

## NRI Newsletter



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Message from Acharya Swamigal to NRI's devotees

**Shruti Smriti Puranānām Ālayam Karunālayam**

**Namaami Bhagavadpāda Shankaram Loka Shankaram**

**Sadāshiva Samārambhām Shankarāchārya Madhyamām**

**Asmad Ācharya Paryantam Vande Guruparamparām**

**" maaramanamumaaramanam phanadharatalpam phanaadharaakalpam .  
muramathanam puramathanam vande baanaarimasamabaanaarim .**

**मारमणमुमारमणं फणधरतल्पं फणाधराकल्पम् ।**

**मुरमथनं पुरमथनं वन्दे बाणारिमसमबाणारिम् ॥**

**(by Sri Appayya Dikshitar)**

In Chidambaram, along with Nararaja's darshan, with Govindaraja swamy, there is darshan of both the Rajas at the same time. In all the villages, Keeping "**Shivasya hrudayam vishnu: vishnuscha Hrudayam Shiva:**", in mind, Perumal temple is situated in the West and Ishvaran temple in the East, - this is the (design of) village formation - this is how these temples are constructed in the villages. In the mornings & evenings, (the practice is to) go to the Perumal & Shivan temples, have darshan, take some flowers or oil, on special days, take coconuts & fruits, perform archanas on Janma Nakshatra and conduct mandagapadi (special poojas) every year - this is how the temples are maintained. Vishnu Sahasranamam chanting in Perumal temples, chanting "**naagendrahaaraaya trilochanaaya**" in Shivan temples, performing Rudrabhishekam, Nandi abhishekam on Pradosham days - are the practices in villages, when children are born, they are named after the Kula Deivam, or after the Swamy or the Ambal of that town, (with these practices) bhakti & karmanushatanas continue to be preserved in our parampara.

The proverb "Cross the Ocean to seek wealth" was said to a different group of people, these days for various reasons, (people are going abroad) not only to get wealth, but also to get education, that is the present situation - not just the situation, it's also the prevailing attitude. With this situation of people living in different places... There are many beautiful Tamizh stotras, Essence of the Vedas is presented in Tamizh. Through 'Panniru Thirumurai', & 'Prabandham', the essence of the Vedas is presented in a simple and easy to understand format for ordinary people. Nayanmars & Azhwars have conveyed the bhakti rasa in songs set to melodious tunes, Songs to be sung in different ragas, These are referred to as " Pann" - songs set to different ragas. The Tamizh community has provided us with this. Coming to Thiruppavai & Thiruvempavai, it is not known whether they were this popular 50 years ago, to popularise them, Periyava took a lot of special efforts, held competitions, held conferences, in places like Kumbakonam, Thiruvidaimarudhur, & Mayavaram, keeping the manuscript on Elephants, conferences known as "Thiruppavai Thiruvempavai Aaranga Maanadu" were held. Periyava popularised them, and encouraged the practice of writing Rama Nama, & "Thiruppavai & Thiruvempaavai" chanting, as they are very important for us to grow up with bhakti - many were encouraged to write " Rama Nama". Many have written Rama Nama and have brought the notebooks.

To commemorate Rama Janma Bhoomi- Ayodhya, preparations are underway to perform Rama Shadakshari homam, on the 1st of the month, at Sri Matam. Bhaktas who want to contribute towards the temple construction, can give their contribution on that day. Preparations are underway to conduct Bhajans & Upanyasams on that day. We have advised them to bring the Rama Nama notebooks on that day. This practice of " Rama Nama Lekhanam" (Rama Nama writing), & Ramayana Lekhanam (Ramayanam writing) is mentioned in Ramayanam. " tessaam vasastrivishta...ye likhantheeha cha narah " "Whoever writes Ramayana with bhakti will get to stay in Svargam"- says the phalashruti, Such special significance is given to " The Lekhana yagya" .

Periyava popularised Thiruppavai & Thiruvempavai and established that ("Trippavai & Trivempavai) can be traced to Thailand, this was discovered and promoted. And, people from Thailand participated as well. (Their) Raja Guru belongs to Vashista Gotra, remembering the Gotras, we should try to ensure that the Gotra lineage continues. They came from Thailand mentioning that they belong to Vashista Gotra. They live in their palace, about 10 -15 of them, they all look like our Vaideekas, Shastriya Vaideekas, They said there are manuscripts with about 200 pages. We want to look at them too, discussions are going on regarding that.

