is also known as Vishnupadi, which means "Emanating from the Lotus feet of Supreme Lord Sri Vishnu."

**Ganga aarti** - The aarti is carried out facing the river. The lamps are lit and circled around by the pandits (Hindu priests) in a clockwise manner, accompanied by chanting or songs in praise of Mother Ganga. The idea is that the lamps acquire the power of the deity. After the ritual is complete, devotees will cup their hands over the flame and raise their palms to their forehead in order to get the goddess's purification and blessing.



**Shambu poojanam** – This literally means doing pooja to Lord Shiva. Kashi Vishwanath Temple is one of the most famous temple in Varanasi, also known as the Golden temple dedicated to the Lord Shiva. It was constructed in the year 1780 by the Maratha monarch, Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar of the Indore. There are several ways to carry this:

Mangla aarti, this is first aarti in the morning. The Scriptures talk of the "Brahma muhurta" hour. It means one hour and a half before the sun comes up. This time is very auspicious because the sun is pushing all of the energies of the Earth from a sleeping stage to an awakened stage. Similarly it is pushing the mind, the intelligence, and the bodies of all the living entities from a sleeping stage to a higher stage of awakening

Rudrabhishek, the essence of this puja is the holy chant of Sri Rudram from the Yajur Veda and giving a holy bath to Shivaling with many materials including Panchamrit or fruit salad soaked in honey



Shankar Mutt at Kashi is located at B 4/7, Hanuman Ghat, Varanasi – 221001. This is literally minutes away from Hanuman Ghat. TriDevi Darshan is arranged wherein the devotees can have darshan of the deities of Sri Kanchi Kamakshi, Sri Madurai Meenakshi and Sri Kasi Visalakshi at the Matam. Considering danteras, celebrations are being carried out with great fervour and devotion.



There is a beautiful Kamakshi Amman temple close to the Shankar Mutt.



For bookings and enquiries, please contact [kanchimuttvaranasi@gmail.com](mailto:kanchimuttvaranasi@gmail.com)



### **Brahmana Sabha Pancha Dravida (BSPD)**

Brahmins who live to the 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/CnnUZXNfMtudwgZW9>

Contact details: +91 7358 399425, +91 9940 236425 or email at [brahmanasabha.org@gmail.com](mailto:brahmanasabha.org@gmail.com)

[www.brahmanasabha.org](http://www.brahmanasabha.org)



This issue covers the Holy Camp from 12<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022 by HIS HOLINESS PUJYASRI SANKARA VIJAYENDRA SARASWATI SANKARAACHARYA SWAMIGAL:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Camp Location</b>
16-Sep-2022 till 11-Oct-2022	Srimatam camp is at Peddapuram (near Samalkot).
12-Oct-2022 till 16-Oct-2022	Pithapur, Andha Pradesh
17-Oct-2022 till 19-Oct-2022	Mandapeta, Andha Pradesh
20-Oct-2022 till 27-Oct-2022	Syamalanagar, Rajahmundry, Andha Pradesh
28-Oct-2022 till 10-Nov-2022	Mukkamala, Andha Pradesh

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



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

Kanikkai samarpanam can be performed through e-seva portal [www.kanchimuttseva.org](http://www.kanchimuttseva.org).  
or by scanning the QR code.



## **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](mailto:nrikanchinews@gmail.com)



<b>Yaksha's questions</b>	<b>Yudhishtira's response</b>
<p>O King! What makes a man Brahmin – birth, occupation, study, or learning?</p> <p>Tell me with conviction</p>	<p>O Yaksha! Not birth, nor study nor learning is the cause of Brahmanahood. Doubtlessly, it is determined by his conduct</p> <p>A man's conduct should always be well-guarded, especially by a Brahmin. He who maintains his conduct flawlessly is a man of stainless demeanor.</p> <p>Teachers and pupils – in fact, all who study the scriptures, if addicted to wicked habits, are to be regarded as illiterate wretches. Learned is the man who performs his religious duties.</p> <p>Even a person of unfair conduct who has studied the four Vedas is regarded as a wicked person. He is no better than a Shudra. A Brahmin is one who performs agnihotra sacrifice and has his senses under control.</p>
<p>What does a person who speaks agreeably gain?</p> <p>What does a prudent man gain?</p> <p>What does a man who has many friends gain?</p> <p>What does a virtuous man gain?</p>	<p>A person who speaks agreeably is loved by all.</p> <p>A prudent man gains much more by his action.</p> <p>A man with many friends lives happily.</p> <p>A virtuous man attains a happy state in the next world.</p>
<p>Who is truly happy?</p> <p>What is the surprise?</p> <p>What is the right path?</p>	<p>O amphibious creature! Happy is the man who lives on vegetables cooked in his own house, owes no debt to anybody and who does not live in a foreign land.</p> <p>Day after day countless creatures are going to the abode of Yama, yet those that remain behind believe themselves to be immortal. What can be more surprising than this?</p> <p>Argument leads to no certain conclusion. There is not even one sage whose opinion is accepted by all; the truth about religion and duty is hid in caves; therefore, that alone is the path along which the great have walked.</p>



**Message of Acharya Swamigal in memory of Videhabrahmalina Anantashrivibhushita Shri  
Swarupananada Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamipada**

<https://kamakoti.org/kamakoti/news/2022/message-in-90773-20220913.html>



Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Swarupananada Swamiji shared a close bond with Adi Shankara Bhagavathpada Paramparaagatha Moolaamnaaya Sarvajna Peetam Shri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam.

The Braahmibhutha Acharya was graciously present at the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam in the year 1993, for Jagadguru Chandrashekharendra Saraswati Shankaracharya Swami's Kanakabhishekam.

The Acharya, along with the Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati of Puri Govardhana Matam and Jagadguru Jayendra Saraswati Shankaracharya Swami of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, held meetings and concluded the year of birth of Adi Shankara Bhagavathpada to be 509BC.

Swami Swarupananada Saraswati had worked very closely with the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam for the Rama Janmabhoomi movement and several other Dharmic activities.

Earlier this year, when the Acharya was recuperating in a hospital in Bangalore, Acharya Swamigal, the 70th Peetadhipathi of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, visited the Acharya in the hospital and offered the prasadam of Sri Mahatripurasundari Sametha Sri Chandramouleeshwara Swami, and that of Sri Kanchi Kamakshi Ambal.



