Message from Acharya Swamigal to NRI Devotees

Message of Blessings

गुरुर्ब्रह्म गुरुर्वर्षुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः।

गुरुः साक्षात् परं ब्रह्म तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः॥

What can we submit to a Guru. The Guru does not need our money, or anything from us. Then, what should we offer to a Guru. Service, obedience, discipline, dedication, good behaviour? Even this, does a Guru need from us? Is this ever going to do him any favour. Now to the question of what can be given to a Guru, we shall attempt to answer later.

In very simple words, a Guru is our well-wisher. His unbounded compassion desires the Sishya to be happy, endowed with good habits & qualities, be disciplined and serve fellow human beings and society, and realise each one’s birth duty, fulfil it so that there is evolution in the real sense and moves towards divinity. The Guru refines the pupil and instils clarity. It is very firmly said in Shastras that a Guru takes the pupil towards knowledge of self.

The Guru Purnima is an occasion dedicated to remembering all the Gurus who have given us knowledge, especially the knowledge of the Parabrahman. ‘Brahmavidya Sampradaya Kartrubhyo Gurubhyo Namaha’ is what is said. Puja is performed to Guru Parampara starting from Narayana. Vyasacharya who was instrumental in giving the Vedas in the present shape, the one who authored 18 Puranas, Bhagavatha, the Brahma Sutras is mainly worshipped and hence it is called Vyasa Puja.

India, traditionally, is a knowledge-based nation. Old edicts & inscriptions also prove this point beyond doubt. A person of knowledge would be respected by everyone. An ancient saying says so ‘स्वर्देशे पूज्यते राजा विद्वान् सर्वत्र पूज्यते’ - a King is respected in his state while a scholar is respected everywhere.

In India, we can see families which are reservoirs of various knowledge & skill traditions and who pass it on from generation to generation. Whether it is skill sets like temple building, carpentry, Pancha Dhatu work or the holy Vedic knowledge, we can see this. Today, it is also seen in other professions. The Father would be Guru and impart the knowledge. The primary aim was at producing men & women of sound character who would have expertise in knowledge and render service to society as part of their duty. Merit, service & progress was hence assured.

In the Puranas and Kavyas, we come across several stories where the greatness of Guru can be realised. Like King Dilipa in the Raghuvamsa, to protect his Guru Sage Vasishtas’s cow, offered himself to the lion. He says he cannot be called a Kshatriya if he does not save those under his care and also goes on to say that since it was his Guru’s cow, it is all the more important that he gives himself up to protect it. In Ramayana, we see how Dasharatha offers the entire Kingdom to Sage Vishwamitra, and his sons Rama & Lakshmana carry out the orders of their preceptors at every point. We see in Puranas that even the Rakshasas, known to fight the gods, would never disobey their Guru.
That’s why the shloka which we chant daily describes Guru as Brahma, Vishnu, Maheshwara and as Pratyaksha manifestation of Para Brahman.

Jagadguru Shankarabhagavatpada in his Prashnottara Ratnamalika says that a Guru is a realised person and one who is always working for the Hita- good of the pupil.

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Yoga Demonstration by University students as part of International Yoga Day celebrations 2023

Conferment of Distinguished Professorship to Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam and Smt. Chitra Visweswaran

Conferment of Distinguished Professorship to Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam and Smt. Chitra Visweswaran in the presence of Board of Management Members, Shri. N. Ravi and Shri L.V. Subramanyam, by Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. S.V. Raghavan during 9th International Yoga Day celebrations held at Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya (SCSVMV Deemed University), Enathur, Kanchipuram on 21-06-2023.