Thus Thiruppavai & Thiruvempavai have spread to many nations and have been instrumental in intensifying bhakti. Teaching Thiruppavai & Thiruvempavai to people living in different places with shraddha and making each one chant Thiruppavai & Thiruvempavai individually in order to promote Shiva Keshava bhakti is a great initiative. In the same way, different stotras should be taught every year, those who have learned Thiruppavai & Thiruvempavai should be taught different stotras, Those who have not learned Thiruppavai & Thiruvempavai, should be taught Thiruppavai & Thiruvempavai - this is the gateway, conducting Bhakti pracharam (propaganda) this way will get us Deiva Anugraham as well as Periyava's Anugraham- Periyava who started & stressed the importance of this type of Bhakti Pracharam.

So this initiative should continue to flourish and benefit all Indians who live abroad and all those who live in India following a foreign lifestyle, encouraging everyone's interest to adopt our cultural practices, so every day will be a great day- " Maargazhi thingal madhi niraindha nan - naalaal". To ensure that every day will be a great day for all, this bhakti initiative should be pursued with vigor.

**Thennadudaya sivane potri ennataavarkum iraiva potri**



**Hara Hara Sankara Jaya Jaya Sankara**



**Editorial:** **Kamakoti.tv** – a web TV - was launched on the auspicious Guru Poornima - Vyasa Puja –day – 24 July 2021 with the benign blessings of HH Jagadguru Pujiyashri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal with the objective of reaching programmes and events from Shrimatam to devotees across the world. It is well known that His Holiness advocates the use of Technology, especially Information Technology, for furthering the cause of Dharma, and this is one such initiative.

The web channel aims to provide an advertisement-free viewing experience to devotees. Content will be broadcast in both live and deferred mode and will include

- Important visesha pujas and events from Shrimatam like Vyasa Puja
- Jayanti mahotsavams of Jagadgurus
- Aradhanas of HH Pujiyashri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Mahaswamigal and HH Pujiyashri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal
- Nitya Veda Parayanam from Shrimatam
- Brahmotsavams
- Visits of Acharyal Swamigal
- Archival videos from Shrimatam
- Discourses of Acharyal Swamigal
- Other spiritual and cultural programmes



**KAMAKOTI TV**



The web tv can be accessed at [www.kamakoti.tv](http://www.kamakoti.tv) or at



## Brahmavidya Study Group – an overview

About 20 years ago, our Acharya Swamigal blessed and initiated a Sathsangh group, named it **BrahmaVidya** and initiated Sri Karthikeyan to teach our Shastras and Tenets of our Sanathana Dharma to the public at large. Since inception in the early 2000's, Sri Karthikeyan (resident teacher of the Brahmavidya Study Group) has been conducting systematic teaching of our Shastras in 3 languages (English, Tamil and Kannada) to all interested people during weekend classes in a physical setting covering following subjects:

- Sandhyavandhanam (Practical sessions and associated chanting of Mantras with meanings)
- Sri Adhishankara's stotras (Chanting and Meaning sessions)
- Srimad Bhagavad Gita (Chanting and Detailed Meaning sessions)

Since early 2020, these sessions have been moved online, and the classes are being conducted over ZOOM platform. Following programs were successfully delivered ONLINE:

- Multiple sessions on **Sanathana Dharma** and significance / meanings of **Mantras** used in our daily activities
- **Shankara Jayanti** Celebrations 2020
- **Sandhyavandanam**: practical as well as detailed word by word MEANING sessions for all Mantras
- **Shankara Jayanti** Celebrations 2021 & Launch of **Shaankara Samvatsara Vaibhavam Program**. The Brahmavidya Shankara Jayanthi event held on Sunday, 16-May-21 had a LIVE attendance of over 550 people, and the feedback was that, all of them thoroughly enjoyed it and felt greatly blessed. Acharya Swamigal blessed the event with a highly Scholastic Anugraha Bhashanam. For those who missed to attend the program LIVE, we are pleased to make the recording of this event available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avZbJsKktxY>

### Present class schedule (meaning sessions)

**Sat & Sun: Morning 8 to 9AM IST: Srimad Bhagavad Gita**, (presently in the 8th Chapter)

**Sat: Evening 7.30 to 8.30PM IST: Srimad Bhagavad Gita**, (presently at the end of 1st Chapter)

**Sun: Evening 4PM to 5PM IST: Taittiriya Upanishad**, (presently in Sheekshavalli: 6 Anuvaka)

Knowledge Imparter: **Sri Karthikeyan** (Vedanta & Bhagavad Gita Teacher)

Medium Of Instruction: **English** (Sanskrit Slokhas / Mantras chanting with Detailed Explanations in English)

**Open to all** Ladies (Streets) and Gentlemen (Purushas)

To register for the above classes, please click <https://forms.gle/URcRYfvViUbe8S4F6>

### Ongoing Year Long Shaankara Samvatsara Vaibhavam Program

This is an year long (Samvatsara) program [from Shankara Jayanti 2021 to Shankara Jayanti 2022], where-in, the Glory (Vaibhavam) of Sri Adi Shankaracharya's compositions will be chanted by different participants at the end of all the 4 classes mentioned above. It will be streamed LIVE as part of the Brahmavidya classes.