On 12th September 2022, upon the Ajna of Acharya Swamigal and on behalf of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, V.S.Subrahmanyam (Maniji), the manager of the Varanasi branch of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam participated throughout the entire proceedings of the Mahasamadhi of the Acharya, at the Paramahamsi Ganga Ashram, Madhyapradesh.

## Sri Kamakoti Vani - Newsletter in Telugu

September 2022 edition now available at

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

### Navaratri at Peddapuram

Acharya Swamigal performed Sharan Navaratri at Peddapuram this year. Elaborate arrangements were in place for conducting Srimatam Pujas including Yagashala Pujas. Go Puja, Kanya Puja, Suvasini Puja, Vatu Puja, Rigveda Samhita Havan, Sri Vidya Havans, Chandi Parayanam & Havan, Devi Mahatmyam and Lalitopakhyia Parayanams were held. Daily Nadasamarpanam concerts were held. Devotees in large numbers participated and Annadanam was performed for local people. Morning Pujas were from 9 AM to 4 PM and evening Pujas from 8 PM to 12:30 PM. On Mahanavami day Ayudha Puja was held.

### Vijayadashami

In benign presence of Acharya Swamigal Sri Shankara Sthapathy S/O Late Sri SM Ganapathy Sthapaty was felicitated with Swarna Kankanam commending his services in traditional temple building & renovation.

Recently he had also volunteered in Udayambakkam temple renovation by contributing granite stones.

After Pujas, Vedarambham was performed with chanting of all Vedas and Vedangams. It was followed with Kalashabhishekam to His Holiness and Prasadam were given to devotees.



**Veda sabha held with blessings and presence of Pujiyashri Shankaracharya Swamiji at Pithapuram (16-Oct-2022)**



**Acharya Swamigal was received with traditional poornakumbham at the Sri Durga ammavaru temple at Mandapeta on (16-Oct-2022)**



**Acharya Swamigal visited Sri Kannika Parameshwari Devasthanam at Mandapeta on (17-Oct-2022)**



**Acharya Swamigal visited Sri Agastheeswara Swami and Sri Venkateswara Swami Devasthanam on (17-Oct-2022) at Mandapeta**



**Acharya Swamigal visited Sri Sitarama - Anjaneya Swami Devasthanam on (18-Oct 2022) at Mandapeta.**



**After trikala pujas at Mandapeta, yatra proceeded to Rajahmundry this evening. Acharya Swamigal was received with traditional poornakumbham and taken in a procession to the place of camp (19-Oct-2022)**



**Acharya Swamigal visited Shivalyam and Sri Kanchi Matam Veda Patashala at Olapalli village (19-Oct-2022)**

## Message of blessings from Acharya Swamigal for Skanda Shasthi

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His Holiness Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetadhipathi

**JAGADGURU SRI SANKARACHARYA SWAMIGAL**  
**Srimatam Samsthanam**

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5/10/2022

### Message of Blessings

कुमारेऽसूनो गुह स्कन्द सेनापते शक्तिपाणे मयूराधिरूढ ।  
पुलिन्दात्मजाकान्त भक्तार्तिहारिन् प्रभो तारकारे सदा रक्ष मां त्वम् ॥१९॥

‘निखिलपाषण्डषण्डकण्टकोत्थाटनेन विशदीकृतवेदवेदान्तमार्ग

षण्मतप्रतिष्ठापकाचार्याणाम्’

Jagadguru Adi Shankara is known as ‘Shanmatapratishthapanacharya’. The Swastivachanam of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam describes Jagadguru Adi Shankara as the one who removed thorns which were in form of wrong worship practices, thus widening the Veda-Vedanta system and establishing the Shanmata form of worship. Worship to Ganapati, Surya, Vishnu, Shiva, Shakti & Kumara is Shanmata worship.

Kaumaram is one of the prominent among the six forms of worship. There are several ancient temples of Lord Subrahmanya prevalent in South India. Subrahmanya Bhujangam by Jagadguru Adi Shankara describes the greatness of Subrahmanya Swamy in a beautiful poetic way replete with prayers for wisdom, prosperity, valour, protection, relief from diseases, uptill Skanda Sayujya.

The Acharyas of Sri Kanchi Math have consecrated temples and blessed worship of Kumara for the welfare of one & all. Swamimalai Swaminatha Swamy is the Purvashrama Kula Daivam of Sri Kanchi Mahaswamy. The Uttara Swamimalai temple in Delhi, the Madhya Swamimalai temple in Bhopal and Subrahmanya Swami temple in Mumbai were first consecrated by Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal. The Skandagiri Subrahmanya Swamy Devalayam in Secunderabad, which was initiated by Kanchi Mahaswamy & Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal in 1968 has now been remodelled in full stone and Kumbhabhishekam performed this April by His Holiness.

With the divine blessings of His Holiness, the annual Skanda Shasthi Utsavam is being conducted by devotees at Srimatam and several other places with Veda Parayanam, Pujas & Satkarams to propitiate Lord Subrahmanya. Some devotees even hold Sahasra Kumara bhojanam as part of the worship. His Holiness has directed devotees across India and overseas to conduct Skanda Shasti event which falls on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 this year as per their capacity in traditional manner. Devotees may involve themselves in Skanda Shashti Utsavas and be recipients of blessings of Sri Subrahmanya Swamy & His Holiness.

On this very auspicious occasion of Vijaya Dashami, His Holiness Pujya Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal has conveyed blessings to all devotees.

देवतासार्वभौम जय जय

Jaya Jaya Shankara

Hara Hara Shankara

Camp: Peddapuram  
Shubhakrut Vijayadashami

  
Srikaryam & Agent  
Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam

**Deepavali - Anugraha Bhashanam of Pujyashri Shankaracharya Swamigal (24-Oct-2022)**

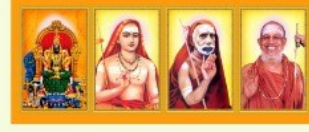
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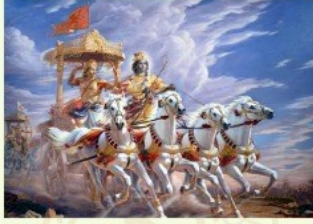
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**SRI KANCHI KAMAKOTI PEETAM**

Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swamigal  
Shrimatam Samsthanam, Kanchipuram



तेषामेवानुकम्पार्थमहमज्ञानजं तमः।  
नाशयाम्यात्मभावस्थो  
ज्ञानदीपेन भास्वता



Out of compassion for them,  
I, who dwell within their hearts,  
destroy the darkness born of ignorance,  
with the luminous lamp of knowledge.



