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Message from Acharya Swamigal to NRI Devotees

Shruti Smriti PuranānāmĀlayamKarunālayam
NamaamiBhagavadpādaShankaramLokaShankaram
SadāshivaSamārambhāmShankarāchāryaMadhyamām
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Message of Blessings

गुरुर्नाम्ना महिम्ना च शंकरो यो विराजते।
तदीयाङ्घ्रिगलद्रेणुकणायास्तु नमो मम॥

The Nama & Mahima of Shankara Bhagavatapada is prescribed in this benediction. The second half of the shloka follows with special prostrations to the minutest particle of dust emerging from his holy feet. The veneration of the author is understood by his Namaskars to the holy dust of Guru's feet. There is a small chapter in a publication named 'Acharya Prashasti' where in shlokas dedicated to Shankara Bhagavatpada has been compiled from various books & authors and printed with the blessings of Kanchi Acharyas.

There is an ancient saying प्रत्यक्षे गुरवः स्तुत्याः - Benedictions to Guru can be done right in their presence. This is because a Guru is ever established in divine communion and seldom has any ego. And by Guru Anugraha, one's ignorance gets dispelled, the Ahankara melts and mind gets purified.

गुरुं प्रकाशयेत् धीमान् is another Shastric saying. The substance of the saying is that a learned person extolls his Guru. This tradition of respecting Guru is one of the unique features of Sanatana Vaidika Hindu Dharma. This is one of the reasons that can be listed as significant, that, inspite of several struggles somehow the Bharatiya Vidyas could be protected. We can note that any knowledge system does not begin without benedictions to Guru. Shri Gurubhyo Namaha HariH Om is how Vedic traditions across Bharat commences Vedic chanting. Likewise other arts, skills commence with a set of shlokas dedicated to the originators of the respective Vidyas.

The Kanchi Math has promulgated and implemented the traditional Niyama Adhyayana scheme in Vedic learning where the father is the Guru and the son is the pupil and knowledge is transferred generation by generation so as to protect & uphold the purest form of Vedic traditions. This type can also be observed in Ayurveda, music, dance and other skills too. Knowledge in India has been dispensed to one & all as a means for development of merit, progress and service in society.

In the Upanishads we see pupils humbly prostrating saying नमः परमऋषिभ्यो नमः परमऋषिभ्यः to those who imparted them Para Vidya, the knowledge of the Ultimate, the Parabrahman. Shankarabhagavatpada with his great compassion blessed us by giving the Bhashyas of Vedanta and a tradition to continue his work. It is our fortune to be associated with the Guru Parampara of the Jagadguru.

Coming back to the shloka at the start, it is a composition of Kanchi Mahaswamy on Shankara Bhagavatpadacharya. This shloka helps us to understand & cherish the glory of the Jagadguru and of the Guru Parampara.

Hara Hara Sankara Jaya Jaya Sankara



Editorial: "Kashmira Stabakam" brings out the historic, geographical & glorious heritage of the region of Jammu & Kashmir to a greater audience to completely understand its inherent greatness & sacredness.

The book is being published with the blessings and guidance of Acharya Swamigal, the book provides summaries of great works including:

Rajatarangini-Overview of Religious & Cultural Aspects of the Reign of Kings of Kashmir

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A compilation on the Temples of Jammu & Kashmir

Kanchi & Kashmir-a chronicle of the historic connect between Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam and Kashmir, as well as a focus on contemporary activities including the Annual Shankara Jayanti celebrations and the weekly lectures as part of the Kashmir Cultural Heritage Awareness Series

The book is replete with photographs, giving the reader an immersive experience of the blissful beauty of Kashmiri Cultural Heritage.

Click here to grab a copy of the Kashmira Stabakam <https://kanchimuttseva.org/Kashmir-Book>

BOOK RELEASE

KASHMIRA STABAKAM

This book explores the rich and sacred heritage of the Jammu & Kashmir region, encompassing its history, geography, and cultural significance.


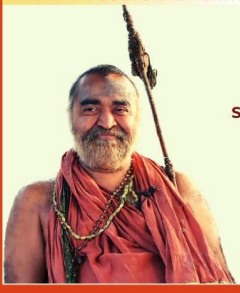
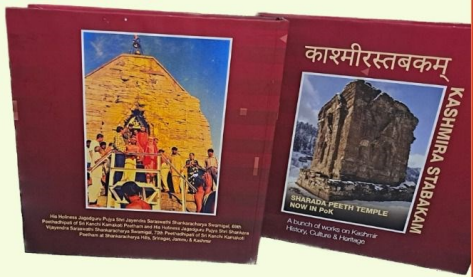
THE 386-PAGE BOOK SUMMARIZES GREAT WORKS SUCH AS RAJATARANGINI, BHRINGISA SAMHITA, AND NILAMATA PURANA, PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL ASPECTS OF KASHMIR'S KINGS AND THE GREATNESS OF THE REGION.

IT ALSO INCLUDES A COMPILATION OF THE TEMPLES IN JAMMU & KASHMIR, A CHRONICLE OF THE HISTORIC CONNECTION BETWEEN SRI KANCHI KAMAKOTI PEETAM AND KASHMIR, AND CONTEMPORARY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE ANNUAL SHANKARA JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS AND THE KASHMIR CULTURAL HERITAGE AWARENESS SERIES.

THE BOOK INCLUDES PHOTOGRAPHS THAT IMMERSE READERS IN THE BEAUTY OF KASHMIRI CULTURAL HERITAGE.

Blessed and released by
HH PUJYASHRI SHANKARA VIJAYENDRA
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**Shobakruthu Samvatsara Skanda Shashti Celebrations with Kumara Bhojanam Subramanya Bhujanga
& Skanda Shasti Kavacha parayana Vaibhavam**

Appeal to all centres

Pranams to Jagadguru Pujiya Sri Sankara Vijeyendra Sarawathi Shankaracharya Swamigal.

मयूराधिरूढं महावाक्यगूढं मनोहारिदेहं महच्चित्तगेहम् 1

महीदेवदेवं महावेदभावं महादेवबालं भजे लोकपालम् 11

In the erstwhile Thanjavur District, the unique tradition of celebrating Skandar Sashti by inviting bramacharis to homes is at risk of extinction. To preserve this cultural heritage and uphold Sanathana Dharmam, it was revived in 2019 with the blessings of Pujya Sri Sankaracharya Swamigal of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Samsthan.

With the aim of instilling tradition and culture in young minds, Sri. Sankaracharya Swamigal encourages all Brahmacharis under 21 in patasalas, schools, and colleges to prepare and participate in Skandar Sashti celebrations. They gather in a common venue, where they are warmly welcomed and treated as embodiments of Lord Subramaniyar Swami. After their daily rituals, they are ritually installed with dhyana, aavahana, aasana, and other rituals. They then recite Sri. Subramaniya Bhujangam and Skandar Sashti Kavacham together, followed by traditional pujas and offerings to Lord Subramnia Swami's portrait. The ceremony concludes with Maha parasadam distribution to Brahmacharis and attendees.

Sri. Subramaniya Bujangam, composed by Sri Adi Sankaracharya in praise of Lord Subramaniaya, holds the power to bring wisdom, clarity, good health, and protection when recited daily. Similarly, Skandha Sashti Kavacham shields us from dangers. Reciting both on Skandar Sashti Day multiplies their divine benefits.

Since 2019, Skandar Sashti celebrations began grandly in Chennai with over 1000 boys. Due to Covid regulations, we adopted a decentralized approach from 2020, celebrating in multiple centres across India. Starting next year, this annual event will occur on Skanda Shasti day in all designated centres, with participation steadily growing. Last year, we had nearly 2000 boys joining from India (Kasi to Rameshwaram) and abroad (Singapore, UAE & USA).

This year's Skandar Sashti is on 18th Nov 2023, following the Thanjavur District's tradition. With Sri Periyava's blessings, we aim for a global Skandar Sashti 2023, expanding to more centres worldwide with cooperation from our diaspora, including New Zealand, Australia, Qatar, and Great Britain. The goal is to have continuous chanting of Sri Subramaniya Bhujagam and Skandar Sashti Kavacham for 24 hours, aligning with local time zones. While we'll provide Veshtis and towels to some centers, we request others to arrange them locally, and international centers are encouraged to manage their celebration expenses locally.

This circular letter requests previous celebration organizers to confirm their participation in Skandar Sashti 2023 via email by 15-10-23, providing details like estimated participant numbers. It is also an invitation to new groups and individuals worldwide. Core organizers are urged to share this letter with potential participants, emphasizing the preservation of our culture. A list of last year's centers, last year agenda for the event, general instructions to participants is available in the link given in the QR code, and any updates should be promptly communicated. Contact information for program inquiries is provided below.