There is no age bar and all are welcome to register here to participate: <https://forms.gle/PqzLm4Y3rRqqjeqD6>

**About the Resident Teacher - Sri Karthikeyan**, Resident Teacher of BrahmaVidya Sathsangh, represents a unique blend of the 'Traditional'

and the 'Contemporary'. A resident of Bangalore and an Engineer by qualification, he has had the good fortune of having undergone traditional training of the Vedas and Vedanta sitting at the feet of great masters, gurus and pundits from an early age. Having got the blessings from HH Sri Periyava, he has been teaching our Shastras, Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Vedanta since early 2000's to the public at large.

His unique contribution is in presenting 'The Timeless Wisdom for Eternal Happiness' in contemporary form, which could be easily understood and adapted by people in their daily lives. Set up as an interactive forum, the sessions he conducts would welcome questions and points of views from one and all, while applying modern discussion and facilitation methods.

Click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tccZG11Zszs> for an overview video on this subject.

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This issue covers the Holy Camp from 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 by HIS HOLINESS PUJYASRI SANKARA VIJAYENDRA SARASWATI SANKARAACHARYA SWAMIGAL:

Period	Camp Location
30-May-2021 till 22-July-2021	Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Kanchipuram
22-July-2021 till date	Manimandapam, Orikkai, Kanchipuram

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

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

Kanikkai samarpanam can be performed through e-seva portal [www.kanchimuttseva.org](http://www.kanchimuttseva.org).



### Sanyasa Sweekara Dina Utsavam (28-29 May 2021)

Starting yesterday Homams were performed at Srimatam to commemorate the Sanyasa Sweekara Dinam of Acharya Swamigal. Purnahutis were held in the divine presence of Acharya Swamigal. Later, the Kalasha Teerthams were sprinkled at the Brundavanam of Kanchi Acharyas and then Abhishekam performed to Acharya Swamigal





## **Gruhapravesham & Re-opening of Renovated Maha Paduka Mandapam & Kanchi Matham Hospital New Building at Tirupati (4-Jun-2021)**

With benign blessings of Pujiyashri Shankaracharya Swamigal, gruhapravesam of renovated Sankara Matam building and the new building of Sri Kanchi Matam Medical Centre near Alipiri at Tirupati was performed on 4 June, 2021. MLA Sri B Karunakar Reddy, TTD Additional EO Sri Dharma Reddy, Municipal Commissioner Sri Girisha IAS and other dignitaries participated.

The Sankara Matam building has been renovated to make it more spacious for the performance of Pujas, and to provide better facilities for devotees.

The Hospital popularly known as Kanchi Matam hospital which treats patients was functioning at the Matam building. Now, a new building has been constructed opposite the Sankara Matam and the hospital will function from there from 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 continuing to provide free healthcare facilities, with the support of contributions from philanthropists.



Acharya Swamigal's interest in the diverse cultural & religious traditions of our country and the keenness to spread its inherent message of harmony & unity especially among youth is well known.

Kashmir the crown of Bharat is also crown to Indian Culture. The Kashmiri traditions are unique. There are some similarities too with the South Indian traditions.