தீப மங்கள ஜோதி நமோ நம  
தூய அம்பல லீலா நமோ நம  
தேவ குஞ்சரி பாகா நமோ நம  
அருள்தாராய்



**Deepavali**

**Anugraha Bhashanam of Pujyashri Shankaracharya Swamigal**

in Tamil - <https://youtu.be/b7W597x-rv0>



in Telugu - <https://youtu.be/O5oN9kDdUdU>



**Shrimatam camp is presently at Rajahmundry(upto 27th Oct. 2022)**

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

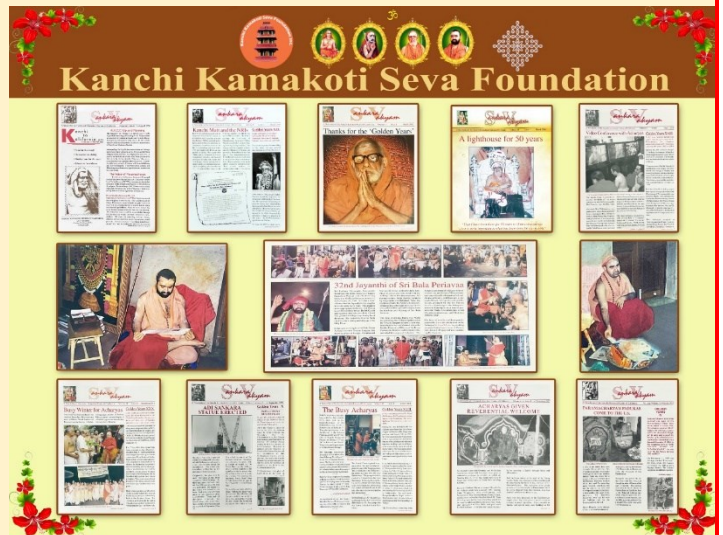
2022 is the 30<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary year of THREE important things that happened in our Lifetime with the THREE Perivaas during our Motherland Trip in Nov/Dec 1992.

Our Daughter did Swarna Vilvams Samarpanam to HH Sri Maha Perivaa's Lotus Feet when HH Sri Bala Perivaa was doing Swarna Vilva Kanakabishekam to HH Sri Maha Perivaa on an Auspicious First Day of Danur Masam of 1992.

HH Sri Pudhu Perivaa connected us to Sri V. Subramanian of California by giving us a black and white photo copy of Sankara Vakyam – a Newsletter that was brought out by him through Kanchi Kamakoti Center of California (KKCC). Kanchi Kamakoti Seva Foundation (KKSF) was operating from the East Coast and both the organizations were formed in 1990 with the Blessings of Their Holiness.

HH Sri Maha Perivaa Blessed us with His Holy Padukas during this Trip in December 1992 before we left for the Homeland USA, which changed our Life Forever to be connected with Sri Matam as NRI devotee by getting involved with Sri Matam and its devotees in the USA.

HH Sri Maha Perivaa Blessed us as early as in late 80's by making us to put the Pillayar Suzhi for us to get involved in the present day Noble Causes supported by KKSF for Sri Matam. As a jump start to this, we were involved with various states thru KKSF and KKCC in coordinating for Video Conferences with Their Holiness as early as 1999 even before Y2K made technological advancements across the world. Above all, the Sankara Vakyam Newsletter that HH gave first made us get involved with Sri Matam Volunteers and Staff in India and with volunteers involved with Sri Matam activities in the USA to give coverage of the events across the world. It is amazing to see how the initiative by Two Perivaas has now grown into the famous digital Kanchi Matam NRI Newsletter circulated around the world. Our experiences are still fresh when we go through on seeing the photos of how HH Sri Bala Perivaa would go through each issue very minutely and support our endeavours.



The Nostalgic Memory of participating in 32<sup>nd</sup> Jayanthi of HH Sri Bala Perivaa at Prayagraj (now called) is one



of the best experiences that we have had with Their Holiness on every trip to India. The Day after HH Jayanthi was Sri Maha Sivarathri. On that Auspicious day we all had our morning Anushtanam at Prayagraj, afternoon Anushtanam at Varanasi and evening Anushtanam at Kanchi! After KKCC voluntarily closed down its activities, all the issues of hard originals of Sankara Vakyam that were published have been sent to Enathur University Museum with electronically saving the copies for future reference, as Ordained by HH Sri Perivaa Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal. HH knows the hard work behind bringing these hard copies of Newsletter

with so many challenges and probably thought that it should be known to the future generations.



### Some letters in relation to the experience

23.9.89

FROM  
B. RAGHAVAN  
ADYAR, MADRAS-600 020

Dear Shri Guruvayurappan,

I went to Kanchi on 21.9.89 for Sri Sri Sri Maha Periyavaa's darshan and also to attend the Guruvara Sadhas on that day. Before the Sadhas started I had Periyavaa's darshan and informed your Commitment for Periyavaa's cause and sought Prasadams for you. His Holiness listened and disposed me off for the Sadhas. After the Sadhas was over, I went and sought prasadams again. Periyavaa listened carefully and then started looking down to see if any prasadams can be given. A person rendering personal மன்றகரிவல் placed பூசகர் before Periyavaa. Periyavaa looked at it but did not give it. Then His Holiness went to the other side and called one another trustee and myself to that place and was tellingus about the paucity of மத்தி Brahmins and decided immediately to arrange for Prayegam classes for students who have completed Veda Adyayanam. The duration of the course will be two years and will be held at the Mutt regularly. Initially about 10 persons are expected to join and some incentives are granted to them to pursue this course. As this subject was being discussed, one other devotee came in with the prasadams of Mookambika and Guruvayurappan. Periyavaa took all the prasadams and kept it by his side.

