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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**

Acharya Swamigla's Anugraha Bhashanam at HEALTH CONCLAVE organised in Kanchi - 2018

सदाशिव समारंभाम् शङ्कराचार्य मध्यमाम् ।

अस्मदाचार्य पर्यन्ताम् वन्दे गुरुपरम्पराम् ॥

This human body is meant for helping others. This body too needs help. These Sankara Hospitals and Hindu Mission Hospitals are rendering that help. I was told that these hospitals were started in 1971-72.

Sri Periyaval came to the Peetham in 1954. Sri Paramacharya took him to many places during the 16-year period from 1954 to 1970 and introduced him to the public and trained him. This was an opportunity and a new process in our religious practice. The Yatra covered places like Mylapore, Ilayattangudi, Srisailam in Andhra Pradesh etc. and activities like Puja, discourse, Sadas, discussions on art, music etc. In the 1970s, the first big activity was the Tiruvanaikkaval Kumbhabhishekam, during which Sri Periyaval undertook Padayatra. From 1970 to 1980, the extensive Padayatra of Sri Periyaval covered a total of 10000 km and many distant places; every day a distance of 30-40 km was covered. Apart from Chandramouliswara Puja, special programmes were held in the morning and evening. There was hardly a two-hour respite in the afternoon. Night halt was at some designated place where well water, river etc. was available. The entourage included elephant, horse, cow etc. Everywhere the message of spreading of religious basics, bhakti, good conduct, writing Bhagavan's names, scheme of handful of rice, protection of Vedas etc. was delivered.

The Padayatra from 1970 to 1980 covered the whole of India – Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Delhi etc. It was aimed at strengthening the bonds between North and South. It included spreading knowledge of the Pujas, Homams, philosophy etc. of the South in the North areas. It helped create interest among the people of the North in the heritage and culture of the South. New temples came up during that time – a temple in Cheddannagar in Mumbai, Malai Mandir in Delhi, a monument in Kurukshetra in Jyotisarovar, where Sri Krishna delivered the sermon of Bhagavad Gita, Kirti Stambha in Sankaracharya village in Kaladi in Kerala. Initial work on the temple in Prayagraj was taken up. Many devotional programmes were undertaken. Aiyappa Jyoti was one such. There was a faith based confusion in a place near Madurai; it was solved. Following our ancient dharma, patriotic activity was conducted involving youth.

At that time, this kind of social work was also augmented. This project of Sankara Schools and Hospitals came up. An opportunity was created for the newly educated to get involved in patriotic service. They received blessings and encouragement. Dr. Ramani and Dr. Thyagarajan are such persons. The encouragement, blessings and guidance they received have resulted today in ten such large hospitals and continued interest in further expansion.

After 1990s, colleges and universities developed in a big way. People wish to know whether they should help raise temple, Kalyana Mandapam, school or hospital. All are required; it all depends on time and place. Gosala is also required. You know about Tamil Nadu very well. While there is development on one side, confusion is also present on the other side. Under such circumstances, well-meaning people should remember “जननी

जन्मभूमिश्च स्वर्गादपि गरीयसी” – “Mother and motherland are superior even to Swarga” and continue with their good work without fear or hesitation. They should not cease to perform good work under any circumstances. We should never mind whether people appreciate, object, associate themselves with or support our work; irrespective of the size of our work, we should continue with full vigour. Whether it was Tambaram or Coimbatore, whether they believed at that time that their venture would grow so big, we do not know. Sri Periyaval blessed the start of many factories, institutions. He would first offer something as a start. By strength of that Hasta Visesham (special glory of the hand), many self-sufficient institutions came up. Such meetings as this provide courage to those who start afresh, or those who are operating in some remote areas, or those operating with less resources. Generally this meeting of health services takes place during Chaturmasyam; this year it has been a little delayed. We said to Dr.Ramani that new persons should be associated with this meeting (Dr.Ramani wishes to train someone to continue with this work in view of his age). Many youths from various organisations have come. This is an opportunity to develop the service attitude in the youth. Today there is need to publicise good work. Srinivasan presented the report; everything is transparent; people like this; more people join; this good work should continue.

Nation needs social service as well as bhakti. Adi Sankara says, “Where there is effort, there is success; efforts are to be put in for education and health.” Veda also refers in many places to freedom from disease and good health; the first doctor is Iswara. While chanting blessings, Veda refers to living a hundred years without disease and worry. Hence social service is nothing new in Indian society, culture and history; it was part of family activity. Hospitality was our family culture; it has now turned into a special event – party, lunch, dinner etc. A thousand years ago, stone inscriptions referred to giving medicines to the sick. This kind of social service – cleaning the premises, rain water conservation, ‘Siruthuli’ programme in Coimbatore etc., building tanks, planting trees etc. – is called Purtha dharma in Sastras. Ishta dharma comprises performance of Homams, Yagas etc. With Ishta and Purtha dharma, we can satisfy humans as well as Devas. The satisfied Devas grant the comforts of Swarga here itself. It has been said about king Nala that Devas, who were happy with his Ishta and Purtha dharmas, showered the comforts of Swarga on earth, such that even unseasonal fruits etc. were always be available. Hence social service has always been a part of Indian society; it is not a new addition. There need be no ideological confusion on this.

Sri Kamakshi here in Kanchipuram is called ‘Aram Valartha Nayaki’, Dharma Samvardhini. She did 32 dharmas, one of which was giving medicines. Medical treatment is thus accepted and celebrated in Sastras as well as society. It should be seen as service of dharma. The good work commenced in the 70s is going on well. Lakhs of people are getting the benefit. The benefits have scaled up from giving ordinary medicines to heart operation now; the facilities are available in many areas. In Kumbakonam, such medical service is going on for many years. It bestows Punya, religious merit; this is mentioned in Mahabharata. It says that just as Yagas, Homams, Pujas, Kumbhabhishekams are important, equally important is saving the lives of sick persons, which is Dharmic duty. Medical service is essential; there is great need for it in India. Even for the basic need of medical service (not counting additional facilities), there is a lot of work required to be done. Such hospitals are functioning in Assam and Odisha; Bhumi Puja has been conducted in Indore too. This service is going on with the assistance of devotees and donors in India and abroad. Doctors are employing their knowledge for this noble cause.

Similarly Ayurvedic treatment is being taught in the Jayendra Saraswathi Ayurvedic college in Tamil Nadu (Nazarathpet near Chennai). Here ‘plus two’ students learn Samskrit afresh and Ayurveda simultaneously. (In Kerala they learn half Samskrit and half Malayalam). Though encouragement for Ayurveda is not high, the college is doing very well. A lot of youth, specially from rural areas, come and study here; they come from outside states too.