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

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

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Jataka Parivartana

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This issue covers the Holy Camp from 09th May 2023 by HIS HOLINESS PUJYASRI SANKARA VIJAYENDRA SARASWATI SANKARAACHARYA SWAMIGAL:

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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

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Acharya Swamigal at Tirumala - Darshan and Temple Honours accorded (15-May-2023)

Temple Honours was accorded to Acharya Swamigal at Tirumala Sri Venkateswara Swamy Devasthanam. Acharyal was received at the Mettu Mandapam. Moving in a procession, Acharya Swamigal had darshan of Bedi Anjaneyaswami. Sri Satari was brought in a procession from SriVari temple and offered to Acharya Swamigal with Vedic Chanting and Mangalavadyam. Swamivaru had Sri Vari Darshan during which time Mapi Harati was performed. Acharya Swamigal rendered the Vinchamara Seva to Sri Venkateswara Swami. Prasadams were offered. Acharya Swamigal then went around the main Sannadhi and through the Mada Veedhi in a process with the temple umbrella and other honors to Sri Shankara Matam. A large number of devotees participated and had darshan of Guru and Sri Venkateswara Swami. TTD JEO Sri Dharma Reddy and other officials received and accompanied Acharya Swamigal along with the priests.

Vijaya Yatra moves from Tirupati to Bengaluru - temple visits Enroute, a report.

As part of the Vijaya Yatra, Acharya Swamigal camped at Sri Shankara Matam Maha Paduka Mandapam near Alipiri in Tirupati. The camp saw several vishesha pujas and events, with Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya Jayanti being celebrated here with devotional fervor and enthusiastic participation of devotees.

Brief gist of some other programs during the camp at Tirupati (from 21st April to 24th May 2023 in reverse chronological sequence):

- Acharya Swamigal blesses the Ayodhya Kanda Paarayanam at Tirumala kshetra with Anugraha Bhashanam- 17th May 2023
- Acharya Swamigal blesses the Sampoorna SundraraKanda Akhanda Parayanam on 16th May2023 at Tirumala.
- Sri Venkateshwara Swami Devasthanam- Tirumala - Darshan and Temple Honours accorded to Acharya Swamigal 15th May 2023
- Acharya Swamigal blessed the students who completed the course on Saiva siddhantam at a ceremony held for certificate distribution at Tirupati - 14th May 2023
- Paramacharya Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Marg - New road at Tirupati -inauguration - 7th May 2023
• Acharya Swamigal visited the Indian Institute of Technology - Tirupati campus at Yerpedu near Tirupati in Andhra on 7th May 2023 and blessed the gathering with Anugraha Bhashanam.
• Seetakalyana Mahotsvam at Kanchipuram - Acharya Swamigal blessed the gathering through video conference from Tirupati - 6th May 2023
• Pujya Shankaracharya Swamiji blessed the Kumbabhishekam of Sri Gangamma Temple at Tirupati on 5th May 2023
• Nrusimha Jayanti - puja performed - 4th May 2023
• Pradosha Puja performed - 3rd May 2023
• Kumbabhishekam of Sri Kamakshi Ammavari temple at Jonnavada near Nellore performed with blessings and presence of Acharya Swamigal on 3rd May. Earlier, camping at Jonnavada from 1st May, Acharya Swamigal blessed the Yoga shala Pujas
• Acharya Swamigal blessed the Rashtriya Jyotisha Sadas Purthi and blessed the Patashala vidyarthis of Jyotisha and Vaikhanasa Patashala on 30th Apr 2023
• Acharya Swamigal blessed the Sahasradhala Padma Aradhanam II - USA on 30th April 2023 through video conferencing.
• Kumbabhishekam of Sri Adi Shankaracharya - Sri Sundara Vinayakar temples at Bugga, near Nagari was performed with blessings and presence of Acharya Swamigal - 27th April 2023
• Acharya Swamigal blessed the Saptavidhanuppapatti Pujyashri Shankaracharya Swamiji vimarsha seminar at National Sanskrit university at Tirupati on 26th Apr 2023.
• 2532nd Shankara Jayanti Mahotsvam from 21st to 25th April 2023 with daily procession of Sri Adi Shankaracharya from Shankara Matam Paduka Mandapam to Kapila teertham (Sri Kapilesvarana Swamy Devasthanam) with abhishekams, veda parayanam, vishesha pujas. Sri Shankara Jayanti was celebrated at Shrimatam branches, centres and other institutions across India, Nepal, USA, Australia, and other places with blessings of Acharya Swamigal.
• Veda Poorti Pariksha Certificate distribution held at Mahati Auditorium on the Shankara Jayanti Day - 25th Apr 2023
• Acharya Swamigal blessed the valedictory ceremony of the first All India Sanskrit Students’ Talent Festival at the Rashtriya Samskruta Vishvavidyalaya, Tirupati- National Sanskrit University on 22nd Apr 2023
• Sri Shankara Jayanti Mahotsavam celebration commences - 21st Apr 2023
• Arrival at Sri Shankara Matam Maha Paduka Mandapam at Tirupati from Ongole - 20th Apr 2023