The discussion on the subject was over and His Holiness desired that the incentives be met from Sree Guruvara Sadhas Trust. After the meeting, I sought periyavaa's prasadams again. Periyavaa said "இந்தா. (சுருவாயுரப்பன்) (சுருவாயுரப்பன்) பிள்ளைக்கு இது. and I received it from Periyavaa's hand. This is sufficient to show that His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Maha Periyavaa has acknowledged your sincere desire to contribute for the noble causes.

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I once again pray for the well being of your family.

Yours sincerely,  
(B. RAGHAVAN)

To  
SHRI K. GURUVAYURAPPAN  
NEW JERSEY.

23.9.89

FROM  
B. RAGHAVAN  
ADYAR  
MADRAS - 600 020

Dear Shri Guruvayurappan,

Well and wish to hear the same from you.

We have received your Valuable Contribution of US \$ for September 1989 from Shri K. Raman.

Enclosed is the prasadam from Sri Sri Sri Maha Periyavaa.

I am enclosing a note on the incident at Kanchi Mutt in the Sannidanam of Maha Periyavaa while I sought prasadam for you which is a sufficient indication of Periyavaa's acknowledgement of your Contribution.

Our best wishes and sincere prayers for the well being of your family.

Yours sincerely,  
(B. RAGHAVAN)

Encl: As above

R. SANKARAN

T. NAGAR,  
MADRAS - 600 017, INDIA

17th June, 1991.

Sri. K. Guruvayurappan,

Dear Sri. Guruvayurappan,

Thanks for your letter dt. 28.5.91, alongwith a cheque for US \$  
I hope that this letter finds you and your family members  
in good health.

We are enclosing the Prasadam obtained specially for you from  
'His Holiness Sri Maha Periyavaal'. When your name was mentioned  
and prasadam was requested for you to 'His Holiness Sri Maha Peri-  
yavaa was kind enough to come out of meditation and specially  
blessed the enclosed prasadam. As you might be aware, now-a-days  
His Holiness is in deep meditation and we get rarely any reaction  
from His Holiness for our requests. After a long time, we could  
get his blessings directly. Hence, the gap in sending prasadam  
to you. Hope you will understand. Now-a-days 'Sri Mahaperiyavaal'  
is talking and inquires after devotees. We hope, he will be back  
to his normal activities. Sri Raghavan sends his regards to you.

Yours sincerely,

*R. Sankaran*  
( R. SANKARAN ).

Encl: a.a.

R. SANKARAN

T. NAGAR, MADRAS - 600 017.  
INDIA

10.12.91

Sri. K. GURUVAYURAPPAN

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Dear Sri. Guruvayurappan,

We are in receipt of your contribution for the month of  
December '91. The proceeds of your contribution has been  
appropriated towards Guruvara Sadhas Trust and we have  
kept His Holiness Sri Maha Periyavaal informed about this.  
His Holiness Sri Maha Periyavaa also enquired about the  
place you belong to. As we did not know your native place  
we could not give any correct reply. As you know His  
Holiness Sri Maha Periyavaa speaks only a few words these  
days and next time His Holiness Sri Maha Periyavaa makes  
an enquiry, we shall inform your native place. We request  
you to let us know these details. Further, we have col-  
lected prasadams, which is enclosed. It might be quite  
interesting to note that this Prasadam (பொங்கலம்) was  
originally placed at the feet of His Holiness Sri Maha  
periyavaa, by one, Mr. Joshi, who had two years back brought  
prasadams from Guruvayurappan Temple and the same was for-  
warded to you. These are all indications that your con-  
tributions are well received by His Holiness Sri Maha  
Periyavaa.

Thanking you and praying for the well being of your  
family.

Yours sincerely,

*R. Sankaran*  
(R. SANKARAN)

*B. Raghavan*  
(B. RAGHAVAN)

Encl: a.a.

P.S.  
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From around the world, as shared by devotees

**Abu Dhabi:** Anusham Pooja at Ruwais Abudhabi



**Dubai:** Monthly Anusham was celebrated with great fervour. The event started with Vinayagar poojai, Sodasodhasa poojai, Ashtotarangal and Veda Parayanam & devotional songs. Large number of devotees participated in person. Navaratri was celebrated in a grand manner in several houses and notably it was satisfying to see the involvement of next generation.



**Kenya: Anusham celebrations**



**Netherlands: Pradhosham rudra japam & Vishnu Sahasranamam parayanam**



**Austin, USA:** With HIS blessings, to “HIS PADUKA” we all celebrated September month Maha Periyavaa’s Anusha Pooja at Subie & Chitra’s Home on Fri, Sep 2, 2022 with Abishekam to HIS holy Padhuka with the chanting of Vedam and Stotrams as below. Large gathering of devotees were present to seek HIS blessings.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swasthivachakam</li> <li>• Mahanyasam</li> <li>• Ganapathi Atharvashirsham</li> <li>• Sri Rudram</li> <li>• Chamakam</li> <li>• Purusha Suktham</li> <li>• Narayana Suktham</li> <li>• Vishnu Suktham</li> <li>• Sri Suktham</li> <li>• Durga Suktham</li> <li>• Medha Suktham</li> <li>• Lalitha Sahasranama Stotram</li> <li>• Shiva Puranam (from Thiruvagasam)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bhgavathpadal Ashtotram</li> <li>• Maha Periyavaa Ashtotram</li> <li>• Deeparadhanai</li> <li>• Manthra Pushpam</li> <li>• Swasthivachakam</li> <li>• Dravida Vedam (Sundarar Avinashi Thiriumurai)</li> <li>• Upacharam</li> <li>• Sangeetha Samarpanam</li> <li>• Thirupugazh</li> <li>• Thotakashtakam</li> <li>• Periyavaa Guru Stuthi Panchakam</li> </ul>
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With HIS blessings, to “HIS PADUKA” we all celebrated this month Maha Periyavaa’s Anusha Pooja at Hari & Srividya’s Home on Thu, Sep 29, 2022 between 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM with Abishekam to HIS holy Padhuka with the chanting of Vedam and Stotrams



**KKSF Midwest:** With His Grace, devotees of KKSF Midwest Chapter had a wonderful satsangam on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, celebrating PujyaShri Periyava Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal’s 88<sup>th</sup> Jayanthi.