With available facilities, this medical service has grown over the years like a banyan tree. It has spread to many places in Tamil Nadu and to many states. For this, more and more help and participation is required from government, private donors, volunteers, propagandists. Propaganda is required in order to let interested people know of what we are doing; this is not advertisement. Wherever possible, expansion of facilities should be done.

Whatever has been started, should be carried forward properly. Last year, Bhumi Puja was done at Indore with the blessings of Sri Periyaval, who addressed them through video conference; they got enthused.

This meeting today has been called to provide encouragement, guidance and assistance to those who wish to continue with the existing works or start new ventures. The ultimate aim is to reach good benefits to common people; all should work together to achieve that; though individual efforts are good and are required, they are not enough. As envisaged in 'Dharmo Rakshati Rakshita:', Sri Periyaval's Sankalpa to make people do dharma and service should come true. There is now an effort to start a general hospital in Kanchipuram near our university; near the place of Vriddhasramam work. Our efforts should grow and bear fruit and Sri Periyaval's Sat Sankalpa should be fulfilled with his blessings. This should help in everyone being healthy and comfortable. Our prayer is:

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चित् दुःखभाग् भवेत् ॥

Hara Hara Sankara, Jaya Jaya Sankara

Note – Special thanks to Sri. P.R.Kannan for translating the message from Acharya Swamigal to English



Hara Hara Sankara Jaya Jaya Sankara



Editorial: With Agraharams slowly giving way to urbanisation, some heritage lovers are trying to protect and preserve them. The planning of an agraharam is dictated by the temple which forms the focal point of the colony. The streets in front of the houses transform themselves into an active community space serving as a commercial space for vendors, a play area for children, a meeting place for elders, and venues for religious processions and meetings. The agraharams in South India are currently in a state of decline, threatened by development and lack of resources to maintain them in their original state.

To prevent the setup from waning and to preserve this unique setup, Sri Matam is planning to run Veda Pathashala, by Vedic scholars, establish Anushthana Kendrams & Yatri Nivas. To this extent we appeal to devotees that Sri Matam is willing to accept houses in Agraharams i.e.

- Devotees can enable and allow Sri Matam to use their Agraharam homes for the above said matter.
- Devotees can giveaway/donate their Agraharam homes to Sri Matam for the above said matter.



Those who are interested in this phenomenal service (kainkariyam) to the Guru paramara are requested to get in touch with Sri. Parthasarathy at +91 95000 56416 or Seethalapartha@gmail.com

Book release: Shri L.R. Natarajan is an ardent devotee of Acharya Swamigal. LRN has recently authored a book titled " The 9 Nuggets of Innovation". LRN has informed Kanchi mutt that the royalty that he would be receiving from the sale of the book will be donated in full, for the Sambradaya Padasala initiative of Acharya Swamigal. The brief book summary and the authors profile is attached. Also attached is the photo capturing the blessings LRN had received from Acharya Swamigal for his book.



The Kindle version of LRN's book is available on the Amazon. Interested devotees are requested to purchase the book, spread word about the book in your circle of friends and leave a book review (after you complete reading the book).

BRIEF BOOK SUMMARY - The 9 Nuggets of Innovation – Outsmart competition

With exponential changes in the marketplace being the new normal Innovation can no longer be looked at as an opportunity but has become a necessity for any business.

The 9 Nuggets (categorised appropriately for spotting new Innovation opportunities, Creating Drive and Making Innovation happen) studded with examples from Titan Company, are compiled to Inspire and Instill confidence in the readers that,

- 1) Innovation is Simple
- 2) Anyone can Innovate

The seven-step process to Innovation and the tools and techniques are compiled to guide one's Innovation journey. The chapter on Innovation Culture contains many leads to Democratising Innovation.

The award- winning case study by the author (on global Innovation competition held by MIX in association with Harvard and McKinsey) compiled is to reassure the reader that Innovation is simple.

It is said that "Innovation is the spirit of finding the next right answer". This book will not only inspire the reader but will also guide them in finding the next right answer for their business.

L.R.Natarajan



This issue covers the Holy Camp from 21st April 2021 by HIS HOLINESS PUJYASRI SANKARA VIJAYENDRA SARASWATI SANKARAACHARYA SWAMIGAL:

Period	Camp Location
21-Apr-2021 till date	Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, 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.