For further details contact or send mail to S.Ramachandran @ 9444129208 for **scheme details**

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<https://www.thanjavurparampara.com/post/skanda-shashti-celebrations-with-kumara-bhojanam-2023>

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

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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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<https://kamakoti.org/telugu/newsletter/kamakoti-vani-Sep-2023.html>

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

Sri Kamakoti Pradeepam - Monthly spiritual
magazine in Tamil - August 2023 edition is
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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/CnnUZXNfMtudwgZW9>

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 **09th May 2023** by HIS HOLINESS PUJYASRI SANKARA VIJAYENDRA SARASWATI SANKARAACHARYA SWAMIGAL:

Period	Camp Location
05-July-2023 till 10-Oct-2023	Varnasi, Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Kashi, Hanuman Ghat, Varanasi
11-Oct-2023 till 01-Nov-2023	Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Pramod Van, Near Raja Rani Park, Ayodhya

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.

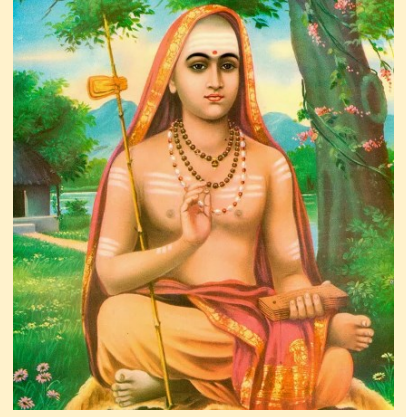


Kanikkai samarpanam can be performed through e-seva portal www.kanchimuttseva.org or by scanning the QR code.

Prashnottara Ratna Malika

This is the eternal and perennial wisdom of the great savant called Adi Shankara Bhagawat Pada in the form of searching questions and pithy answers. This literally means Garland of Gems of questions and answers.

We encourage the younger generation (10 or above till 25 or so) to reach out if you have any questions and the answers to the same can be published in this section. You can submit your entries to nrikanchinews@gmail.com



Questions	Answers
Who is well known lame person in this world	One who takes up pilgrimage in old age
What is the foremost place of pilgrimage	That which removes the impurities of the mind
What is to be remembered by people	Name of “Hari”
What should not be spoken by the good-minded people	Falsehood and faults of others
What is to be earned by people	Knowledge, Wealth, Strength, Fame and Merit
What is the destroyer of all good qualities	Greed
Who is the enemy	Lust
What assembly is to be shunned	That which is devoid of elder councilor
What is dearer than life	One’s duties followed hereditarily and the company of the virtuous
What is to be well protected	Good name, devoted wife and discernment
What is the Kalpa-creeper in this world	Knowledge imparted to the earnest student
What is the imperishable banyan tree	The gift offered to the deserving recipient according to rules
What is weapon for all	Reason
Who is considered the “mother”	Cow
What indeed is strength	Courage
What is death	Absence of care
Where is poison	In wicked people
What is defilement	Indebtedness of men
What is fearlessness	Non-attachment



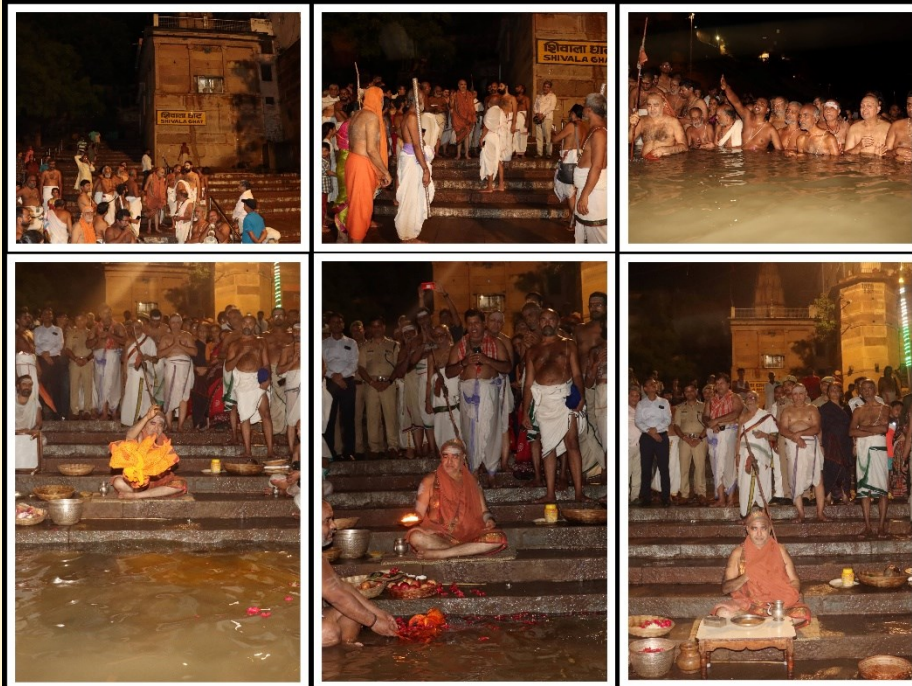
3-day Harikeertan concludes- Kashi Maharashtra Seva samiti presents Abhinandan patra to Acharya Swamigal

The 3-day - Harikeertan by Sri Raghunathdas as part of the Chaturmasya Sangeeta Samarpan programme culminated this evening in a session held at the Chet Singh fort on the banks of the river ganga in the benign presence of Acharya Swamigal. Sri Raghunathdas and team were given prasadam and honoured with shawls. Members of the Kashi Maharashtra Seva samiti and other members of Maharashtra community of Varanasi attended the programme in large numbers and presented abhinandan patra to Acharya Swamigal. In the Anugraha Bhashanam given to the gathering, Acharya Swamigal mentioned that languages are for forming bridges, and not for forming barriers among people. He recalled the past chaturmasyas performed by Acharyas of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam in Maharashtra at various places including Paithan and Pune (Punya Pathan), and about the rich culture, bhakti and devotion of the people of Maharashtra. Thereafter Acharya Swamigal proceeded to the Shivala ghat to perform snanam in river Ganga during the commencement of the Dakshinayana Punya kaalam.



Dakshinayana Punya Kala snanam performed at Varanasi (16-Jul-2023)

Acharya Swamigal performed snanam in river Ganga at the Shivala Ghat in Varanasi during the commencement of Dakshinayana Punya kalam. After Snanam, anushtanam and visesha pujas to Ganga were performed.



Different types of daanas were given to scholars of the Kashi Kshetra. Ganga Harati was performed. A large number of devotees had the bliss of participating in these divine moments.

The human year consisting of 365 days is considered to be a day for devas. Dakshinayana (from Tamil month Aadi to the end of Margazhi) is night for the devas and Uttarayana (from Tamil month Thai to the end of Aani) is daytime for them.

Ganga Harati performed at Chet Singh Ghat- Varanasi (02-Aug-2023)

Ganga Harati was performed at Chet Singh Ghat, Shivala, Varanasi in the presence of Acharya Swamigal



Jayanti Mahotsavam celebrated (03-Aug-2023)

Jayanti Mahotsvam of Jagadguru Pujiyashri Jayendra Saraswathi Sankaracharya Swamiji at Varanasi - Poornahuti of Rig Samhita Havan was performed at the Varanasi Palace Grounds in the presence of Acharya Swamigal. The Rig Samhita Havan and visesha Veda Parayanams which started on 28th July 2023 culminated today with vidwat samman and vaidika visesha sabha. Abhishekam was performed to Pujya Swamiji with the Kalasha teertham. A large number of devotees from various places participated. Visesha Annadaanam was performed on the occasion. Jayanti Mahotsavam was also celebrated at Kanchipuram, and various centres across the world.



Jayanti mahotsavam of Jagadguru Pujiyashri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamiji was celebrated with Vishesha homas and pujas at Shrimatam Veda patashala at Sri Shankara Matam, Tirupati



Jayanti Mahotsavam of Pujiyashri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamiji was celebrated at Shrimatam Kanchipuram with visesha pujas, abhishekam and alankaram at the adhistanams. Veda parayanam, vidwat sadas, homa poornahuti was performed. Aasthana vidwans rendered Sangeeta samarpanam



Adi Perukku celebrated at Shrimatam camp at Varanasi (03-Aug-2023)

Adi Perukku (18th day of the Tamil month of Adi) - Cauvery puja was performed at Shivala ghat.