The function began with the receiving of Shri Padukas with Poorna kumbham, followed by Guru Vandanam, Purusha sooktha vidhana Rudrabhishekam and Upachara Puja.

Shri Bhajan Ravi Bhagavatar, visiting the Chicago area from Chennai, led a soulful rendition of Guru bhajans. He was accompanied by his son Shri Balasubramanian and family members and young Aashrith Sundar on the mridangam. Students of Shankara Bala Vihar and adult devotees led with chanting of shlokas and Thiruppugazh during Upachara. The function concluded with Maha Mangala Harathi and Maha prasada viniyogam.



**Tampa, USA (KKSF):** With the Blessings and Anugrahams of Guru Parampara, KKSF Tampa Chapter celebrated August Month's Anusham Pooja on September 3rd at Smt. Bhavna and Sri. Ravikiran'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 and Devotional songs. Followed by Thotakashtakam and concluded with Naivedhyam , Maha Aarthi and distribution of Mahaprasadam.

Attached are some of the pictures from Guru Pooja.



With the Blessings and Anugrahams of Guru Parampara, KKSF Tampa Chapter celebrated October Month's Anusham Pooja on October 8rd @ Smt. Madhu and Sri. Hari'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.

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**Minneapolis:** With the blessing of Sri Ambal and our Acharyas our Satsang had a blessed Navarathri celebration. We had a fortune of Dr. Bhaskaran mama doing Abhishekam to Sri Periyava on Anusham day. Being a Navarathi Friday we also did Kunkuma poo archani to Sri Kamakshi Ambal. That is followed by Veda Parayanam and homam on Saturday. Finally our Gurukulam and Sloka Manjari Vidhyarthi did sloka parayanam samarpanam to Sri Periyava. Many satsangis in and around Twin cities participated in the Navarathri events and received the blessings of Ambal and Acharyas. Lalithā Sahasranāma Parayanam was done on all days during Navarathri



**Portland:** With HH Periyava's anugraham, Anusham Pooja in Portland was celebrated at Smt Viji Shiva's



home during the auspicious Navaratri time that fell in the Holy Purattasi 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 Pujiyashri Periyava, Durga Pancharatnam. Kids offered their Sangeetha Samarpanam. We concluded with Thotakaashtakam and Maitreem Bhajata, Harati and Naivedyam. Sri Matam prasadam were distributed to all devotees. Devotees experienced lot of joy to attend the program during Navarathri time.

**Seattle:** With the blessings of Jagadguru Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Periva, Sankara Healthcare Foundation has launched its Microcharity initiative, mySankara, for bhaktas in the US to pledge \$11/month for vaidya seva - much like Mahaperiva's pidi-arsi thittam. [www.giftofhealth.us/mySankara](http://www.giftofhealth.us/mySankara)

About Sankara Healthcare Foundation Inc. ([www.giftofhealth.us](http://www.giftofhealth.us))

Sankara Healthcare Foundation Inc. is a US based 501c (3) non-profit organization established in 2012 under the auspices of Jagadguru Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Periva. Sankara's mission to bring health, wellness and nutrition to those in need in the US as well as in Bharatham includes:

1. Supporting rural, non-profit hospitals such as all the Hindu Mission Hospitals in Tamizh Nadu, Sankara Multispecialty Hospital in Kanchipuram, Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya in Assam, Sri Kanchi Mutt Hospital in Tirupati and many others, touching over 2,000,000 lives annually (over 22,000,000 to date). Services such as dialysis and artificial limbs, and medical care for diabetes, heart conditions, eye care and other major services are provided at low to no-cost to the poor.
2. Project HEAL (Healthy Eating and Living) is an annadanam initiative. HEAL volunteers cook and serve fresh, nutritious, vegan/plant-based meals for homeless shelters in various US cities. Volunteers have served over 80,000 meals since Project HEAL was launched in 2018 to fulfill Sri Bala Periva's aagnya for Gho samrakshanam.
3. Project Medha is an initiative blessed by Sri Bala Periyava to provide a social and cultural platform for families with children on the autism spectrum. Volunteers teach sanskrit shlokams, bhajans, yoga, math, reading and other life-skills to students so they can lead independent lives.

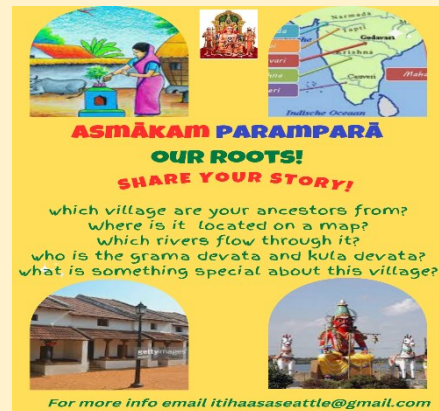
### **How to Contribute to the Sankara Microcharity**

All donations are tax deductible and are eligible for employer matching. There is a generous, anonymous donor who has pledged to match all donations as well as corresponding matches received by 12/31/22 for up to \$100,000.

Please go to [www.giftofhealth.us/mySankara](http://www.giftofhealth.us/mySankara) and click on the Donate button

For questions, please email Shri Rajesh Vaidheeswarran at [rv@giftofhealth.us](mailto:rv@giftofhealth.us)

**Project asmākam paramparā** - Asmākam paramparā is an initiative blessed by Jagadguru Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Sankaracharya Swamigal of Moolamnaya Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham, to educate children and young adults about their ancestry and instill pride in their heritage. If your child or your satsangam would like to participate in this project please email [itihaasaseattle@gmail.com](mailto:itihaasaseattle@gmail.com)



### **KKSF NextGEN – The Yuva Morcha, A hindu Youth Confluence**

We aim to engage with the younger generation in dharmic activities across the globe via free live classes on zoom and on-demand recordings on YouTube with blessings from Jagadguru Pujiyashri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal. Join our volunteer network by contacting [shailee.mehta@kksfusa.org](mailto:shailee.mehta@kksfusa.org)

### **Clubs launched in 1H of 2022**

Srimad Bhagavatam Club: The goal of the club was to infuse the Bhakthi Rasa as seen in the Bhagavatham to the young minds and further nurture the essence of Bhakti in each of them.