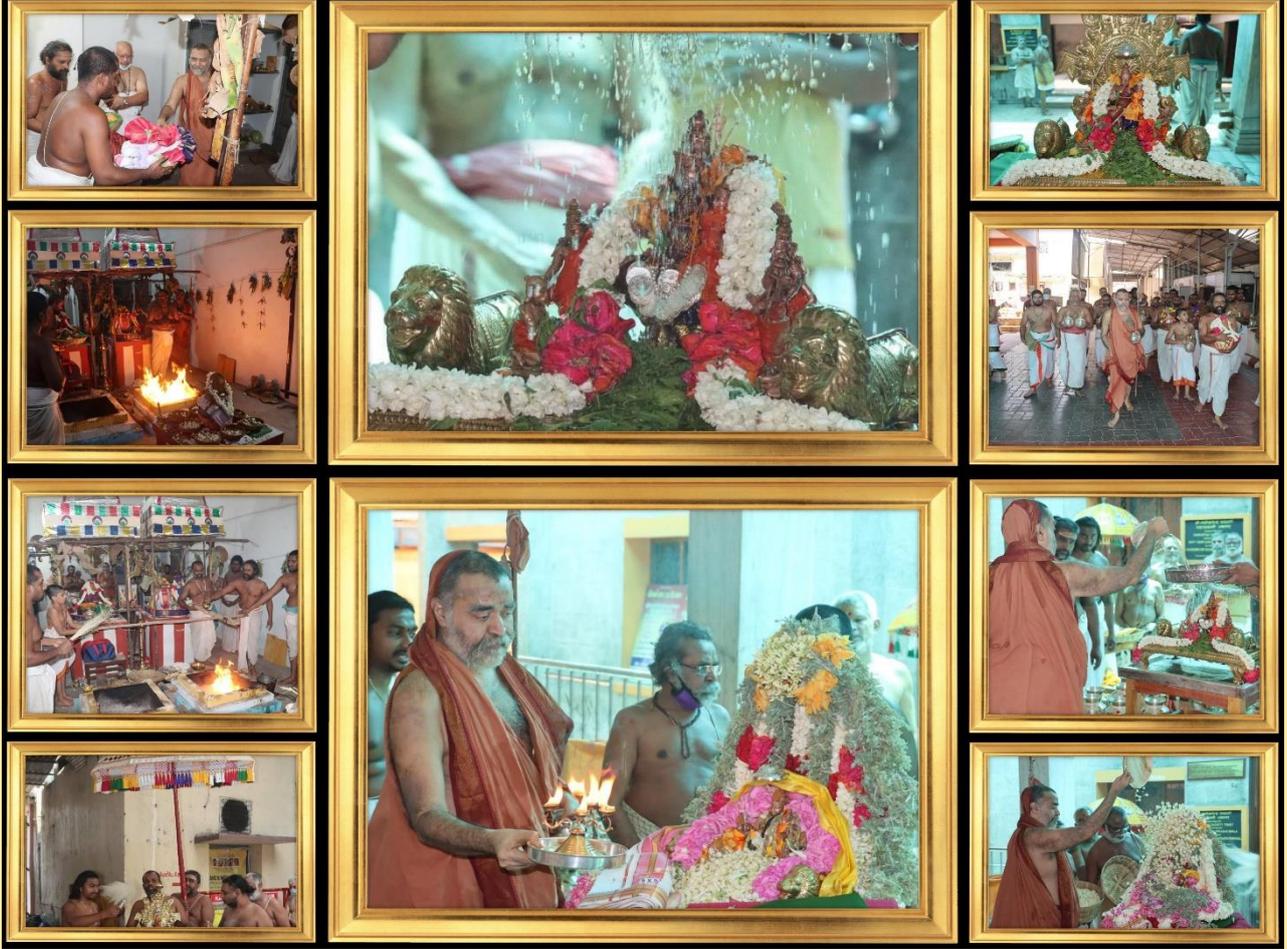


Sri Rama Pattabhishekam performed (22-Apr-2021)

Sri Rama Pattabhishekam was performed on 22nd April in culmination of Vasanta Navartri and Sri Rama Navami utsavams.

On Ugadi - Panchanga Puja and Panchanga Pathanam was done by. Navaratri Sankalpam and Yagasala Pratishta was performed. Srividya Homam, Avarana Puja Homam, Sri Rama Shadakshari Homam, Srimad Valmiki Ramayana Mula Parayanam, Damanotsavam was performed everyday during Vasanta Navaratri from 13th to 21st April 2021.

On the concluding day, Poornahuti and Rama Pattabhishekam was performed by Acharya Swamigal. Parayanam of "Pattabhisheka Sarga" from Yudha Kanda in Ramayana was performed.



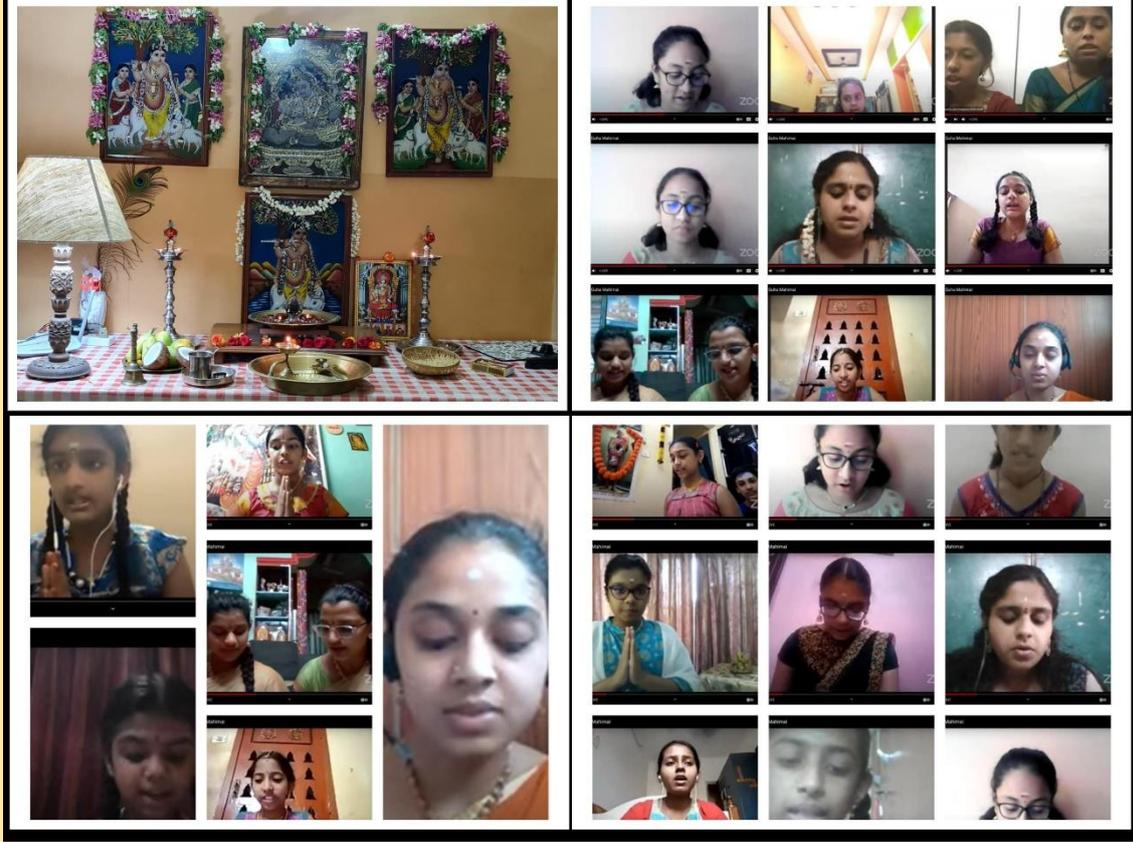
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<https://rb.gy/lz5btv>

Sri Krishna Guha Mahimai (01-May-2021)

With the blessings of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetadhipathi Jagadguru Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Sankaracharya Swamiga, Sri Kamakshi Srividhya Samiti & Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Kainkarya Sabha, UK, conducts Sri Krishna Guha Mahimai. A samarpanam of Tiruppukazh and Narayaneeyam by students of Smt Jayanthi Sundar and Smt Radha Hariharan

Acharya Swamigal's Anugraha Bashanam → <https://youtu.be/EpfLrcHvW3w?t=3737>



Veda Patashala at Gangtok, Sikkim (01-May-2021)

Acharya Swamigal blessed the members of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Veda Patashala at Gangtok, Sikkim through Video Conference. The meeting began with Sikkim Patasala students and Adhyapak chanting Vedha Gosha giving Poorna Kumbha respects to Swamigal. Members requested blessings of Acharya Swamigal for the patasala activities and for the proposed construction of a building for Veda Patashala that is estimated to cost Rs. 25 Lakhs. Acharya Swamigal gave Anugraha Bashanam. Acharya Swamigal reminisced about Jagadguru Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal's initiatives and travels in North-East India. Acharya Swamigal appreciated the work being done by the members and blessed the gathering.

In other video conferences, Acharya Swamigal blessed the Tamil Pannisai programme for lokakshema organized by Sankara Arts & Science College.