According to the South Indian tradition, even if one is not residing on the banks of the river Cauvery, one can go to a nearby water body (river, pond, temple tank, lake etc), invoke the divine river in it and perform Puja. Cauvery Ashtottaram, Lakshmi Ashtottaram Archana is performed followed by Shodashopacharam, Naivedyam & Deeparadhana. As per the above custom, Pundits of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam perform special pujas every year in the place of camp of Acharya Swamigal.

The pundits accompanied by devotees went to the Shivala ghat on the banks of Ganga and performed Cauvery pooja. Kalasham filled with holy water was brought to Srimatam and offered to Acharya Swamigal. Being the Jayanti day of Pujya Shri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal, a portrait of Pujya Swamigal was also taken in procession.

Special Naivedyaprasadams were distributed on the occasion.

With blessings of Acharya Swamigal, Adi Perukku was also celebrated at Kanchipuram in the Pancha Ganga teertham in Sri Kamakshi Ambal Devasthanam, and at various places on the banks of the river Cauvery in Tamilnadu.



Annual Agnihotra Sabha held at Varanasi (06-Aug-2023)

With the benign blessings of Acharya Swamigal, the annual Agnihotri Sabha was held at Varanasi Kshetram from 5th till 7th. A very special Sanman Sabha was held at the Sabha venue at Chet Singh Fort grounds. Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Sri Mohan Bhagavat Ji took part in the proceedings. Sri Bhagavatji was received by Kanchi Math officials & devotees in Ganga-front. After Darshan of Acharya Swamigal, he had darshan of Agnihotra Vedi, Kamyeshthi Vedi, Panchangni Vedi where special Anushtthanams were performed with the blessings of Acharya Swamigal for Loka-Kashema. The Yagnya Vedi vibrated with Rig Veda Shastra Parayan, Yajur Veda Ghana Parayanam and Samaveda Shastra Parayanam. Viewing the Agnihotri Exhibition, Acharya Swamigal explained to Sri Bhagavatji the various Vedic practices and traditions which are prevailing in our country since ancient times.

Two books on Bhashyas of Ashvalayana Gruhya Sutra & Apastamba Gruhya Sutra authored by Brahmasri Sundarrama Vajapeyayaji and his son Sri Narayana Vajapeyayajee were released on the occasion. Acharya Swamigal released the books and Sri Bhagavatji received them. Sri Prabhakar Joglekar was given the Ashvalayana Shrouta Sutra Bhashya and Sri Kashi Narayana Ghanapathi was given the Apastamba Shrouta Sutra Bhashya book. Also books on culture & traditions were released during the function.

Following this Sarsanghchalak Sri Mohan Bhagavatji spoke on Vedic & Agnihotri traditions as India's treasures and that it should be protected. Sri Bhagavatji said that these are seeds of Dharma and they should be nurtured. Acharya Swamigal in his Anugraha Bhashanam spoke about the expanse of Agnihotra traditions beyond India's borders in ancient times. Acharya Swamigal said while India has achieved independence and is developing, we should also develop Dharmic thoughts and protect our ancient culture & traditions. Acharya Swamigal mentioned about Digital India and stressed the need to develop Divine India. Acharya Swamigal talked about protecting temple, temple traditions and temple assets. Temple donations should be used only for Dharmic work, He stressed. Acharya Swamigal said that Seva through Mantras "Mantron Se Manav Seva" is being done by the Agnihotris of our country. Acharya Swamigal said that there are such subjects in Sanātana Dharma which are deep and wide but needed presentation & distribution. He said this Dharma has both Vignan & Vishwas and prayers for welfare of one & all.

About 120 Agnihotris & senior scholars from all over the country including Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan participated in the event. In the divine presence of Acharya Swamigal, Sri Mohan Bhagavatji draped all the Agnihotris with special shawls and were honoured with gold coin, silver Patra, Vastram etc. Special dignitaries from Kashi city attended the event. Sri Girish Chandra Sharma Former Vice Chancellor, Sri Vajpayi MLA of Prayagraj and his parents, Agarwal Sangh, Pracharaks and devotees & common people attended the event. The event concluded with Shanti Path praying for peace and progress of one & all.



Bhagavata Sapataham performed at Varanasi (21-Aug-2023)

Bhagavata Saptaham was performed at Shrimatam camp at Varanasi as part of various spiritual programmes being held during the Chaturmasya Vratam of Acharya Swamigal. The saptaham was performed by Dr. Ranganji. Acharya Swamigal blessed the gathering with Anugraha Bhashanam.



Acharya Swamigal blesses release of various Books on our Dharma and Culture (24-Aug-2023)

Acharya Swamigal blessed and released the following books on different aspects of our dharma and culture, stutis and Shlokas - Divine Direction, Adi Shankara Bhagavata Sthothram, Shaankari Parampara, Shiva Sthuti, Lalitha Bhajana Amruthamu, at Shri Kamakoteeshwar Mandir



Bhagavadgita Lekhana yagna at Varanasi (25-Aug-2023)

Bhagavadgita lekhana yagna at Varanasi with blessings of Acharya Swamigal from 25th to 28th Aug. Vidyarthis of various veda patashalas are participating in this programme of chanting and writing the Bhagavad Gita



Bharatiya Bhasha Samman Diwas at Varanasi (14-Sep-2023)

भारतीय भाषा सम्मान दिवस-2023 - Bharatiya Bhasha Samman Diwas 2023 - with blessings and presence of Acharya Swamigal (Video below)



Vinayaka Chaturti celebrated at Shrimatam camp at Varanasi (19-Sep-2023)

Vinayaka Chaturti (Ganesh Chaturti) was celebrated at Shrimatam camp at Varanasi after Sri Chandramouleeswara Puja, Acharya Swamigal performed the Ganesh Puja.

The traditional offering of 108 coconuts to Lord Ganesha was performed in the immediate presence Acharya Swamigal at the Vinayaka Sannadhi at Sri Kamakoteeshwara Mandir. Syamantaka Mani Upakhyana parayanam was performed in Sri Chandramouleeswara Puja Mandapam.

At Kanchipuram, visesha pujas were offered to Sri Anugnya Ganapati in Shrimatam.



Shankarāvatarana Dashakam - Ten verses on Shankarāvatarana

<https://kamakoti.org/kamakoti/news/2023/shankarvatarana-dashakam-70164-20230925/mp-shankaravatarana-verses--trans-en.pdf>

Vishwa Shanti Yagnya concludes with Sahasra Chandi Havan poornahuti (28-Sep-2023)

The Vishwa Shanti Mahayagnya which commenced on 21st Sep. concluded with Poornahuti of the Sahasra Chandi Yagnyam performed with blessings and presence of Acharya Swamigal at Chet Singh Fort, Varanasi. Thereafter, Acharya Swamigal blessed all the ritwiks and veda pandits who participated in the havans, and sambhavana was given.



Vishwaroopa Yatra performed (29-Sep-2023)

Acharya Swamigal performed Vishvarūpa Yātrā from Shrimatam at Hanumān Ghāt to Sankata Mochana Hanumān Mandir across the river Assi this evening, signifying the conclusion of this year's chaturmasya vratam. Mahant of the temple Sri Vishwambar Mishra and other priests and committee members Acharya Swamigal with poornakumbham. After prayers at Sri Hanuman ji sannadhi and Sri Ram Durbar, the Vishvarūpa Darshana of Bhagavān described in the Bhagavad Gītā was recited and Sri Krishna puja performed. Acharya Swamigal blessed the assembled devotees with Anugraha Bhashanam.



Acharya Swamigal performs Vishesha pujas at Sri Kashi Vishwanath Mandir (30-Sep-2023)

Vishesha pujas performed at Sri Kashi Vishwanath Mandir - Acharya Swamigal visited Sri Kashi Vishwanathji mandir and performed Rudrabhishekam and vishesha pujas. Teertham (Santified water) from the Vishwa-Shanti Mahayagnam was brought in 35 Kalashams and abhishekam performed. After harati, Acharya Swamigal visited the Maa Annapoorneshwari mandir and performed vishesha pujas



Acharya Swamigal visits Benaras Hindu University (03-Oct-2023)

Acharya Swamigal visited Benaras Hindu University on 3rd October in the evening. Acharya Swamigal was received by the entire Sanskrit Department led by Prof VK Shukla, Rector, BHU. Acharya Swamigal was welcomed by Shri Shukla and other professors submitted Swagata Abhinandanam to Acharya Swamigal. Prof Kamalesh Pandey read shlokas on Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal. Prof Dr. Rajaram Shukla read out the Hindi Translation of Speech by Pujya Shri Chandrashekharendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal delivered at BHU in 1934. Acharya Swamigal then addressed the gathering echoing the speech of Kanchi Mahaswamy and stressed its relevance in present times too.