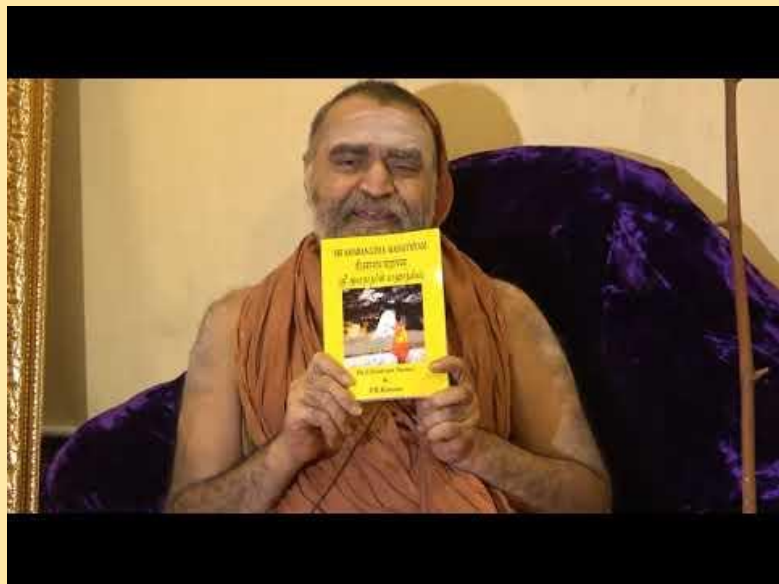
Since more than a decade Acharya Swamigal has been blessing various programmes about Kashmir traditions & culture to bring awareness among a greater population in India & around. In one such effort Acharya Swamigal

blessed the translation of Amarnatha Mahatmya in English, Tamil & Telugu. Hindi translations are already available. Essence of Amarnath Yatra was also published.

Focus Kashmir: <https://www.kamakoti.org/kamakoti/details/focus%20kashmir.html>

The Kamakoti.org has collated the efforts of Kanchi Math regarding Kashmir in a special page named Focus Kashmir.

The video contains Acharya Swamigal talking about Amarnatha Mahatmya and the traditional injunctions for the Yatra as illustrated in the book. The speech is in Hindi given during inauguration of special lectures on the Mahatmyam. The Mahatmya is part of Bhringisha Samhita which covers several other Teerthas & Kshetras of Kashmir.



#### **New Saplings for Kizhambi Adhishthanam (08-Jun-2021)**

Pujyashri Shankaracharya Swamigal blessed new saplings of coconut, Mango, Jackfruit & Palm trees to be planted in Kizhambi village on June 5th, synchronising with World environmental day. The whole village once belonged to Kanchi Math and the inscriptions describe the village as endowed with

नारिकेल-आम्र-पनस- ताल-वृन्तादिशोभितम्।

अम्बिकापुरनामानं ग्रामचिन्तामणिं ददौ।।

Echoing the spirit of the inscription Pujya Swamigal blessed the saplings to be planted around the Adhishthanam of Advaitatmaprakashendra Saraswathi Swamigal, 60th Shankaracharya of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Preetam.

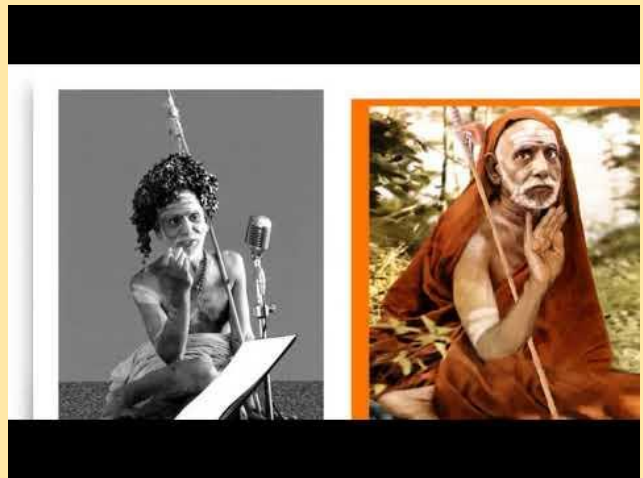




**Acharya Swamigal's Anugraha Bhashanam on Bhagavan Dakshinamurthy** delivered during Mahaswamy Jayanthi 2021 (13-Jun-2021). This video has subtitles in English as an effort to reach the Anugraha Bhashanam to a wider section of devotees



**Message in Sanskrit and Tamil by His Holiness Sankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam during external invasion**



**Shukla panchami - at Sri Adi Shankaracharya Sannadhi at Shrimatam (15-June-2021)**





### **Ganga Puja performed at Sankara Matam, Bengaluru (20-Jun-2021)**

On this auspicious day when Maa Ganga descended on earth to fulfil Bhagiratha's prayers, as per the ajña of Acharya Swamigal, Ganga pooja was done at the Śrī Matham Premises in Malleshwaram, Bengaluru. Devotees chanted Gangashtakam at their homes



### **Acharya Swamigal at Brundavanam of Kanchi Acharyas after Pradosha Puja yesterday (08-July-2021)**



**Sri Guru Pancharatnam on HH Kanchi Mahaswami by Sri K Kailasanatha Gurukkal, Srilanka in 1974.**

<https://www.kamakotikosh.org/stotra/sri-guru-pancharatnam-on-jagadguru-kanchi-mahaswami/>