Sri A B Shukla, Chief Coordinator of Indian Knowledge System Department, Bharatiya Gyan Parampara Vibag sought blessings and guidance of Acharya Swamigal through video conference on 5th May 2021 for the Bharatiya Gyan Parampara Vibag project to be implemented to benefit the youth and our society.

Lalitha Sahasranama Homam is being performed at Sri Kamakshi Ambal Devasthanam, Kanchipuram for lokakshema. Homa Prasadam was offered to Acharya Swamigal (05-May-2021)



A direction to devotees for Visesha Prarthanas (06-May-2021)

In these difficult times that the country and entire humanity is facing, Prarthana (prayers) are required along with Prayatna (louwika efforts). Acharya Swamigal has directed astikas to perform parayanam of Hanuman Chalisa and other shlokas:

<https://kksfusa.org/manthra-for-good-health/>

Nitya Parayana Shlokas with message of blessings given by Jagadguru Pujyashri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal - now online at

<https://www.kamakoti.org/.../audio/Nitya-Parayana-Slokas.php>

Excerpt from Hindu - Sri Matam steps in to provide COVID-19 relief (12-May-2021)

<https://www.thehindu.com/.../in-tamil.../article34537506.ece>

Shankara healthcare foundation, Boston – are providing covid relief to support Sri Matam activities by raising donations and contributing to the services being rendered.

Pushpanjali to Adi Shankarar, Maha Periyava and Puthu Periyava (13-May-2021)

On the 30th of April (சித்திரை மாதம் 30ஆம் தேதி) the Maharaja of Thanjavur performed kanakapishekam to Maha periyava. To celebrate the day, Acharya Swamigal performs Pushpanjali to Adi Shankarar, Maha Periyava and Puthu Periyava.





Shankara Jayanthi at Sri Matam (14th & 15th May) – Youtube Videos below

[Sri Shankara Jyanti](#)

[Shankara Jayanti Mahotsavam - Avatara Ghattam](#)



[Nitya Veda Parayanam](#)

[Shankar Jayanti Utsavam - Abhishekam](#)



Acharya Swamigal blessed all with HIS Anugraha Bhashanam at the 'Positivity Unlimited' series of lectures organised by the RSS-linked Covid Response Team (13-May-2021) – Youtube video



Ekatma divas- Acharya Swamiji's Anugraha Bhashan – (17-May-2021) - Youtube video



Copper Plate Inscriptions of The Kamakoti Pitha (19-May-2021)

Book on the Copper Plate Inscriptions of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam published in the year 1916 edited by T A Gopinatha Rao, Superintendent of Archaeology, Travancore State

Now online at <https://www.kamatikosh.org/books/copper-plate-inscriptions-of-the-kamakoti-pitha/>

Brahmana Sabha organised a webinar to appreciate the noble & selfless service rendered by Medical fraternity in these difficult times on 22-May-2201. (Youtube Video)



Acharya Swamigal in his Anugraha Bhashanam invoked Veda mantras from Rudra Prashna where lord Parameswara is described as the first divine healer and protector of universe. Acharya Swamigal commended the services of the entire medical fraternity and blessed their unparalleled efforts.

The appreciation speech by Sri. Sundar Ram Chairman, NRI Parents & Relatives Association given below:

Sri Gurubyo Namaha, Anantha Koti Namaskarams,

Vaidyo Narayano Harihi

Dear Medical Professional Stalwarts, Fellow Devotees of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Ladies, Gentlemen, Youth, Children and Friends from many parts of this wonderful world, Namaskarams to you all.

This extremely important theme of appreciating, acknowledging, congratulating wholeheartedly the gigantic service being provided to the whole of humanity, irrespective of caste, creed, faith and risks, by the entire committed, talented, selfless medical professionals all across the globe is indeed an honour to us all.

In this context, we humbly surrender to the lotus feet of the Holy Kanchi Achaarya Swamigal for taking the initiative to gather the medical community and bless them in this noble, yeoman demanding, difficult, selfless, risky and timely service.

Especially in the past “Saarvari Varsham” the pandemic demonstrated to the whole world its fierce power. We have all faced the fury and suddenly realized our helplessness. Our prayers have made us conscious of the spiritual, human, social and health strengths, and use of our material wealth and governance skills more for protecting many vulnerable human lives.

In this current “Plava Varsham” the pandemic hopefully will be fully tamed.

We all over the world, given our capabilities, have risen to the task in our own ways. However, it is the medical community, both individually and collectively that has shown that they are the unsung heroes in this “save the humanity war” against the unseen dangerous virus. The all-embracing philosophy - “Sarve Janaha Sukino Bhavantu and Vasudhaiva Kudumbakam” has been brightly visible from the entire medical fraternity in this protection war.

How does one thank, applaud the noble, yeoman, Himalayan, divine, selfless, spontaneous efforts of the various members of the medical fraternity – be they the medical doctors, nurses, support staff, hospital administrators, ambulance operators and their staff, the pharmaceuticals industry comprising of scientists, manufacturers, distributors, shopkeepers, developers, producers, quality controllers, owners, managers, financiers, etc. etc. of medicines, drugs, clinical materials, hospital equipment, the list goes on and on.

This “Professional” Sewa is not restricted to any particular region. The whole wide world acts cohesively as a seamless, single coordinated geography in diagnosis, identification, prescription, production, supply, delivery, service and administration revival chain.

Everyone in every one of these and many more allied activities is being appreciated, felicitated, thanked in this **big “Congratulations, Well done and Keep it up” gratitude** message.

We here in Kanchipuram, Chennai and Tanjavur, and various parts of India and abroad are phenomenally motivated and cheered by the large, wonderful galaxy of “Medical” stalwarts in today’s audience.

We surely benefit immensely by the tireless round the clock dedication and commitment of the competent Jhambavaans of the medical community administering the various appropriate holy “Aushadams”. Similarly noteworthy is the tireless, super-efficient Hanumans of the pharmaceutical supply chains for timely preparation and delivery of the “Sanjeevini Amruthams” to everyone - who is at risk of not only this pandemic, but also prevention and protection from all other health matters.

We are cheered to see, at such short notice, so many Medical Jhambavaans - doctors and various medical professionals - not only from Tamizh Nadu, but from all across the globe - India, the United States, Australia, Singapore, Mid East Asia, Europe and Africa in attendance here now. We request you all individually and collectively - please continue with your noble, yeoman, divine and selfless work. We are all always with and grateful to you.

The Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, as you all are aware, for the last many decades has been focussing on health as one of its main sewa activity. General and speciality hospitals, such as eye, health education, in both Ayurvedic and modern Allopathic streams in many places across India, are run extremely economically by dedicated competent renowned medical professionals supported by various ethical, committed, renowned charities. These institutions treat patients from all walks, strata of life and faith.