Coordinators: Perinkulam Kasthuri, Ramya Ravichandran

Instructors: Smt. Aarathi Jaiganesh, Smt.Srividhya Krishnan

Yoga Club: The goal of the club was to spread the practice of Ashtanga yoga as well as Hatha Yoga, with a special emphasis on practice of Meditation, Pranayama, Surya Namaskar and Asanas.

Coordinator: Priya Shankar

Volunteers: Pranav Shankar, Tejas Shankar

Instructor: Amit Upadhye

Chanting Club: The goal of the club was to teach children and adults the chanting of the Mahishasura Mardini stotram, with an emphasis on precise pronunciation.

Coordinator: Balasubramanian Sivan

Instructor: Pandit Bharadhwaj

Yoga and Health Club: The goal of the club was to focus on betterment of the health of the participants through yoga as a therapy to relax. These sessions are targeted towards holistic well-being for body and mind in a slow-paced manner, also addressing asanas to relieve individuals from specific health conditions.

Coordinators: Veda Ramakrishnan, Vardhini Sundaram

Instructor: Bhupendra Shivji Soneji

### **Ongoing Clubs in 2H of 2022**

Shloka Club: The goal of the club is to invoke Bhakti and Jnana in students by understanding the meaning of shlokas and connect them to daily life and instill Nitya-karmaanush Taanam in our children so as to facilitate a Dharmic life.

Coordinator: Aruna Ganesh

Instructor: Smt. Poornima Narasimhan

Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/shlokaclubregistration>

**Voice of God Book Club:** The goal of the club is to discuss the teachings of Maha Periyava's in Vol 1 of Voice of God in a carefully constructed chapter sequence with the aim of improving self-esteem and confidence of the students.

Coordinators: Anirudh Vinayakaram, Ghayathri Ganesan

Instructors: Ramasubramanian Chandrasekaran and Meenakshi Kasturirangan

Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/KKSFVoiceOfGodClub>

### **Upcoming Clubs in 2H of 2022**

**Mahabharatam Club:** The goal of the club is to convey the captivating stories of Mahabharatam, and highlight the crucial life lessons in each of them.

Coordinators: Ramya Ravichandran, Radha Anand

Instructors: Smt. Aarathi Jaiganesh, Dr. Shyam Panchapakesan

Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/KKSFMahabharatamStoryClub>

**Sanskritam Club:** The goal of the club is to teach Sanskritam to people from the age of 8 to 80. This club focuses on enabling people to comprehend and speak the language with ease by means of activities.

Coordinators: Aishwarya Kannan, Aishwarya Easwaran, Jayshree Adivarahan

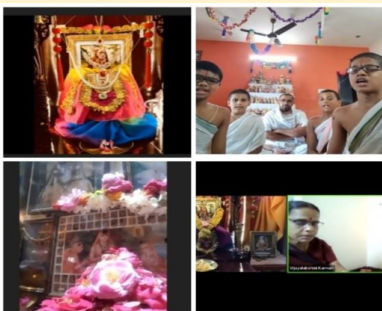
Instructor: Sriram Raghavan

Thanks to our amazing volunteers and teachers for making this effort possible and reality.

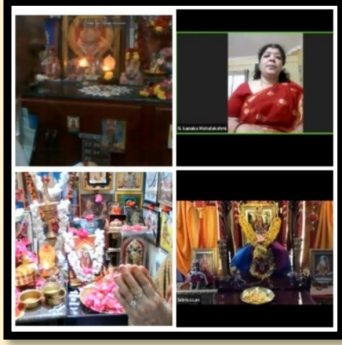
**Shangai, China:** Arul Tharum Mahaperiyava global group (ATM) - As of September 2022, over 7500 families spread across 10 Countries, are actively participating in activities initiated by the Group.



Sloka Class for kids in UK - With Mahaperiyava's grace, with the divine order and blessing of HH Pujoyasri Sri Periyva, ATM Group restarted Sampradhaya and Padhdhathi Sloka Classes for 25 kids from UK and Europe region on 15-10-2022. Inaugural speech was given by Shri Ganesa Sarma mama blessing kids for sloka learning through ATM. Shri Hindu Ganesan mama and Smt.Rajam maami, Shri Chandramouli mama and Smt.Mangalam maami, Shri Ponds Ramani mama and maami blessed the kids during the inaugural function of the Sloka Class. The Children will also know more about our sampradayams and dharma. Parents of the 25 Children were present in the function and assured to actively take part in other sathkaryam of ATM Global Group.



Adi Shankara Jayanthi (monthly pooja) - ATM celebrated Adi Sankara Jayanthi (Monthly Pooja) on 30-09-2022 at Saraswathi mami's home, Followed by Pooja, song by Smt.Vijayalakshmi Kannan and Veda parayanam by Vidyarthees of Kesava Ganapadigal were performed



Anusha Pooja was conducted on 03-09-2022 at Shri.Krishnamurthy's home and on 30-09-2022 at Smt.Meenakshi Ravishankar's home followed by songs by ATM Devotees



On 07-09-2022 ATM Group was blessed to do the most divine kaingaryam of Samashti Bhikshavandhanam at Kakinada Camp.Hindu Ganesan mama and his wife Rajam Mami along with ATM Devotees represented our Group and were present in Camp on that day for HH Sri Balaperiyava's darshan to get blessings.



On 10-09-2022 (Sri Bhagawan Nama Bodhendral Aaradhanai day), Aganda Rama Nama chanting was done from 5 AM to 5 PM by ATM Devotees with two hours slot for children.