Acharya Swamigal then released the 10th volume of Uttankita Vidyaranya Sanskrit Inscription series and blessed the first copy to Prof VK Shukla and rest to the department Professors. Acharya Swamigal traced the objectives of the Trust as to publishing Sanskrit inscriptions along with English translation to bring out the real history of our country. It may be recalled that the Trust commenced by Pujya Kanchi Mahaswamy in 1986 has been publishing books chronologically from 2th Century B.CE and the current edition covers 9th & 10th Century inscriptions. Acharya Swamigal said that he had reserved to release the book at BHU in the memory of Sri Kanchi Mahaswamy. After the first edition released in 1986 in the august presence of Kanchi Mahaswamy, Pujya Shri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal & Acharya Swamigal have blessed and encouraged the trust in fulfilling its objectives.

Prof Rajaram Shukla then read out the shlokas from the Swagatha Patram given by Bharat Ratna Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya to Kanchi Mahaswamy and concluded the programme with vote of thanks.

Acharya Swamigal returned back to Srimatam camp after a brief visit and performed the third Kala Puja



Acharya Swamigal visits Ram Mandir and Sanga Veda Vidyalaya - A historic day (06-Oct-2023)

A historic event repeated yesterday when Acharya Swamigal visited Ram Mandir at Gaay Ghat & Vallabhram Shaligram Sanga Veda Vidyalaya at Ram Ghat, Varanasi. It was on the same date ninety years back on 6/10/1934 when HH Pujya Shri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi entered Varanasi and visited both these places. His Holiness Kanchi Mahaswamy had camped in these places for two weeks before arriving at the Shankar Math, Hanuman Ghat and stayed on for about 6 months. His Holiness Pujya Shri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal visited Ram Mandir and Veda Pathashala during his first Pada Yatra visit to Varanasi in 1973 and subsequently had blessed the Pathashala many times during his subsequent Yatras.

Ram Mandir

The Ram Mandir is maintained by Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin Community since 150 years. The Mandir houses two shrines for Ram Darbar and Shiv Darbar. The Mandir is built in typical Kashi style with artistic pillars in stone holding the weight of the upper floors. It also has rare photographs of Kanchi Mahaswamy and photos of various Devi Devathas printed at Karachi & Lahore. The community members led by Sri Abhayram Sand, who are maintaining the Mandir said to Acharya Swamigal that there were about a few thousand members who had migrated to Varanasi from West Punjab (Lahore, Karachi) from Undivided India. There were great scholars from the community who guided the Hindus of Punjab in their religious and societal obligations. They said that it was their fortune to host Kanchi Mahaswamy, Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swami and now Acharya Swamigal in their Mandir. They recalled that Kanchi Mahaswami had stayed in Ram Mandir with Sri Chandramouleeshwara Swamy Puja for two weeks and the ground opposite to the Mandir was used to house Srimatam Elephants, Camels, cows and bullock carts. Special Harathi was performed in the Mandir and Acharya Swamigal blessed the caretaker family with shawls & Prasadam.

Vallabhram Shaligram Sanga Veda Vidyalaya

Acharya Swamigal then started to Sanga Veda Vidyalaya. The Pathashala could be reached only by walking in the long and narrow lanes, typical to be seen and experienced in Varanasi. Acharya Swamigal walked through them and reached the Pathashala. People Enroute had Darshan. Acharya Swamigal was received by Sri Ganeshwar Sastry Dravid and Pathashala Adhyapakas. Babban Lakshman Maske, Member, Sri Lakshmikanth Dikshit ji, Jagannatha Sastry Tailang, Sudhamshu ji, Krishnagopal Sharma and other Adhyapaks were present during Acharya Swamigal's visit.

Sri Ganeshwar Sastry Dravid read Swagatham and listed the important events held in the Pathashala in the past years which included visit of Kanchi Mahaswamy Pujya Shri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal, Pujya Shri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal & Acharya Swamigal. Prof Dr. Sri Rajaram Shukla & Sri Sharma, Chief of NDRF, Varanasi were chief guests on the occasion. The Swagathabhivandanam continued with a set of beautiful verses composed in the greatness of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam and its Acharyas. Later Sri Vishweshwar Shastry Dravid performed Pada Puja to Acharya Swamigal.

In his Anugraha Bhashanam, Acharya Swamigal commended the work of Sanga Veda Vidyalaya in imparting Vedas along with its branches and with Sadacharam. Acharya Swamigal said that the Pathashala was endowed with great Vidwans in the past & present and is continuing to fulfilling its foundational objectives. Acharya Swamigal described the Pathashala as a heritage Pathashala due to its Vedic & Shastri legacy and its iconic structure too. Acharya Swamigal said that the Pathashala was established with a sense of sacrifice by munificent donors, some of whom were Vedic scholars who gave up their entire belongings. Acharya Swamigal said that people should get together and support such Pathashalas and protect Vedic heritage. Acharya Swamigal said that the problems faced by the Pathashala should get solved at the earliest and function in its fullest glory. Acharya Swamigal concluded the speech with blessing the Adhyapaks, Vidyarthi & members and chanted Totakashtakam. Prasadam blessed by Acharya Swamigal were distributed to the assembled.

Acharya Swamigal then walked through the lanes to reach Ganesh Ghat from where Srimatam entourage returned to Hanuman Ghat through ferry which reduced travel time by 45 mins. Embarking at Shivala Ghat, Acharya Swamigal returned back to Math and performed Shukaravara Puja which commenced at 9:45 PM and concluded at 12:30 post midnight.

Generally, visits are not fixed for Acharya Swamigal on Fridays due to Abhishekam Pujas in the evening too. As it was a historic date, Acharya Swamigal attended the visits to commemorate the occasion. Leaving Srimatam Camp at 5:30 PM after giving darshan, Acharya Swamigal returned back at 9:15 PM and immediately went for Puja.

Acharya Swamigal had first visited the Pathashala in 1988. At that time Acharya Swamigal had accompanied Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamiji to Nepal Yatra and on return stayed in Varanasi.



**Glimpses of visit of Thiru R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of TamilNadu to
Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya, Kanchipuram on 20.09.2023**



Rededication the renovated Peetarohana Golden Jubilee Stupi of Pujyasri Jayendra Sarswathi Swamigal and Champakaranyam (Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Udyanam)



Pushpanjali to Acharya Swamigal and a view of 70 feet single stone majestic Adi Sankara Vighraha @ SCSVMV



Visit to Palmleaf preservation center and a Group photo session

An epoch-making event having Thiru R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamilnadu as the Chief Guest was held at Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya to commemorate the 89th Jayanthi celebrations of His Holiness Pujyashri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal on 20.09.2023. The Governor unveiled the renovated Stupi and rededicated it. This was followed by the opening of 'Champakaaranyam' (Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Park with Champaka trees). Then the Governor offered Pushpanjali to 70 feet single stone majestic Adi Sankara vigraha and visited the state-of-the-art digital palm leaf processing and preservation centre. It was a momentous occasion for our institution which provided an opportunity to showcase our achievements, initiatives, and contributions to the community. The salient features of University's innovative project 'Saswathaiswaryam' were explained to the Chief guest where palm leaf manuscripts are processed and preserved digitally with modern technology.

In a formal ceremony held at the University's International Library Hall, Prof.Dr.S.V.Raghavan, Vice Chancellor welcomed the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and all the special invitees, faculty members, staff and students for the function. Sri N.Ravi, Member-BOM of SCSVMV (Director, Kasturi & Sons Ltd., The Hindu Group) felicitated the gathering. Pujyashri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal blessed the occasion through Anugrahabhashanam. The sanctity of Kanchipuram and its contribution in preserving and promoting Vedas, Shastras and various art forms from time immemorial was explained by His Holiness. Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Wellness Centre which is created to provide medical facilities for the students, faculty and staff of SCSVMV was inaugurated by Honourable Governor of Tamilnadu. During his special address, the Governor explained how Bharat has emerged as a Vishwa Guru, shifting its focus from being non – aligned to embracing all the nations of the world, following the motto of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – which means “One Earth One Family”. Three decades of service of Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya in empowering the students with traditional knowledge integrated with technology was appreciated by the Governor and the great role SCSVMV could play in Nation's development was highlighted. Hon'ble Governor had a lively interactive session with the students of the University. The Governor's visit left a lasting impact on our students, inspiring them to pursue excellence and civic engagement. Around 400 students, faculty, staff members and various dignitaries participated in this grand event.