To combat the current Pandemic, the ever responsive and dynamic Matam has transformed quickly its hospitals in Kanchipuram and Nanganallur in Chennai to “Covid” dedicated hospitals.

Our Holy Achaarya Swamigal has been continuously praying for the Lokak Kshemam of Sarve Janaha and of course for all the devotees in this Pandemic time. Many devotees may recollect the special Pujais and Homams performed for the negation of Pandemic effects at the Asthiga Samajam camp of Holy Achaarya Swamigal last summer.

Various devotees have helped, in many ways in fighting and overcoming the Pandemic challenge. Obviously, the medical community comes on top in this successful war against the Pandemic. The medical professional Jhamabavaans and Hanumans have captured a special place in peoples’ hearts.

Our Dharma has special prayers to Gods of Health, like Lord Vaidyanatha, Lord Vaidya Veera Raghava Swami, Lord Muruga, Lord Nanjundeswara, and Lord Dhanwantari to name a few. Our various Holy Scriptures viz Subramanya Bhujangam, Kanda Shasti Kavacam and Vaidyanatha Astakam focus on promoting good health. Many of you may be aware of some of these prayers, e.g. “Baalaambikesa Vaidyesa...”

Whenever any medicine is administered, the simple prayer “Vaidyo Narayano Harihi”, is uttered.

Ayurveda has specified in detail who needs to do what, when and how to maintain good health.

With these, on behalf of so many many of us, I am honoured to admire, congratulate, felicitate, every Jhambavaan and Hanuman in the great selfless medical fraternity. May I pray to the God Almighty and the Holy Achaarya Swamigal to continue to bless you all in this sacred human Sewa.

I feel blessed to get this wonderful, divine opportunity to request HH Periavaa to kindly give His Anugraha Bhashanam and bless us all, our families and everyone associated with all the medical professionals in this noble 24 x 7 divine task of protecting the humanity in this challenging time.

Sri Gurubyo Namaha, Anantha Koti Namaskarams.



Narasimha Jayanthi was observed on 25-May-2021 with devotional fervor in Shrimatam. Special abhishekams and visesha puja was performed to Sri Narasimhar at the Puja Sannadhi by Pujyashri Shankaracharya Swamigal. Exactly at the Sandhya Kalam, Avatara ghattam- the portion of the Srimad Bhagavatam describing the Avirbhavam of Narasimha from the pillar and the destruction of Hiranyakasipu was chanted. Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya Kruta Nrusimha Karavalamba Stotram & Nrusimha Pancharathnam were rendered. Following this, Acharya Swamigal commenced the Pournami Puja.



Shankara Jayanthi Celebrations (various parts of India)

Sri Shankara Jayanti - visesha pujas and Veda Parayanam at Kashi performed with blessings of Acharya Swamigal.



Sri Shankara Jayanti - visesha pujas, havans and Veda Parayanam at Jammu and Kashmir performed with blessings of Acharya Swamigal.



Significance of Shankara Jayanthi, article from 1949-

English - <https://tinyurl.com/ynh9vh93>

Tamil- <https://tinyurl.com/f82ek4hn>

Sri Shankara Bhagavatpada - Anugraha Bhashanam given by Jagadguru

Pujya Sri Chandrasekharendra Sarasvati Mahaswamigal on Sri Shankara Jayanti

<https://www.kamakoti.org/souv/1-1.html>



Sri Shankara Jayanti - visesha pujas and veda parayanam performed at Sri Shankara Matam, Madurai



Sri Shankara Jayanti - visesha pujas and veda parayanam performed at Sri Shankara Matam, Jagadguru Vidyasthanam, Tiruvanaikaval



Sri Shankara Jayanti - visesha pujas and abhishekam performed to Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya at Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Viswa Mahavidyalaya at Enathur, Kanchipuram





Sri Shankara Jayanti - visesha pujas and veda parayanam performed at Sri Shankara Matam, Rameshwaram



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Sri Shankara Jayanti - visesha pujas and veda parayanam performed at Shree Guru Shankaracharya Veda Pathashala, Guwahati

Sri Shankara Jayanti - visesha pujas and veda parayanam performed at Sri Shankara Matam, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru



Jayanti Mahotsavam of Jagadguru Mahaswamigal

128th Jayanti Mahotsavam of HH Jagadguru Pujyashri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Mahaswamigal performed from 24 to 26 May 2021 at Shrimatam, Kanchipuram with Veda Parayanam, Japam and Homam.

Sadguru Dasakam composed by Acharya Swamigal

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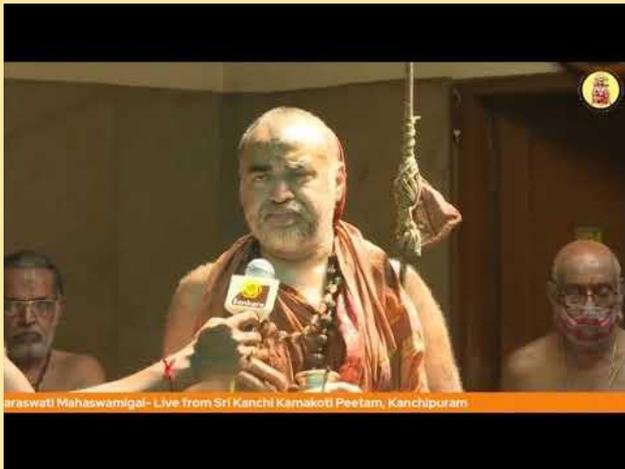
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Anugraha bhashanam - by Acharya Swamigal on various works of Jagadguru Pujya Sri Kanchi Mahaswamigal after Pradosha Puja on 24-May-2021 (Youtube Video)



Mahaswamigal Jayanti Mahotsavam-
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Jagadguru Mahaswamigal 128th Jayanti - Full
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From around the world, as shared by devotees.

Abu Dhabi: This covers Anusham, Avittam, Uthiradam from April 2021. MahaPeriyava Jayanthi and Adi Shankara Jayanthi from May 2021.