ATM celebrated Navarathri with programs on all nine days. For First three days, Durga Ashothram, For next three days Lakshmi Ashtothram and for last three days Saraswathi Ashtothrams were performed by ATM Devotees with Harathi. And on few days special performances were done - Kritis on Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswathi by (Vallimeena, Madhulika and Shobini, Students of Smt.Jyothi Sreenivasan, Cbe), Vocal by Kum Prerana of Singapore (Disciple of Mrs Vasanthalakshmi Balasubramanian, Vocal by Kum Deekshitha and Musical Concert by Ms.Sowmyaa Parvati. During Navarathri, ATM Members participated in Enga Kudumba Golu contest, children Fancy dress Competition and the kaingaryams of Annapoorani Annadhanam and Goseva. The work of announcing the results of Enga Kudumba Golu competition and Children Fancy dress competition are in the process. Also, videos of Annadhanam and Goseva done by members are under compilation



#### Kids Participation in ATM

Purattasi Sanikkizhamai – Kids special performance  
Kum.Gautami – Reciting Slokam (Sri Sankaracharya Varyam),  
Kum Niranjani – Devotional Speech on Sapthagiri (Perumal ),  
Kum Pranavi – Song (Thirupathi Malai mel irupavane),  
Kum L.Shwetha – Song (Vizhi kidaikuma)

**Hong Kong:** Sri Adi Sankara Jayanthi was celebrated on 06.05.2022 at Sri Narayan's house. We started at 7.00 pm with chanting of Sri Rudhram, Chamakam and Suktham followed by Sri Acharyal's Pooja, Swasthi Vachanam, Thotakaashtakam and Sri Subramanya Bujangam

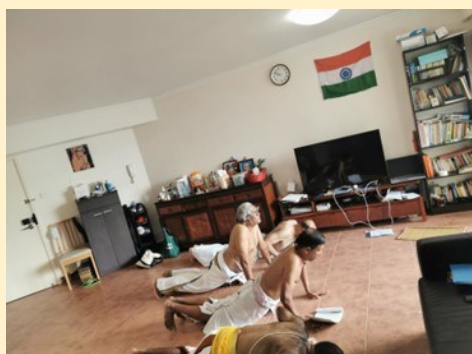


**Vaikaasi Visaakam** - We celebrated Vaikaasi Visakam on 12.06.2022. Devotees carried Paal Kudam within the temple premises and Abhishekam was performed for Sri Subramanya swamy. Dinner prasadam was distributed for all the devotees after the program.

**Sri Maha Periaavaa Jayanthi** - We celebrated Sri Maha Periaavaa's Jayanthi on 18.06.2022 at Sri Krishnan's house. We started at 5 pm with Vedha Paarayanam. Followed by Swasthi Vachanam, Sri Maha Periaavaa Ashtothra Pooja, Thotakaashtakam and few bhajan songs.



**Sri Jayendra Periaavaa Jayanthi** was celebrated on 12.08.2022 at Sri Rajagopal's house. We started at 7.30 pm with chanting of Sri Rudhram, Chamakam and Sukthams followed by Sri Jayendra Periaavaa Ashtothra Pooja, Swasthi Vachanam, Thotakaashtakam and few bhajans



**Surya Namaskaram (Aruna Prashnam)** - We did Surya Namaskaram (Aruna Prashnam) during the Sundays of Aavani Month. We started at 9 am on all Sundays.

Navarathiri Celebrations - We had Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam archanaai for all the nine days at 9 houses and we also had 'Kanyaa Pooja' on two days.



### Voice of Youth

**Sarvesh Subramanian (Hong Kong):** Maha Vishnu and his 10 incarnations. Vishnu is one of the widely known gods and is also the god of protection. Vishnu comes to visit earth every time most of the population starts doing negative things, Vishnu comes in a form to teach the world and fix the bad influences left behind.

We are currently in a yuga called the Kali Yuga. It is said to be the most dangerous yuga compared to the previous yugas. Anyways, let me tell you about the 10 times Vishnu has come to visit Earth in a completely different incarnation.



The first incarnation. The Matsya incarnation is held in Matsya yuga. It is the very first of many incarnations Vishnu has taken and, in this form, he appeared as a fish. Hayagriva (Horse-headed and human-bodied) is a demon who wanted to learn how to create and destroy a world. Knowing that such information is held with Brahma in his book of Vedas, Hayagriva, being completely desperate, stole the book from Brahma and thoroughly read it hiding in a seashell after changing his size. Vishnu after seeing all this, transformed into a small fish, which is the first of many incarnations. This one is called Matsya. Vishnu went inside the seashell and stole the book. Later on, Vishnu defeats Hayagriva, but due to him reading all the Vedas, he becomes immortal. Hayagriva become the god of knowledge.

*This story shows that analysis and devotion, is key to success.*

The second incarnation - The second time Lord Vishnu came to visit earth was in the form of a tortoise. This incarnation was named, "Kurma". What happened at this period was that the demons, known as asuras, fought with the gods over special milk, called "Amrita". It's also known as the, "nectar of immortality". At one point, the mountain where they were fighting for the Amrita, started to sink. At that point, Vishnu took the Kurma incarnation to hold up the mountain.

This story shows that if you decide to help others instead of keeping everything to yourself, god will be with you.

The incident in heaven - This is not one of his many incarnations, however, is a reason for his incarnations. Here is why. Two of Vishnu's loyal soldiers, Jaya and Vijaya, were one day blocking the gates of Vishnu as he was sleeping. Then, the son of Brahma, Sanaka had cursed Jaya and Vijaya since they didn't let him go through the gates. However, there wasn't a curse made yet. They had two choices from Vishnu, either live 100 lives as a good person, or live 3 lives as a bad person. This choice needed to be made by both of them, so they had to come to an agreement. In the end, they chose 3 lives as a bad person since they wanted to return to Vishnu as soon as possible, despite being an asura.

The third incarnation - This incarnation was made to kill the brothers, who in this life were born as Hiranyaksha and Hiranyakashipu. This incarnation is the Varaha incarnation. The Varaha is a big boar.

Hiranyaksha, had stolen the earth/ground (Goddess Bhudevi) and had hid her in the waters. Vishnu took the form of Varaha and fought with Hiranyaksha for reportedly more than a thousand years. In the end, Varaha released Bhudevi and restored earth back to normal.

The fourth incarnation - This incarnation Vishnu is the Narasimha avatar. Narasimha is a half-human, half-lion avatar. Narasimha was taken to kill the brother of Hiranyaksha, Hiranyakashipu.

Hiranyakashipu wanted revenge for his brother on Vishnu. Thus, He undertook many years of austere penance and meditation. Brahma thus offers the demon a boon and Hiranyakashipu asks for immortality. Brahma tells him this is not possible, but that he could bind the death of Hiranyakashipu with conditions. Hiranyakashipu asks that he not be killed by man or animal, inside or out, day or night, on earth or the stars, with a weapon either living or inanimate.