**Renovation of Sri Tiruketeeswara Swamy Temple at Sri Lanka – Message of blessings – 1976**

<https://www.kamakotikosh.org/articles/renovation-of-sri-tiruketeeswara-swamy-temple-at-sri-lanka-message-of-blessings-1976/>



## Kumbhabhishekam by Acharya Swamigal (16-Jul-2021)

Acharya Swamigal performed the Jeernodharana Kumbhabhishekam of Sri Panchamukha Anjaneyaswamy temple at Chetpettu village, Tiruvannamalai district. The previous Pratishtha & Kumbhabhishekam of the temple was performed by HH Shankaracharya Swamigal in the early 90s.



## Arrival at Orikkai for Chaturmasyam

Acharya Swamigal arrived at Orikkai on 22-July-2021. Chaturmasya Vrata commenced on 24-July-2021 with Vyasa Puja. Acharya Swamigal will observe Chaturmasya Vrata (24-Jul-2021- 20-Sep-2021) at Mahaswami Shatabdi Manimandapam, Orikkai.

The village in outskirts of Kanchipuram (5kms from Kanchi Math) right on the banks of river Palar. Previously, it was in 1988 when Chaturmasya Vrata was observed by Kanchi Acharyas- Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Swamigal, Sri Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal & Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswati Swamigal.

The first Chaturmasya of Sri Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal along with Kanchi Mahaswami in 1954 was in Orikkai village.





## 87th Jayanthi Mahotsavam of His Holiness Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswati Shankaracharya Swamigal

With the divine blessings of Acharya Swamigal Rig Veda Samhita Parayanam & Rig Veda Ghana Parayanam commenced at Srimatam Camp, Sri Kanchi Mahaswami Shatabdi Manimandapam, Orikkai. Special Abhishekams & Pujas are being held in the holy Brundavanam of His Holiness. Ekadasha Rudra Homam & Veda Parayanams are being held at Srimatam.

In the evening Pada Puja & functions are being held at Srimatam Camp in Orikkai. Hon'ble Vice President of India Sri Venkaiah Naidu will virtually join the functions & Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Sri Banwarilal Purohit will attend the celebrations in person. The function was broadcasted live in [Kamakoti.tv](http://Kamakoti.tv)

Nadasamarpanam was offered by Mandolin Sri U Rajesh & Party.



Hon'ble Vice President of India Sri Venkaiah Naidu (Video Conference) & Hon'ble Governor of Tamilnadu Sri Banwarilal Purohit presided over the function in presence of His Holiness

On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021, the 87th Jayanti of HH Sri Jayendra Saraswati Shankaracharya Swamigal – the 69th Pontiff of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, was celebrated in the august presence of the Honourable Vice-President of India – Sri Venkaiah Naidu (in virtual mode) as well as the Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu – Sri Banwarilal Purohit. Two books authored by Sri NP Venkateswara Choudary who has served as an MLA from Chittoor constituency

1) Cambodia – The Land of Hindu Temples and

2) Neti Vietnam, Nati Hindu Samskruti were released during an event in the evening.

The first book On temples of Cambodia in English was released by His Holiness Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal in 2009 at Tirupaty. Speaking on the occasion, Acharya Swamigal mentioned the need to protect and practice culture & traditions of our ancient land for betterment of society. Acharya Swamigal stressed the need



for Desha Bhakti, Daiva Bhakti & Guru Bhakti. Acharya Swamigal recollected the great service & blessings of Acharya Swamigal Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal for country & society.

During his address, the Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu recollected his long association with the Kanchi Mutt and commended the yeoman service being done by the Mutt to serve the society at large and to protect and preserve our culture and heritage. He also announced a grant of Rs. 1 crore from the Governor's discretionary fund for setting up a Cathlab for Sankara Multi Speciality Hospital in Kanchipuram to serving the needy in and around rural areas of Kanchipuram.

Addressing the gathering virtually – the Honourable Vice President of India recalled the extraordinary contribution of HH Sri Jayendra Saraswati Shankaracharya Swamigal in reaching out to the marginalised sections of society. He also mentioned the multiple pada-yatras traversing the length and breadth of the country as well as neighbouring countries like Bangladesh and remarked that Acharya Swamigal exemplified the age old saying 'manava seva, madhava seva'. Speaking about the Book on Temples of Cambodia & Vietnam Hon'ble Vice President spoke about need for Dharma and following culture as a way of life. Hon'ble Vice President shared his experience of visiting the South Asia Countries and exhorted youth to visit these countries and widen their cultural exposure.