Anugrahabhashanam of His Holiness Pujyasri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal



Pushpanjai to His Holiness by Hon'ble Governor and Anugrahabhashanam of His Holiness Pujyasri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal during the function

“Kanchipuram is one of the Moksha Puris. It being the Saktipeeth, is the abode of Ekamranatha and kamakshi Devi. This is known to be the city of Temples. Kanchipuram is also famous for learning Vedas, Upanishads, Dhanurved, Tatva shastra, Vedanta, Fine arts, and Sculpture. Ghatikasthanam in Kanchipuram is similar to great

ancient Indian Universities like Nalanda and Takshasila. In order to establish a center of learning with holistic approach combining traditional and modern education, His Holiness Pujyasri Jayendra Saraswathi Maharaj started University by the sacred name of Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi (Mahaperiyava) on the occasion of centenary celebrations. Here, Sanskrit, Ayurveda, and modern courses such as Engineering and technology are taught. Thus this institution is serving the Nation in the field of Education since long time. Today the rededication of renovated Peetharohana Golden Jubilee Stupi of Pujyasri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal is done by Sri R.N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamilnadu. A Champakaranya is also inaugurated by the guest. Pujyasri Jayendra Saraswathi Periyava was born in a village near Mannargudi named Irulneeki, where a lot of Champaka (Chenbagam) trees are found. This event is well planned and organized by Prof. SV Raghavan, the Vice Chancellor and other staff members. This gives extreme happiness and I bless all the dignitaries, students and staff members and pray to Lord Chandramouliswara and Goddess Kamakshi for the prosperity”.



70, 70, 70 and 70 – 50 Years of Divine Experience Celebration with HH at Varanasi Camp!

It was early to mid-70's that I was blessed by Their Holiness Sri Maha Perivaa in Thenampakkam and by Sri (Pudu) Perivaa in Varanasi for my bright future in USA and to get involved with Sri Matam activities (which I didn't know at that time)!

HH Sri Maha Perivaa Darshan at Thenambakkam – During my audit of Sri Rama Café (a very famous hotel with Boarding and Lodging in early 70's before many of the new ones that have come recently), I went for Darshan of HH Sri Maha Perivaa in the morning. My auditor Sri C.S. Hariharan's wife was also present there and introduced me to HH. HH while asking Mami about the details of how the Sapthaham of Sri Haridoss Swamigal went in her house that was just ended a few days before that day. During the conversation between HH and Mami, I got answers for my audit queries I have in mind which were not still convincingly replied by Sri Rama Café. Through this conversation, HH made it clear for the query and sort of taught me accounting and auditing to a Bachelor of Science doing CA!

HH Sri Pudu Perivaa Darshan at Sri Kamakoteswari Sametha Sri Kamakoteswarar Temple in Varanasi: Continuing in the 70's during Navarathri time after the Kumbhabhishekam of the temple HH was camping with Sri Chandramouleeswarar Puja. While my parents went to Gaya as part of Pithru Karyams, they left me to stay with Sri Viswanatha Sastrigal of Swamimalai. My younger sister and I will go for puja daily and used to admire how one of the ardent devotees of Sri Matam – Sri Rajamani Mama (who was one of the core team members of HH Varanasi Camp) was called by HH every second to do this and to do that. I used to wonder how lucky Mama was and wished that how nice it would be if we do service to Sri Matam and Perivaas like Rajamani mama. One day, HH connected me to Rajamani mama and asked him to take me to his office and show. I had no idea but thought I was lucky (and later only realized how Blessed and wondered whether it was the Pillayar Suzhi for my US migration after a decade from then) to have a grand tour of Rajamani mama's office which is US Embassy in Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. Rajamani Mama after giving a very nice tour introduced me to Sri Srinivasan who is the last son of Swamimalai Sri Viswanatha Sastrigal who was settled in Varanasi. The first two sons of Sastrigal mama were in Vaideekam – Sri Ramasesha Ganapadigal and Sri Krsihnamurthy Ganapadigal. Both sons who were in the vaideekam are no more and Srinivasan Mama moved to USA. Rajamani mama and his wife are no more and their son Sri Krishnakumar (Supreme Court attorney) and daughter Rhama Mami are settled in New Delhi.

When both the above episodes happened in the early to mid-70's I was still doing my CA and I didn't even apply for the Passport during the two Darshans. I got the passport in the late 70's after the emergency was over and my passport application was signed by Sri Kumari Anandan, MP at that time.

We were blessed to go with our family to HH 2023 Chaturmasyam Camp in Varanasi and stayed in Varanasi for three weeks. During our Darshan with other New Jerseyans who accompanied us (Sri Muthuswamy Govindarajan, came to India after 17 years and Smt. Chandra Muthuswamy), we offered Tiruttani Prasadams and shared the Nostalgic Memories of photos from 1998 Chaturmasyam at Secunderabad – 25th Silver Jubilee Year this year in Varnasi 2023. The common factor in both these years was that on both these Chaturmasyams – the Vyasa Puja was done on one day and Chatur Masya Sankalpam was done on another day at a different Kshetra. We conveyed HH that during our stay apart from my 70th Janmadhin we will be blessed to take part in 89th Jayanthi of HH Sri Jayendra Perivaa.

HH arranged for an early morning Darshan with NRI Devotees from many other states and surprised our family by arranging for my 70th Birthday Homams and Abishekams at Sri Kamakoteswarar Temple in Varnasi with Vedic Pundits. We had no idea other than seeking HH Blessings for the 70th Birthday but it was the Divine Sankalpam that with my CA professional career which started during 70's had to Blessed by 70th Perivaa of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam. We were also Blessed to be with our Brahma Vidya Guruji Sri Karthikeyan who came with his family for Darshan of HH and we could take part in the Samasshit Bikshavandanam.

To give Pramanams for this, during our 70th Janmadhin celebrations, the key Sri Matam people Kasi Mani Mama, Chacha Mama, Sri M.K. Raghu and Sri Vijay Mehta all came and Blessed us carrying HH Blessings. Later after the Muhurtam when we went to have HH Darshan, HH requested Sri Gurumurthy to give us HH

Blessed Dhoti and Saree. Sri Gurumurthy is not only presently engaged with Thenampakkam Sivasthanam and he also got HH Blessings in the 70's during emergency and also senior to me in CA.

Along with Sri Karyam Mama and Sri Vasanth Mehta, ordained to attend an international temple convention and exp conference and one of the speakers was Governor Dr. Tamizhisai Soundararajan who is none other than Sri Kumari Ananthan's daughter. Due to security reasons, I could not take a personal photo with her but conveyed my gratitude to her for her Appa's great help in signing my passport application which helped for my migration to USA. Rajamani mama's daughter Rhama mami and son in laws Sri Sundararaman mama and Sri Rama's Café owner Sri Gopalakrishnan's daughter Bharathi also visited Varanasi camp during our stay to vouchsafe how 70's played a big role in my life to get and stay connected with Sri Kanchi Matam for about 50 years and going strong!

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Sri Vijay Mehta of Sri Matam and Sri Barath Ramachandran of Kanchi NRI Newsletter and his Editorial Team for making me to share my humble experiences with Their Holiness thru Kanchi NRI Newsletter during the last one year from 2022 Chaturmasyam at Kakinada to 2023 Chaturmasyam at Varanasi and request them to give the opportunity for other devotees to share their experiences on rotation every year thru Kanchi NRI Newsletter! So Long everybody! Thank you!



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 was celebrated where multiple families participated. Several Sahasranamam and Veda matras were chanted with active participation from next generation as well.



Dubai: Thiruppugazh was chanted on Maha Periyava's Jayanthi



Dubai: Akanda Rama Nama japam was carried out on 23-Sep-2023 for 24 hours. A large number of devotees participated and chanted Rama Nama.



Nairobi – Grand celebrations on Anusham day. Large number of devotees participated on the day.



Singapore – Eka Dina Koti Lalitha Sahasrahnama Parayanam was carried out on 12-Sep-2023 in the presence of Maha Periyava's Archa Moorthy.



Annual Nava Chandi Maha Yagam at Sri Balasubramaniam temple on 20th August.



Anusham poojai celebrations at Suresh's residence on 24th August.