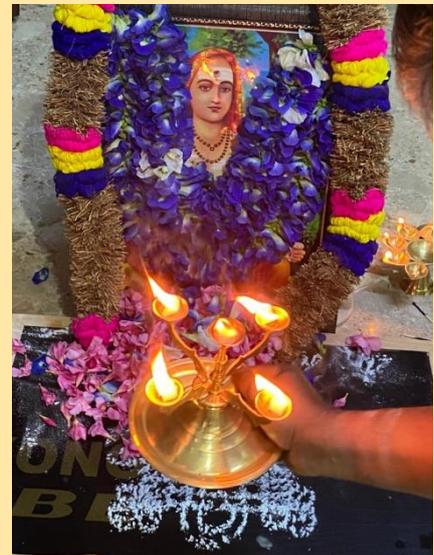
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Maha Anusham pooja at Ruwais Abudhabi. Rudram ,chamakam chanting Ashtothram archana, Thodakashtakam, Siva panchakshra nakshttramala stothram chanted. Kum. Shruthi sree sung guru keerthanas



Adi Shankar Jayanthi celebrations were carried out at Ruwais Abu Dhabi



Dubai: This covers Anusham, MahaPeriyava Jayanthi and Adi Shankara Jayanthi. Sri Mahaperiyava Anusha Jayanthi celebrated with chanting of Rudram, vishnu sahasranamam, Sri Mahaperiyava Ashtotharam Archanai, recited kanda Shasti kavacham, Guru Geethai and Thotakashtam. Thiruppugazh sung by Kumari Kamakshi.

The photos were submitted by multiple families in Dubai.



Washinton DC: KKSF Washington DC Chapter - May 2021 Activities

March to May 2021 has been a busy and exhilarating time for Kanchi Kamakoti devotees in the Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia center with a multitude of poojas.



Puajyashri Periyava Jayanthi: The 53rd Jayanthi of Puajyashri Periyava was conducted in a grand fashion on March 9th with Sri Rudrabhishekam and Padhuka pooja with participation by several children. The program began with Swasti Vacanam, Guru Vandanam and included Sri Rudrabhishekam with Sri Rudram and Chamakam recited by children. During the alankaram, several slokas from the Sahahasradala Padma Aradhana syllabus were rendered beautifully by children. The program concluded with upachara poojas and Thotakashtagam.

MahaShivaratri was observed on March 11th with Abhishekam to Lord Shiva with the recitation of Sri Rudram , Chamakam.



Sri Jayendra Periyava Aradhana: Friday, March 26th also witnessed the 3rd Varshika Aradhana function of Sri Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal, observed with dedication and devotion

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Sri Kamakshi-Kameswara Kalyanam: On auspicious Panguni Uttiram day March 28, Sri Kamakshi-Kameswara Kalyanam was celebrated in association with Sri Siva Vishnu Temple. The kalyanam was conducted by Sri Sankaran Gurukkal and Sri Ashwin Ganapadigal. Several devotees made special “bakshanams” as “seeru” offering along with saree and dhoti for the deities. KKSF-DC has been performing this function for over two decades. A special feature of the program was the recitation of Mooka Panchasati – Arya Sadagam by Sri Ramani Balasubramaniam and Smt. and Sri Ramakrishnan.

Plava Nama Samvatsaram – Varusha Pirappu: On April 13th the birth of the Tamil New Year was celebrated with Guru Padhuka Pooja with traditional offerings of prasadam and prayers for healthy and safe year for devotees.



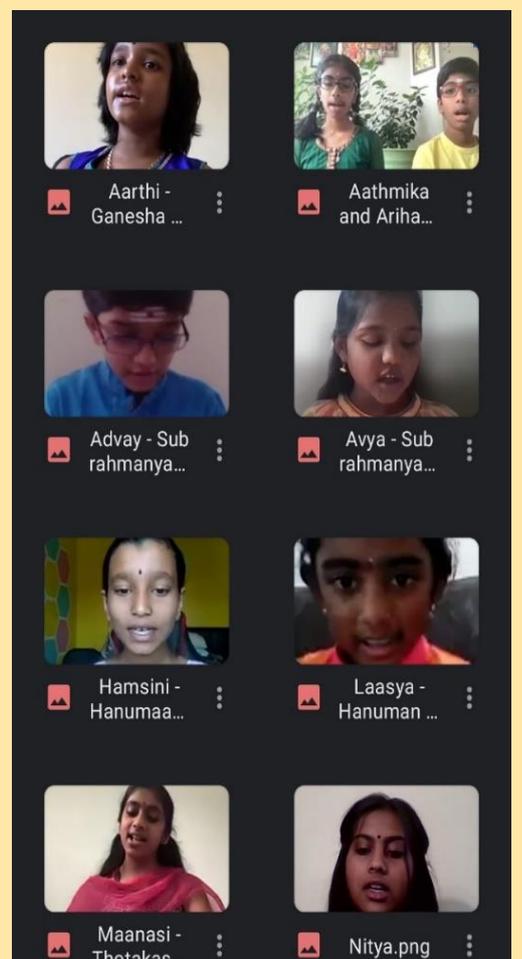
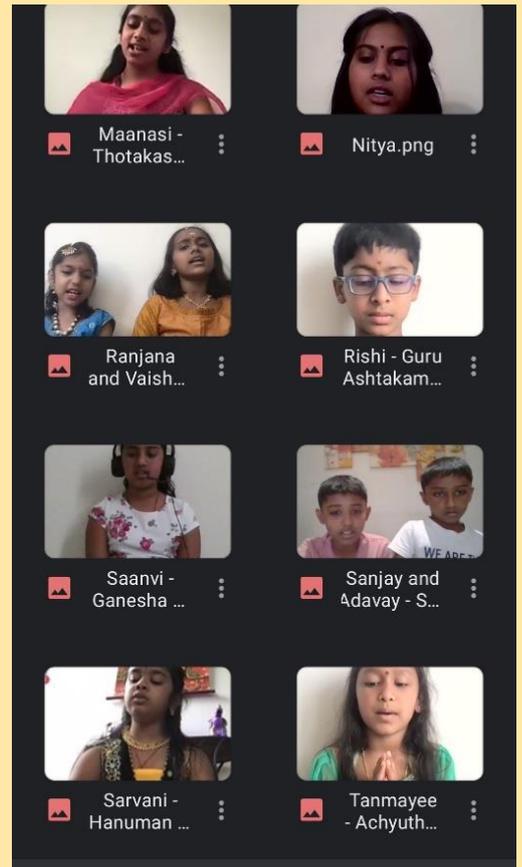
April Monthly Padhuka Pooja: The April monthly Padhuka Pooja was held at the home of Smt. Shaalini and Sri Bala Vedam. After the recitation of Swasti Vacanam and Guru Vandanam, Sri Vigneswara pooja was performed. This was followed by Punyahavacanam and Sri Rudrabhishekam. Several children participated in reciting songs and shlokas during the alankaram. SriMatam Prasadam were offered to the hosts. This was the first Pooja being performed in person at a devotees home in 2021 with limited attendance, after almost a year of virtual poojas.



Sri Rama Navami celebrations were also held on April 21, 2021 with traditional pooja and offerings.

Adi Shankara Jayanthi was celebrated in a grand manner on May 16, 2021. A special Rudrabhishekam was performed to the Adi Shankara and the holy Padhukas of our Acharyas. Ashottara Archana was performed to Sri Sankara Bhagavat Pada.