The event also saw the distribution of various items such as sewing machines, cooking utensils and so on among the needy from different sections of society. Earlier in the day, special pujas were performed at the Brindavan of the HH Sri Jayendra Saraswati Shankaracharya Swamigal at the Sankara Mutt in Kanchipuram. The Governor first visited Sri Periyava's Brundavanam in Kanchi Math before coming to Orikkai.





## From the Archives

**Acharya Swamigal visited Perambur Shankara Math on 1-Feb-2020 and the blessed devotees.**

Brief of Speech: (4:00 - 17:28)

Perambur Shankar Math is involved in Nitya Kainkaryam of Kanchi Acharyas,

Service at Kanchi Acharyas camp, Implementing objectives & directions of Shankar Math, Conducting Pujas, Parayanams and Surya Namaskaram since 30 years on every Sunday and giving Teertha Prasadam for Arogya, Akshata for Pujas at Math, Pidi Arisi Thittam, (Vaishvadevam is one among the Pancha Yagnya, Pidi Arisi Thittam represents one form of Pancha Yagnya,)

Scholarship, Samshti Upanayanam, Shankara Jayanti, Chaturmasya Bhiskhavandanam, Kainkaryam with Guru Bhakti are hall marks of the Perambur Shankar Math,

training for this is done here, the Guru Parampara Shilpam in the entrance arch is a special feature of this Sankar Math, Veda Dharma must be protected, Vaidya Seva is being done here,

Whatever service possible by way of human effort, donation etc is being done here,

the Math though situated in Perambur (north Chennai), by implementation of Acharyal's Upadesham is closer to Shankar Math ideologically,

the devotees from here have gone to various centres of Shankar Math in India, performed Bhajans, Homas and worked for National Integration,

Even further the Upadesham of Acharyal has to be followed with Shraddha, Vishwasa & Priyam and earn Kainkarya Sri,

the proceeds of the book published here has been sent to Pathashalas situated in Villages, Veda Samrakshanam is very important for Dharma Samrakshanam, while we are devoted to Guru Parampara, we should also ensure that

Bhakti Parampara continues within family and passed on to our next generation, they should be introduced to Acharams & Nitya Karmanushthanams which led to knowing Advaita Tattva, Guru Bhakti & Paramparyam must continue in families.

Hara Hara Namaha Parvati Pataye Hara Hara Mahadev

Jaya Jaya Sankara Hara Hara Sankara

(\*Before Speech Purna Kumbha Swagatam - After Speech Totakashtakam Namaskaram)



**Acharya Swamigal graced Thanthondeeswarar Temple at Orakadam, Ambattur, Chennai on 28-Jan-2020** during Srimatam camp at Ambattur. After Swagatam, special Haratis were performed in all the shrines. Acharya Swamigal then addressed the devotees.

Brief of Speech: (7:12 Mins onwards)

Why do we all gather patiently & peacefully at temples?

In our country, for man to live with good name, peace, unity & cooperation and work with single minded devotion temple plays an important role,

Seeing the Gopuram here, we are reminded of united work, united efforts, united contribution of Bhaktas, Volunteers & those who do service to God, hence Bhakti is the reason for this united, patient & peaceful gathering,

In Tamil language there are many sayings which glorify devotion & Dharma,

In Human birth which is blessed by God, we should yearn to cultivate, Dharma, Bhakti, Worship, helping nature and keep our mind filled with sympathy, compassion, love, mercy and always talk good words,

By Dharmic thinking we can train ourselves to develop our mind with above qualities,

Dharmic thinking comes to us by respecting parents, who are the first Guru for all of us, Divinity should be first realized in Mother & father, then come other teachers,

In our Sanatana Dharma, parents not only nourish us physically but also nourish us with Dharmic thought, Bhakti, respect to elders, hospitality, Sadgunas, Swabhava and make us a Purna Manushya,

To develop our Sadgunas & Sat-Swabhava, Dharmic knowledge & Dharmic action helps, Temples help in knowing Dharma, the Shiva temple here is named as Thanthondreeshwra which means he is Self Manifest (Swayambhu),

The other two types of Temples are Manava Pratishtha, Rishi Pratishtha, In Hinduism, self discipline is important, this helps in developing Atma Shakti, We should reflect self discipline in our thinking, words & actions, this was taught to us by Rishis & Siddhas by their selfless & ascetic life,

Amrutam was got by churning Milk ocean by Gods & Asuras, before getting Amrutam many things appeared like Airavatam, Uchaishravas, Kaustubham (was given to Vishnu Bhagavan), Devi Mahalakshi also surrendered to Maha Vishnu, Then came Kalakuta Visham,