Mahanyasa Purasthara Ekadasa Rudra Parayanam hommam, Abhishekam to Swamy Viswanatha and Sri Sri Maha Periyava Archa Moorthy and Paduka was carried out on 27th August at Sri Balasubramaniam temple

Minneapolis: MN Mahaperiyava Satsang organized a Nama sankeerthanam program by New Jersey Shri Swaminatha Bhagavathar & Group. The program started with our Gurukulam students chanting Ganesha Pancharatnam & Guru Paduka Stotram. Namasankeerthanam bhajans went for almost 3 hours full of Guru nama. All audiences young and old joined Bhagavathas in singing along with them. There are about 8 Bhagavathas including the instrumentalist who carried us all to be Guru Smarani for the whole time. Our Anantha Koti namaskarams to the Lotus feet of our Guru



Portland (KKSF): Pujiyashri Jayendra Periyava's 89th Jayanthi Mahotsavam - With HH Periyavas grace, Pujiyashri Jayendra Periyava's 89th Jayanthi Mahotsavam in Portland was celebrated at Smt. Hema Lakshman's home. Devotees recited Vishnu Sahasranamam, Guru Stotrams, Swasti vachanam, followed by Rudraabhishekam to HH Periyava Padhukas. Hosts and kids also did Archana to HH Mahaperiyava, HH Jayendra Periyava, Nidhana Pataye for HH Periyava. Devotees also recited Thotakaashtakam, Maitreem bhajata after the Shodasha Upachara pooja. Kids enthusiastically offered their sangeetha / shloka samarpanam to Periyavas. Srimatam prasadams were distributed to all devotees after the Pooja.



Anusham Celenrations - With HH Periyavas grace, Aadi Anusham Pooja in Portland was celebrated at Smt. Supriya Bhaskar's home. Devotees recited Vishnu Sahasranamam, Guru Stotrams, Swasti vachanam, hosts did Archana to HH Mahaperiyava, HH Jayendra Periyava, Nidhana Pataye for HH Periyava. Devotees also recited Thotakaashtakam, Maitreem bhajata after the Shodasha Upachara pooja. Kids also enthusiastically recited shlokams. Srimatam prasadams were distributed after Pooja.





With HH Periyavas grace, Avani Anusham Pooja in Portland was celebrated at Smt. Shobana Sriram's home. Devotees recited Vishnu Sahasranamam, Guru Stotrams, Swasti vachanam, followed by ganapathi pooja and Rudraabhishekam to HH Periyava Padhukas. Kids and adults enthusiastically offered their sangeetha / shloka samarpanam to Periyavas. Devotees also recited Thotakaashtakam, Maitreem bhajata after the Shodasha Upachara pooja. Srimatam prasadams were distributed to all after Pooja.



With HH Periyavas grace, Purattasi Anusham Pooja in Portland was celebrated at Smt. Vidya Ragav's home. Devotees recited Guru Stotrams, Swasti vachanam, followed by ganapathi pooja and Rudraabhishekam to HH Periyava Padhukas. Kids and adults enthusiastically offered their sangeetha / shloka samarpanam to Periyavas. Hosts and kids also did Archana to HH Mahaperiyava, HH Jayendra Periyava, Nidhana Pataye for HH Periyava. Devotees also recited Thotakaashtakam, Maitreem bhajata after the Shodasha Upachara pooja. Srimatam prasadams were distributed to all after Pooja.

KKSF Next Gen "**Hatha Yoga for Enduring Wellness**" class began on September 16th, 2023, with Shri. Amit Upadhye as the instructor and Shri. Sankar Mahalingam and Shri. Ravi Vadlamani Mahodaya as the coordinators. **KKSF Next Gen Mahabharatam** is an ongoing class that was initiated in 2022 and likely to be concluded by the end of 2023 with Smt. Aarathi Jaiganesh and Shri. Shyam Panchaapakesan as the instructors and Smt. Ramya as the coordinator.

Upcoming sessions include **Dharmix Living**, **Bhakti Club** and **Anti Hindu Hate: Drivers and Solutions**.

Houston (KKSF): Sri Sri Chandrashekarendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal Jayanthi

With Pujashri Acharya's anugraham, KKSF Houston devotees celebrated Sri Sri Chandrashekarendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal Jayanthi Utsavam at Meenakshi Temple. The event started with the recitation of Swasthi Vachanam, followed by Ganapathy Pooja and abhisekam to Lord Shiva, Adi Shankara, and Maha Periyava with the recitation of Sri Rudram, Chamakam, Shuktams and Periyava Asthothram. Sri Balaji, Meenakshi temple priest with utmost devotion conducted the pooja.

Devotees offered Sangeetha Samarpanan to acharya followed by Totakashtakam and Maitreem Bhajata. KKSF Houston volunteers provided details of the SDSG Podili project to devotees. In the end, Srimatam prasadam was distributed to all devotees.



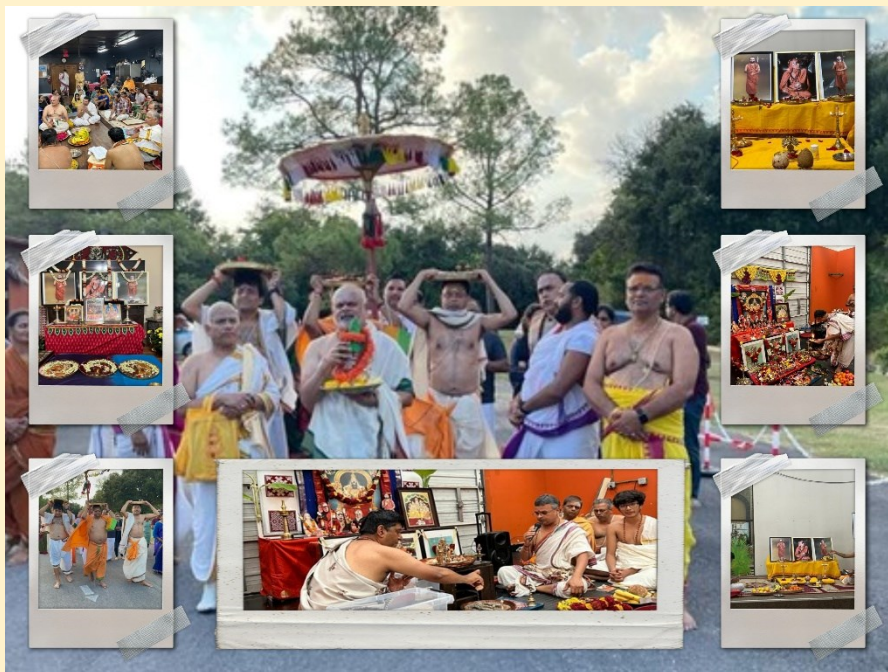
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SDSV Katy Hindu Temple. The event started with the recitation of Swasthi Vachanam, followed by Ganapathy Pooja and abhisekam to Shiva with the recitation of Sri Rudram, Chamakam, Shuktams and Periyava Asthothram. Sri Bharathwaj, Katy Hindu temple priest with utmost devotion conducted the poojas.

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KKSF Houston Padhuka Yatra- Kanchi Kamakoti Seva Foundation (KKSF) USA group which represents Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt organized a Padhuka Yatra for all 3 Kanchi Acharya Padhukas during Labor Day weekend (Sept 2nd to 4th). The Padhukas were brought to Houston by KKSF volunteers from Phoenix and California.



Planning for the Padhuka Yatra started almost 3 months prior to the event and several devotees from Sugarland, Richmond, Katy, Cypress, and Pearland hosted at their houses. Close to 60 minutes were spent at each devotee's house and the pooja was performed by KKSF volunteers as prescribed and directed by Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt. The pooja started with Ganapthy Ashtotharam followed by Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal, and Sri Vijayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal Ashotharams. The pooja

concluded with Kanchi Mutt Swasthi Vachanam and the distribution of prasadam to all devotees.

A community event for all devotees (Samashti Pooja) to have darshan and blessings of Padhukas was organized at Shirdi Sai Jalaram Mandir on September 2nd evening, SDSV Katy Hindu Temple on September 3rd evening, and SKKPPM on September 4th afternoon. A total of around 500 devotees had darshan and blessings of Acharya.

Tampa (KKSF) - With the Blessings and Anugrahams of Guru Parampara, KKSF Tampa Chapter celebrated Shri MahaPeriyava Jayanthi Mahotsavam on June 04th at Smt. Anuradha and Sri. Balakrishnan Narasimhan's Residence. Guru Pooja started with Guru Prarthana, Swasti, Ganapathy Pooja, Kalasa Sthapana, Punyakavachanam, Mahanyasa Parayana, Ekavara Rudrabhishekam for Shivan and Periyava. Followed by Avahanti homam, Navagraha Homam and Mruthyunja Homam. Pooja continued with Ashtothram for Shivan, Adi Shankara, Periyava, Pudhu Periyava, Followed by Thotakashtakam and concluded with Naivedhyam, Maha Aarthi and distribution of Mahaprasadam.