The main highlight of the Sankara Jayanthi program was the involvement of the children who created a special program for the event with wonderful performances. Aarthy began the program with Ganesha Pancharatnam followed by Saanvi with Ganesha Bhujangam. Adva and Avya recited Subramnaya Bhujangam. Ranjana and Vaishnavi recited Lalitha Pancharatnam, Tanmayee – Achuthyashtakam, Rishi – Guru Ashtakam. Sanjay and Advay told the story of Sri Adi Shankaracharya. Aatmika and Arihant followed with Soundyara Lahiri, Hamisini with Hanuman Pancharatnam, Sarvani and Laasya with Hanuman Chalisa. At the conclusion of the Pooja Maanasi recited Thotakashatakam. Nithya Ramani compered the program very ably.



128th Jayanthi Celebrations of Sri Sri MahaPeriyava:

On May 26th on the auspicious day Pournima, Anuradha Nakshatram, a grand celebration of Sri Sri MahPeriyava’s Jayanthi was held. In the morning, the Padhuka Pooja was conducted at the home of Smt. Lakshmi and Sri Venkat Gopalan. In the evening, the Padhukas of Mahaswami and Sri Pudhu Periyava were taken to the residence of Smt. Meena and Sri Viswanathan Mahadevan where the 128th Jayanthi function was observed with limited attendance due to the pandemic. The program included Guru Vandanam, Swasti Vachanam, Sri Vigneswara Pooja, Abhishekam to Holy Padhukas with Sri Rudram, Chamakam and Sookta Parayanams. A Special *Srimath Chandrasekara Saraswati Mahaswami Trisathi Namavali Archana* was performed



Children who performed included Vidyuth, Shivani, Advay and Arathi. The program concluded with Upachara pujas, Thotakashtagam, Mangala Arati, Offering of Holy Prasadam from SriMatam to the hosts.

Minneapolis – Mahaperiyava Jayanthi celebrated



Portland, Oregon - With HH Periyava anugraham, devotees in Portland Oregon celebrated Chithrai Maasa Anusham virtually with archanas to HH Mahaperiyava, HH Jayendra Periyava done by kids. This was followed by Thotakaashtakam, Ganesha Pancharatnam, Sadhguru Dashakam, Roga Nivaarana shlokas, Hanuman Chalisa recited by all including kids as per guidance of PujyaShri Periyava in His recent Anugraha Bhashanam. We also did Rama Nama chanting for few minutes and concluded with Naivedyam and Harathi.

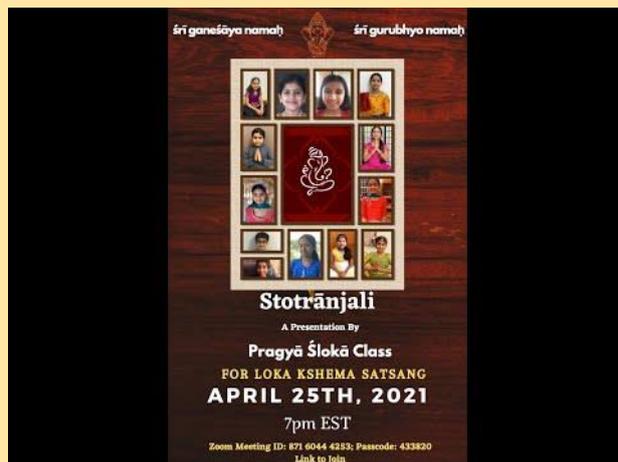
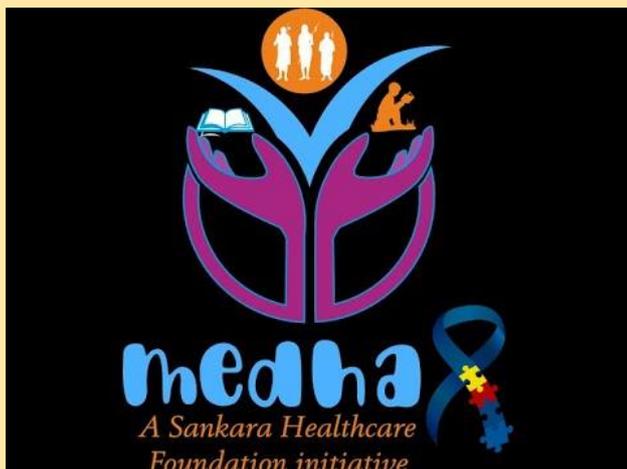


With HH Periyava anugraham, devotees in Portland Oregon celebrated Shankara Jayanthi at Jaya Hanuman temple with Rudram chanting, Adi Shankarar Archana and Thotakaashtakam recitation. Also, with His Holiness's blessings, 128th HH Mahaperiyava Jayanthi was celebrated by KKSF



devotees with Ekadasa Rudra Abhishekam, Avahanti Homam, Archanas to Lord Siva, Kamakshi Amman, Adi Shankarar, HH MahaPeriyava, HH Jayendra Periyava, Swastivachanam, and Thotakaashtakam at the Jaya Hanuman temple. Sri Kanchi Matam prasadam were distributed to the devotees at the end of the event.

Boston: Medha April 2021 performance and Stotranjali for Loka Kshema Satsang (Youtube videos)



Seattle: Sri Adi Sankara Bhagavdpadal Jayanthi (15th & 16th May 2021)

With the blessings of Shri Periyava over thirty families, mostly from Seattle and several from other cities, participated in the two-day utsavam held on May 15 and May 16 via Zoom. The utsavam started with sampurna Bhagavad Gita parayanam with a brief talk on Adi Sankara's life and his Gita Bhaashyam by Shri. K.V. Shivaswamy.

Padhuka puja was performed along with samarpaanam with veda parayanam, sangeetham, Ananda Lahiri and Mookasaram by devotees from all over the US as well as Bharatam.



After a lively, bhakti-filled namasankeertanam children performed archanai-s to Shivan, Kamakshi, Adi Sankarar, Maha Periyava and Pudhu Periyava and offered stotra and Sangeetha samarpaanam after each archanai. Prasadam packets consisting of Sri Matam prasadam, coins and a bookmark which has been blessed by His Holiness with quotes from Deivathin Kural will be distributed to all devotees.