While everyone dreaded & feared the poison, Lord Shiva instantly appeared and swallowed the poison & saved the entire creation, then Amruta came which is elixir of life, Devas became immortal due to Amruta,

Here, consort of Thanthondreeshwara is Amrutavalli Taayar, Bhakti Margam helps in retaining the image of God in our hearts,

In present times, even though we may be residing in cities, our old culture should not be forgotten and must be followed without any inhibition,

Every hindu must cultivate the habit of chanting the name of God "Nama Japam",

Little flowers like Tumba Pushpa, Erukkam grown by us & submitted to God with devotion can be our simple Kanikkai at His feet,

Upanyasas, Shiva Puranam, Vinayakar Agaval, Abhirami Anthadi should be taught to children in temples,

We should know our Hindu calendar and important dates. We should come to temple with traditional dress and Tilakam in our forehead,

The temple should be run with devotion of all the devotees,

We should follow Dharma with unflinching Vishwasam and get Ishvara Anugraham,

Tennadudaya Shivaye Potri Ennatirukkum Iraiva Potri,

Vetrivel Muruganukku Haro Hara

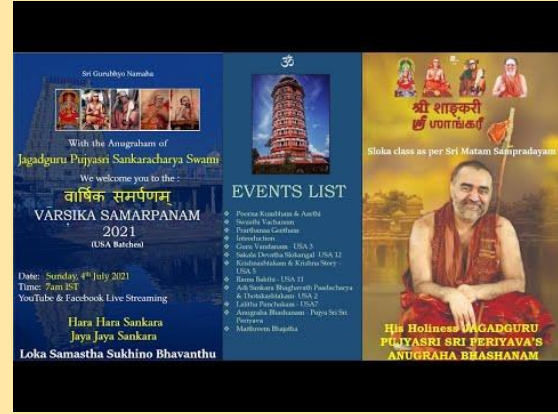
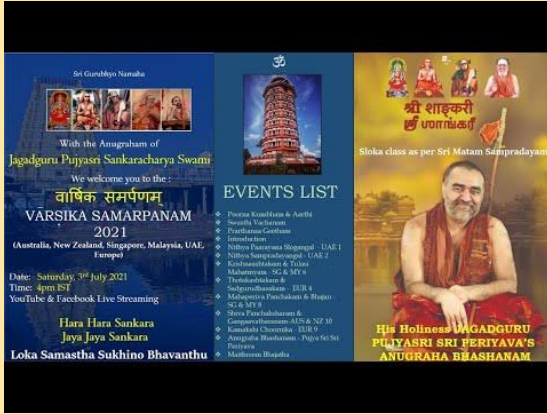
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## From around the world, as shared by devotees

Sri Sāṅkarī Sloka Classes as per Sri Matam Sampradaya had the opportunity of conducting its Vārṣika Samarpanam (Annual Day) in the divine presence of Jagadguru Pujya Sri Shankaracharya Swamigal. On July 3rd and 4th, students from USA, Europe, UAE, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand presented the Slokas learnt in Sri Sāṅkarī classes along with Tulasi Mahatmyam, Gangaavatharanam, Nitya Sampradayangal, and Adi Sāṅkara's life story. The YouTube link for the same is attached below-



**North Carolina, KKSF** - With the Blessings & Adesam of Acharya Swamigal, we performed Soundarya Lahari YANTRA Pooja along with Abhishekam to Sri Lalitha Parameswari & Meru followed by Kunkumarchana on the 18th of July 2021 at Clemons, NC USA.

Program was concluded with a rendition of Shivanandalahari and prasadam distribution on occasion of Sri Vaarahi Navaratri & Aashada Anuradha.



**Tampa, KKSF** - With HH Periyavas blessings and Anugrahams KKSF Tampa devotees celebrated Vyasa Pooja/Gurupoornima, Aadi maasa anusham and Pudu Periyava Jayanthi on July 24th @ Smt Anu and Balakrishnan's Residence.

Along with the hosts, Ritweeks and families started Guru Pooja at 4PM with Vishnu Sahasranamam parayanam, Swasti, Ganapathy Dhyanam, Punyakavachanam, Varuna Avahanam, Purusha Sukta Vidhanam,



Rudrabhishekam for Shivan and Periyava, Pancha Suktam, Seekshavalli, Ashtotram for Shivan, Vyaasa, Adhi Shankara , Maha Periyava and Pudhu Periyava. Sthris Chanted Lalitha Sahasranamam. Kids offered their samarpanam by chanting Adithya Hrudayam, Bhagavad Gita Chapter 10. This was followed by Thotakaashtakam, Naivedhyam and Maha Aarathi .