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Program continued with lots of ragas, Followed by Thotakashtakam and concluded with Naivedhyam , Maha Aarthi and distribution of Mahaprasadam.

With the Blessings and Anugrahams of Guru Parampara, KKSF Tampa Chapter celebrated January Month's Anusham Pooja on February 11th at Smt. Vidya and Sri. Baskar'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 Lalitha Sahasranama Parayanam. Followed by Thotakashtakam and concluded with Naivedhyam , Maha Aarthi and distribution of Mahaprasadam.



KKSF Tampa – Satsangam Ritwikas Priest Support- Aug 2023

By Guru krupa, Ritwiks from KKSF Tampa Satsang group has been taking part in multiple events to support Priests and the temples in Tampa community. As part of Vinayagar Chathurthi celebration, 11 Ritwiks performed Sahasra Modhaka Homam at Sri Ayyapa Society of Tampa Temple on 24th September, 2023. Sahasra modaka were offered in addition to ven kadugu and dravyas followed by Poornahuthi.

KKSF Tampa – Yajur Upakarma & Gayathri Homam- Aug 2023

With the Blessings and Anugrahams of Guru Parampara, KKSF Tampa Chapter celebrated Yajur Upakarma on August 30th @ Smt. Ramya and Sri. Manoj's Residence.

Pooja Started at 7 AM under Shri. Gurudutt , Head Priest in Hindu Temple of Florida. Yagnopaveetha dharanam was performed for about 20 members among which 2 out of 7 Brahmachari celebrated their Thala Avani Avittam followed by Samithadhanam.

By Guru Krupa, despite the hurricane Idalia's warning Yajur upakarma was successfully celebrated with all the astikas.



With HH Periyavas grace, KKSF Tampa Satsang has celebrated Gayathri Japam on August 31st, 2023. Pooja started at 8;00 am under Shri. Gurudutt , Head priest in Hindu Temple of Florida. There were 30 members about 10 of whom brahmacharis participated in Gayathri Homam. This is the 7 th year KKSF Tampa Satsangam performing Gayathri homam. All the homa and pooja arrangements were made by KKSF satsang group members.

Charlotte, NC Sri Kamakoti Bhakti kendra, USA (SKBK- USA) - Acharya's Anugraha Bhashanam on the occasion of the website launch of Sri Kamakoti Bhakti kendra, USA (SKBK- USA) and upon the completion of learning Mookapanchasati through Smt Dhanalakshmi and explanation of the same through revered Sri P R Kannan.

On the same occasion Sri Acharya also released the Telugu alphabets practice copy books for students of SKBK- Children Culture Class. Extract of the Anugraha Bhashanam below.

The Gurukula system back in the olden days was mainly focussed in imparting learning to the students as well as the society , the meaning, excellence and essence of Dharma. Kacheris, Nama Sankeertanams, pravachanams were organised in villages with the aim of bringing the awareness of our Sanatana Dharma, the knowledge that ever exists.

Some people adopted Uncchavritti as a means to propagate and promote various musical compositions which themselves have a deeper expression of our Dharma. Musicians go around the streets rendering Tyagaraja kritis while also collecting alms from the people which is called as Bhikshaatana purvaka Sangeeta utsavam.

Sri Mulasthaneshwara swamy temple is a very old Shiva temple located in the city of Nellore. Generally moolasthanam means the Garbhalayam (sanctum sanctorum) of any temple. As the name implies, we all have to

emphasize and focus on this moolasthanam by protecting, preserving and propagating our moola mantram, moola dharmam. Dharma moolam (knowing our roots).

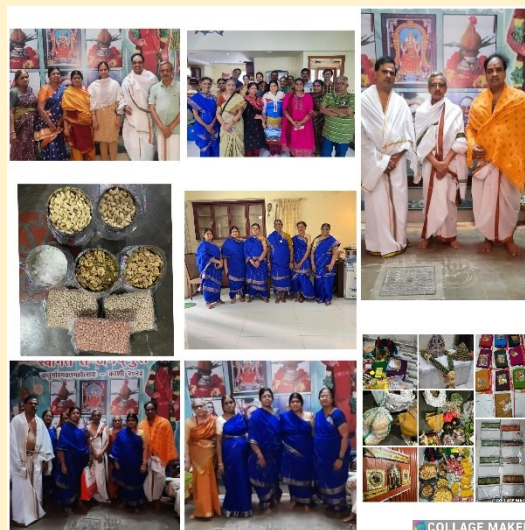
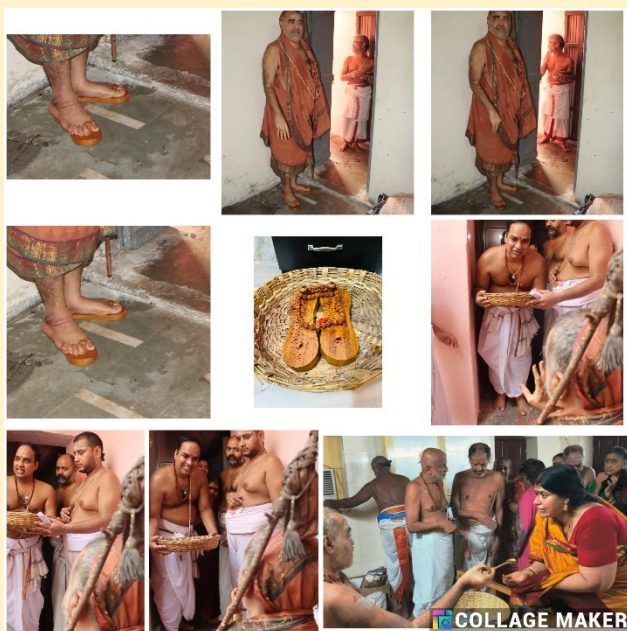


The moolasthanam for our dharma are our Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas, Vighraha Aradhana, Nitya Karmanushtanam etc. Tilakadhaarana by every Hindu with either kumkum, chandan or Tiruman, Lighting the lamp in front of the God, Satsangaas, Bhagavan nama sankeertanam / chanting the name of ishtadaivam which have great value and potential to guide us towards dharmic way of living, have to be practiced.. SAA GHANTA PAATUNO BHITEHE BHADRAKALI NAMOSTUTE as in Durgasaptasati, emphasizing ghantaanaadam (ringing the bell), Trisulam and Shankam and practices like drawing kolam in front of the home entrance after sweeping and sprinkling with Gomayam have said to be driving away the asuri shakti (evil spirits) and inviting the

Daivi shakti (Divine energy) into our homes also have to be practiced by all.

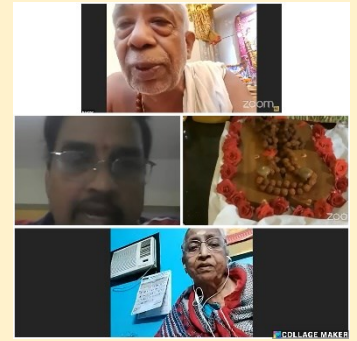
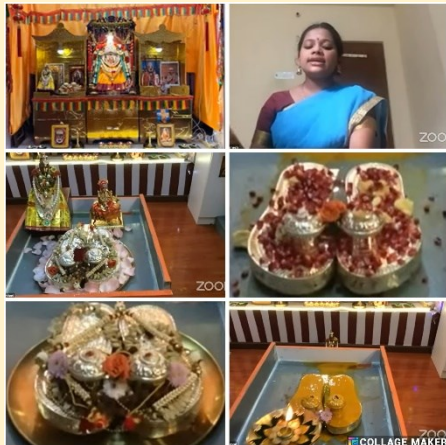
Sanatana dharma and nurturing and protecting ecology go hand in hand. We believe nature is holy and to be respected and hence we worship holy rivers and holy trees like Ashwatta, Audumbara, Bilva etc. While Natural resources can be utilised by humans, we believe in conserving them and not exploiting them. Protecting the environment is an important expression of our dharma. चराचर जगन्नाथा, चक्रराज निकेतना Our dharma is the one that has seen the divinity not only in all human beings but also in the entire creation that consists of both movable and immovable beings.