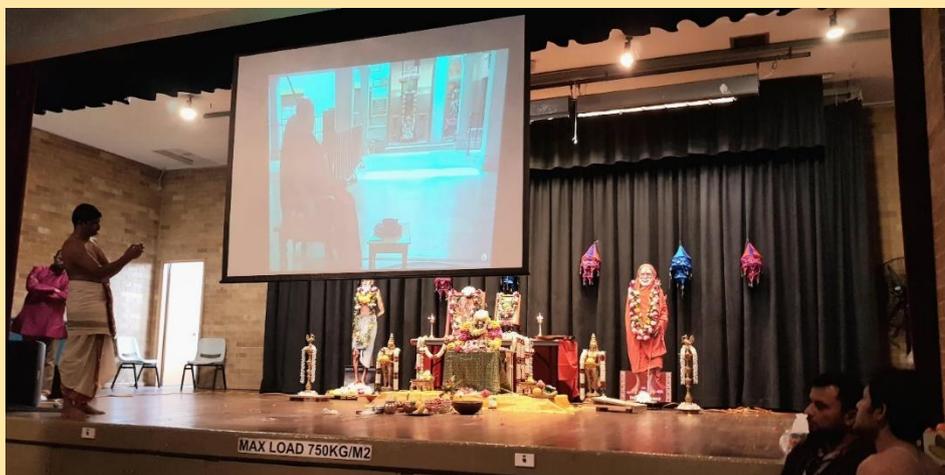
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Sydney, Australia: Adi Sankarar & Mahaperiyava Jayanthi Celebrations organised by Australian Bharatiya Brahman Samaj, Sydney and Sydney Periyava Devotees on May 23, 2021, in Sydney.

The devotees of Sankara parampara in Sydney, gathered to consecrate the jayanthi for Bhagavatpada Acharya Jagathguru Sri Adhi Sankarar and Kanchi Mahaperiyava, Sri Chandrashekara Saraswathi swamigal at Ermington Community Hall, Sydney.

Over 150 devotees gathered and took blessings from His Holiness Sri Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal's anugraha bashanam and joined the Aradhana. A devotional cultural program was performed by children and bakthas towards the end of the event followed by maha prasadam. Prayers were offered to Acharyas for lokakshema and for those impacted by the present pandemic situation.



One of the main cultural events was the rendition of Maha Periyava's first krithi of pancha Rathnaharam in Nattai ragam. The singers were trained by Lavanya Balasubramanian, a professional Carnatic singer who also trains budding talents around the globe.

On the 26th of May 2021, Abhishegha Aradhana and Avahanthi Homam was also performed for Sri Maha Periyava by the Sydney devotees.



Voice of Youth

Sydney, Australia: Musical Offerings by **Anish Sai Sriram** for **Chithra Pournami 2021**



Australia Bharathiya Brahaman Samaj, Sydney and Devotees of Kanchi Archaryas and Sankara Parampara have taken every possible opportunity to develop our *Sanathana Dharma* in Sydney with a keen focus on children. One such opportunity was to train them on Pancha Rathna Haram, a set of 5 Krithis on Maha Periyava. Within a week, these children had memorised the first krithi under the able guidance of Lavanya Balasubramanian, a Carnatic music professional and teacher. To further encourage the children, even their parents joined the training and the performance on the stage.

Pancha Rathna Haram is a set of 5 krithis on Maha Periyava. It has been composed by Smt Lakshmi Raghavan and set to tune by Sangeetha Kala Acharya Smt Kalyani Sharma in the same format as Thyagaraja's Pancha Rathna krithis. These krithis were first staged in the divine presence of Acharyas' Sri Sri Jayendra Saraswati and Sri Sri Vijayendra Saraswati Swamigal in the year 2003 at Sri Kanchi Mutt, Kanchipuram, where Lavanya was also part of the rendition.

Lavanya Balasubramanian, a Carnatic music professional, trains budding young enthusiasts in a traditional way and also teaches bhajans, slokas alongside to encourage the children knowing and appreciating our rich Hindu culture.

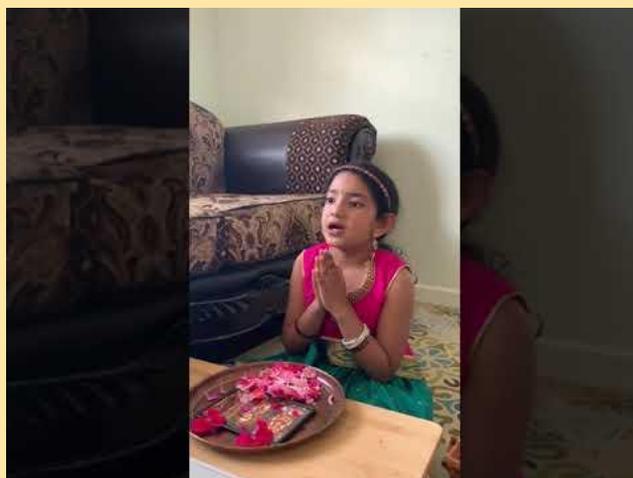


Front row: Children – Abhinav, Akshanth, Lavanya Balasubramanian (teacher), Sai Anish, Aishwarya, Nethra, Prarthana, Vishank, Vivash and Vilasini.

Rear row - Parents: Jeyakumar Kedharanathan, Bhavani, Sriram, Lakshmi, Sathya, Harish

Accompaniments: Niranjan (violin), Prashanth (keyboard), Santhosh (Mridangam) and Karthik (Ghatam)

Seattle - Subramanya Bhujangam by Vibha



California: Anirudh Balagurumani on Importance of Rama Nama: Whenever you start something good, Elders say, "Rama once and then start the work." But why? What will you get? That is what I'm going to tell you about. If you have heard or read Vishnu Sahasranamam, in the Palashruti Parvathi devi asks, "If I am not able to say or I don't have time to say Vishnu Saharanama, what do I do?" For that Eashwaran replied, "Don't worry just say Rama nama three times and everything will be fine." See? One word said three times can equal to 1,000 names of Vishnu. Now let me share an incident. Once a family came to Maha Periyava and asked, "My family is very sad because our life has many problems. What do we do to get rid of it?" After some deep thinking Periyava said, ' you tell Rama nama every all you problems will be gone'

But for that the family asked why we should say Lord Rama's name. For that Priyava said, "Look, if I say Rama once Hanuman comes there to listen. If Hanuman come, there then Lord Shiva will come there to do puja. If Lord Shiva comes there then Parvathi will be there. If they are there then Vinayga and Murugan will come there to see their father and mother. If they come, then Lord Vishnu and Lakshmi will come there. If they come, then Brahma and Saraswati will be there. If all these people come, then all the devas and rishis will be there in a moment." From this what did we understand? This word can bring the whole deva loka. That much power it has. Lastly, in the Ramayana, Dasharata was sad because he did not have a baby. So, he did the yagnya and he immediately got a baby so that is why the first baby was named Rama which means happiness (because he broke Dasharatha's sadness first) That is why when you say Rama you will be happy. Now you know some reasons why you should say Rama nama so please say Rama nama all the time. For example, you can say it when you wake up, go to bed, before you eat, ect. If you say it, you know what will happen, so don't forget!!





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