### Connecticut, KKSF

2021 Maha Anusham was celebrated in the middle of COVID very well in CT due to Periyava's anugraham. HH gracefully advised us to learn Dakshinamurthy Ashtakam and Patanjali Kruta Nataraja Stotram. Every planned event from Avahanthi Homam to Abhishekam, Upanishad Parayanam took place in the morning and that evening Indrakshi Siva kavacham parayanam, Lalitha Sahasranama Parayanam along with Dakshinamurthy Sahasranamavali was performed.





Dakshinamurthy ashtakam 1008 times in the presence of holy Padhukas of Periyava's. This was followed by recitation of the Patanjali Kruta Nataraja Stotram in front of a small procession of Nataraja that was held to the tune of song. Also local bharatanatyam dancers composed a dance for the few verses of Patanjali Kruta Nataraja stotram and performed on this occasion. The day was capped by a live darshan of HH Shri Vijayendra Saraswathy Periyava teaching us the meaning of Sri Dakshinamurthy; using Dakshinamurthy stotram,





**Abu Dhabi:** This covers Anusham, Avittam, Uthiradam in the last period 2021.



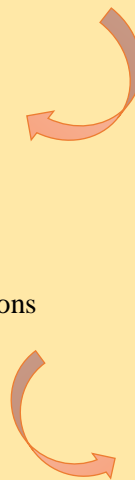
**Dubai - Pradosham, Narayaneeyum chanting on Nrisimha Jayanthi - May 2021**



Pradosham, Anusham and Satyanarayana pooja for Logakshemmam in Dubai (photos shared by various devotees from Dubai)



**Sydney – Narayaneem parayanam and Anusham celebrations**





**New Jersey, KKSF - With HH Blessings KKSF NJ Celebrated in a grand manner. There were about 6 families present in person at their home & about a dozen & a half families watched thru zoom. We recited Rudram, Chamakam, Sukthams & Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam during Abishekam. We did Archanas by reciting the Namavalis for Sri Siva, Sri Kamakshi, Sri Adi Sankarar, Sri Maha Perivaa & Sri Perivaa.**



### **Voice of Youth**

#### **Dubai, U.A.E. - Harini on Totakacharya – A divine disciple**



Totakacharya formerly known as Ananda Giri was a young lad who came across Adi Shankaracharya when he was in Sringeri. Giri was not a learned scholar and did not have the knowledge of other Shishyas. Despite this Adi Shankaracharya took him into his house and gave him a place to call home. Just because Giri was not learning anything from the acharya doesn't mean that he lazed around doing nothing. He was unrivalled in giving conscientious personal attention to the Acharya and found pleasure in looking after the personal comforts of the Acharya as a dedicated and devoted servant. His co-disciples often made fun of his low grasping and intellectual abilities, but he did not let them discourage him.

Once when Giri had gone to the nearby river for washing clothes, the acharya had waited for his arrival before starting his sermon. The other disciples became impatient and could not wait any longer. Then one disciple- Padmapada said "Why should we wait for one who is no better than a wall?". The acharya did not obviously encourage this remark but did not relish either. The acharya wanted to stop his disciples from speaking ill about him once and for all so by a mental flash he granted Giri the complete knowledge of all Shastras. So, when Giri returned from the river, he was wholeheartedly ecstatic and was in bliss when he realized he knew all the shastras by heart. Instantaneously he sang

the praise of the Acharya in a few brilliant stanzas of his self-composed sonnet known as the **Totakashtakam**. Ever since then, Giri got the title of Totakacharya.

At present, totakacharya is one of Adi Shankaracharya's primary disciples. His teachings have reached far and wide across the globe and has become a role model to all. From his story we can learn that you don't have to be born smart nor do you have to have all the knowledge in the world to succeed. If you listen to your guru's words and have at most dedication and sincerity in what you do, you can reach heights.

**Perth, Australia Adithya Hrudayam from Srimad Valmiki RamayaNam - Recitation by Vidhula**

आदित्य हृदयम् - श्रीमद् वाल्मीकि रामायणम् | ஆதித்ய ஹ்ருதயம் | Adithya Hrudayam



**Sydney, Australia Yuva Sangeetha Sammelan** by Nikitha Sessa (Vocal), Anish Sriram (Violin) and Gautham Kolluru (Mridangam)







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