So, Vishnu takes the form of Narasimha, half-man and half-lion. Due to the conditions Hiranyakashipu set, Narasimha had killed him right during sunset, neither morning nor night. Narasimha killed him on the sill of the door, neither in nor out. Narasimha uses his claws to kill Hiranyakashipu.

This story shows that god always has a way to everything.

The fifth incarnation - Maha Bali, a person who was able to defeat the “King of Gods”, Lord Indra. He was slowly making his presence known and extended his authority over the three worlds. Every god started to seek help from Vishnu.

Here, Vishnu comes in the form of a dwarf. This incarnation is known as the Vamana incarnation. Vamana asked Maha Bali if he could do what Vamana asked, he first asked for the 3 paces of land, which Maha Bali allowed, then, Vamana changed into the form of Trivikrama, a giant. Bali realized that Vamana was Vishnu incarnate. In deference, the king offered his head as the third place for Vamana to place his foot. The avatar did so and thus granted Maha Bali immortality and made him ruler of Pathala, the netherworld. Vishnu also granted Maha Bali a boon whereby he could return to earth every year.

This story shows that nobody is greater than god.

The sixth incarnation - Parashurama is a warrior with an axe. He is one of the sons of Jamadagni, a sage. Parashurama is known for his obedience. He is one of the devotees of Lord Shiva.

Parashurama's obedience can be shown with the following story. Usually, Parashurama's mother creates an earthen pot by herself beside the river. One day, as she was coming back home with the pot for pooja, she got lost in her thoughts and suddenly dropped the pot. Thus, it broke and it was too late to make a new one. As she went to tell this to Jamadagni, he got angry. Then, he ordered 4 of his sons to chop her mother's head. Nobody except Parashurama did so. So, Parashurama got a wish, then he decided to use it to bring his mother back to one piece.

This proves god's obedience and love towards everyone.

The seventh incarnation - Rama, one of the widest known incarnations, is the prince and king of Ayodhya. While he was in exile with his brother Lakshman and the monkey king Hanuman, his wife Sita, was abducted by the King of Lanka King, Ravana. Rama traveled to Lanka to save Sita. Rama killed Ravana and brought Sita home safe. The next day when they reached Ayodhya, the day is famously celebrated as Diwali. This story is one of the best stories in Hinduism called Ramayana.

This story shows that respect should be given to everyone.

The eighth incarnation - The eighth one is, debatably, the most famous one. Lord Krishna. Krishna, is one of the reasons why the Bhagavath Geetha exists. The Bhagavath Geetha consists of words from Krishna prior to the start of the war about knowledge, love and action. The Maharatham, or Mahabharata is a story of why we should do our sacred duties. The ones that do so, are rewarded. The ones that don't, are punished.

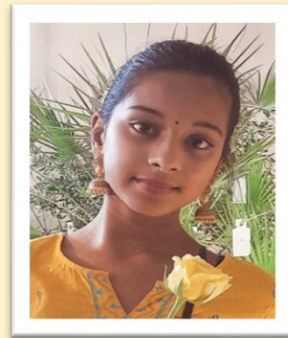
This story proves that war is not always the solution.

The ninth incarnation - The Kalki incarnation is yet to be taken but will be taken in the future. It is for sure to happen, as in the last incarnation, Vishnu had told that he will come again to earth to end the bad and evil. It is said that during the Kalki, is the time where most of the society are evil. Kalki is shown riding a white horse with a sword and shield. According to Mahabharat, Krishna has stated the following, "When evil is rampant upon this Earth, I will take birth in the family of a virtuous man and assume a human body to restore tranquility by the extermination of all evils. For the preservation of rectitude and morality, I will assume an inconceivable human form. In the Kali age of sin, I will assume an avatar that is dark in color. Great intelligence and great energy will be possessed by this avatar." Vishnu had stated.

"Detachment from material things is the way to inner peace" Bhagavath Geetha

### **Srinithi Sriram, 11 years old, Munich, Germany**

Dharma is the most essential purpose of human life. Lord Krishna in Bhagavat Geetha says "Whenever Dharma falls, I am born in this world to restore it ". Swami Vivekanandha explains Dharma as righteousness or even simply as duty. In Srimad Bhagavatam, dharma is described as a 'bull' who stands on four legs, which are austerity, cleanliness, truthfulness, and kindness. These principles are common to all aspects of human life and also called as the four pillars of dharma. Mahaperiyava explains the importance of Dharma in many of his disclosures. His "Deivattin Kural" is translated as "Dharma: The Universal Way of Life". He insists that there is no Dharma better than Compassion.



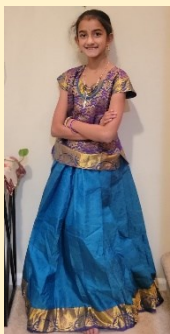
A child's dharma is to be honest, to be kind, compassionate and tolerant to others, believe in God and to be a good student. Let us understand our Dharma and follow it for good



### **Know your Village**

#### **Sanjana - Seattle WA - 11 years about her native village**

Graamam: Alwarkurichi(Maatru Pitru), Tamil Nadu



It is my ancestor's\* graamam located in the southern part of Tamil Nadu. The neighboring villages are Thenkasi and Tirunelwah. My grandfather's name is Sri Venkatachalam. My grandmother's name is Srimati Rajalakshmi.

One of the fascinating tourist spots there is Alwarcurchi Vanniyappar Temple. The deities of this temple are Agneeswarer and the goddess Sivakami. The temple was originally located in the Vanni forest. Long ago a rich person named Vijeyendra Bhoopati Mudalilar built this temple in its current structure.



There are also two rivers through and around the village. The Gadana River is located on the eastern side of the town and the Rama River is on the western side of the town.



Alwarcurchi's Graama Devata

Goddess Pechiamman is the grama devata and the devotees worship her by making Pongal and offering it. They pray well while offering Pongal. Alwarcurchi is a very holy and ancient place that will make you feel amazing. It is where Sri Yogeeswara himself has gone. It is a very pleasant village that you should visit.





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