China: ATM Group was blessed to perform its Samashti Bikshavandhanam at Varanasi on 29-07-2023



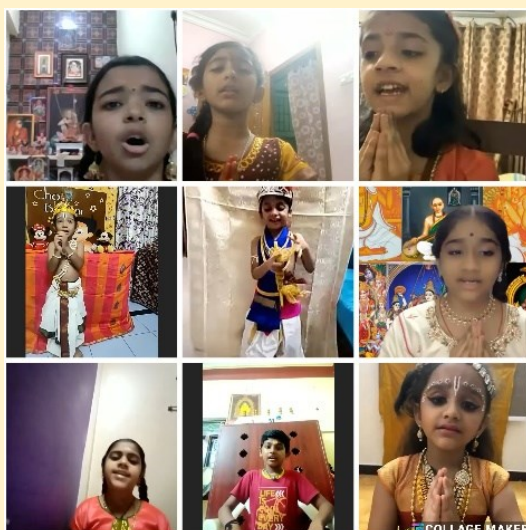
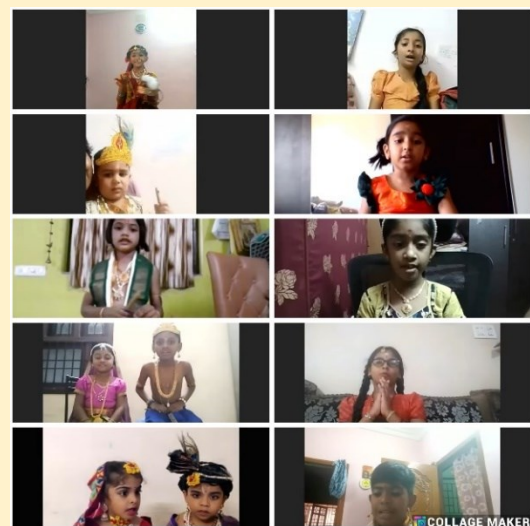
At Varanasi camp, Sri Sri Bala Periyava blessed his paadhukai to ATM Srinivasan and ATM Vijayalakshmi.

Pudu Periyava Jeyanthi was celebrated on 3-8-2023 with pravachanam by Shri Kannan mama



ATM celebrated Vinayaka Chaturthi and performed paadhuka abhishekam on 18-09-2023. Pravachanam by Kum Shakambari was done and the program ended with Harathi to Arul tharum Mahaperiyava.

Participation of children during Krishna Jayanthi & Vinayaka Chaturthi celebrations - Kids participated in Krishna Jeyanthi and Vinayakar Chaturthi celebrations in large numbers and hence their performances were staged in zoom meet in Saturday Satsangs in addition to regular programs of Satsang.



ATM has started classes for Mooka Panchasathi on 16-06-2023. Smt Mohana Krishnan teaches for more than 100 ATM members.



ATM Kalyana Vaibogam – Varan Introduction Program (VIP) - ATM Kalayana Vaibogam is the initiative by ATM Group to publish ATM Group members varan profile in Charts and help to seek alliance. We have 4200 plus varans in our Chart and till today 143 marriages got fixed. Further ATM Kalyana Vaibogam has created a platform for alliance introduction through Zoom on every Sunday, named “ATM Kalyana Vaibogam Varan Introduction Program (VIP)”, inauguration was done on 17-09-2023 with the presence of Shri.Hindu Ganesan mama, Smt.Rajam maami and Shri. Chandramouli mama.



Monthly we will be introducing 20 Varans to create more visibility and enhance reach. Brahmins looking for alliance may join our group using the link:

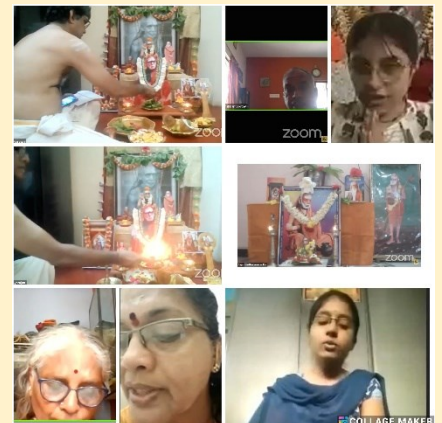
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/K8ea2GVMuvWFuPRBSJAW6M>

Weekly Episode of Mahaperiyava Mahimai by ATM Srinivasan is being telecasted in ATM Youtube, with Mahaperiyava blessings, so far 29 episodes are being telecasted on Sundays for our Group Devotees and to the common public. Mahaperiyava Mahimai Episode link provided

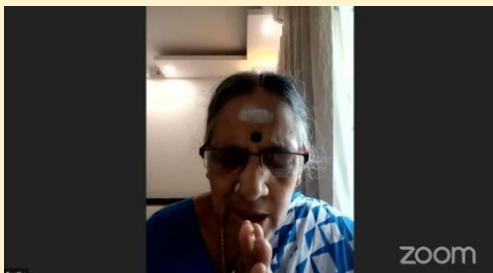
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2xMdg6uFomr-I165c8eVc4sibb-Vw8qV>



Monthly Poojai at Global group - ATM Monthly Adhi sankara poojai was held at Kasi on 22/07/2023 and at Shri ATM Srinivasan's home on 19/09/2023 with Sankara Bagawathpadal Ashtothram, Rudram by Shri Krishnamoorthi, songs by ATM Devotees and Veda Parayanam by Sri Bhoopala Vishnuvardhan Ganapadigal and vidyarthees of Sri Vedanarayana Vedapatasalai



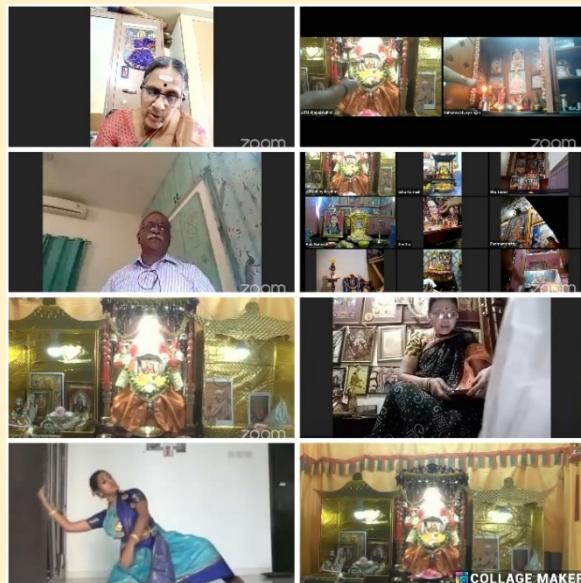
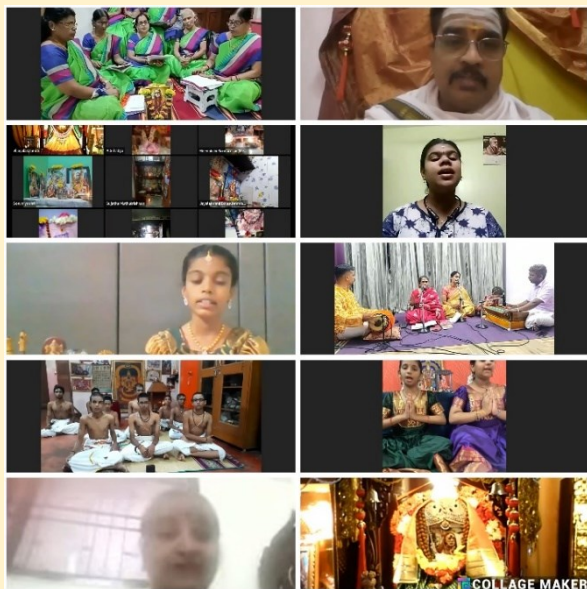
ATM Monthly Anusha Poojai was held on 24/08/2023 at Smt Hemamalini's home and on 21/09/2023 at Shri Krishnamoorthi's home . Rudram by Shri Krishmoorthi and songs by ATM members were performed on pooja days.



Adult sloka class has almost completed 24 sessions with blessings of Sri Maha Periyava, being conducted by Smt.Geetha Maami

Saturday Satsangam - With blessings of Sri Maha Periyava almost 182 Sath Sangams completed virtually with the participation of ATM Devotees across 10 countries. ATM Sath Sangam usually on Saturday evening at 5 pm, begins with Deivathin Kural by Smt. Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan followed by Enipadigalil Mandargal by a group member on rotation.

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 has Mahaperiyava Ashtothra Archanai, Mahaperiyava Panchakam and Thotakashtakam by ATM Members. If you want to participate in ATM Sath Sangam or participate in ATM Guru Poojai or ATM Group Ashtothram or ATM Samasti Bikshavandanam, you may send Whatsapp Message to Group Founder Smt.Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan at +8613472673759.





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