On 24th May 2023, Acharya Swamigal visited several temples including Sri Gangamma Temple (Tirupati), Sri Virupakshini Temple (Nalagampally, Chittoor dist), Gosala and Sri Shiva Temple (Mogili) enroute to Bengaluru from Tirupati and blessed the devotees with Anugraha Bhashanams and prasadams.
Amruta Vani - compendium of discourses in Telugu - available for booking on kanchimuttseva portal
(29-May-2023)

The book “Amruta Vani” is a collection of the discourses of Acharya Swamigal in Telugu given during His Vijaya Yatra to various places in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in 2022 and 2023.

The discourses cover various topics including Indian Culture and Heritage, Sanatana Dharma, Hindu Temples, Messages for Youth, Desha Bhakti-Deiva Bhakti- Guru Bhakti, Human Values. Contributions made will be used for Book Publications by Srimatam.

Orders for the book can be placed at
https://www.kanchimuttseva.org/AmrutaVani

Jayanti Mahotsavam of Pujya Mahaswamigal commences at Kanchipuram (01-Jun-2023)

Jayanti mahotsavam of Pujyashri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Mahaswamigal commenced at Shrimatam, Kanchipuram with Veda parayanam, Rudrabhishekam, visesha pujas and Vidwat Sadas. The Jayanti day falls on 3rd June 2023 (Vaikasi Anusham).

On Jayanti day, Rudra Parayanam Japam, Homam commenced from 7 am. Visesha abhishekam, alankaram, archana and mahadeeparadhana was performed at the Adishtanam of Pujya Mahaswamigal
Acharya Swamigal blesses the Kashmiri Pandits Sammelan held at Shrimatam Camp in Bengaluru (02-Jun-2023)

A sammelan of Kashmiri Pandits was held at Shrimatam camp at Bengaluru on 2nd June 2023 with the blessings and presence of Acharya Swamigal who is on a Vijaya Yatra. It was a feeling of deja vu - a similar sammelan was held almost a decade ago in Bengaluru during Pujya Acharya’s camp on 10th May 2014.

Members of the Kashmiri Pandit community shared their views. They fondly recalled the long and continuous association of Shri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam with Kashmir, including when Pujya Swamijis blessed the construction of Saraswathi Mandir at Rambhan in the 80s, and visits of Pujya Shri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamiji and Acharya Swamigal along with Sri Chandramouleeswara Pujas to Jammu & Kashmir in the 90s despite the situation not being very conducive.

The Pandits expressed their gratitude to Acharya Swamigal under whose guidance various projects are being run to preserve and protect the rich culture and traditions of Kashmiri Pandits including

- Annual celebration of Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya’s Jayanti Mahotsavam on Vaishaka Shukla Panchami with week-long or 10-day long Veda Sammelan and Vishwa Shanti Maha Yagnyas for more than a decade in Shrinagar, Leh-Ladakh and Jammu
- Organizing periodic sammelans of Kashmiri Pandits in Chennai, Bengaluru, New Delhi and other centers.
- Documenting the rich culture and tradition, especially about the Temples of Kashmir through special documentary films.
- Organizing visits of archaeologists, other scholars, and cultural exchange programmes, especially for youth to visit Jammu-Kashmir, especially to Libraries, Museums, temples (both active and ones which are to be restored) in Srinagar, Jammu, Martand, Avantipur etc.
- Publishing various books on the treatises on Kashmir both in hard copy and as digital copies including Lougakshi Gruhya Sutra, Amarnath yatra Phalam (Bringeesha Samhita), excerpts from Raja Tarangini, Shlokas (from Vaidika Mantra Kalpa Lata)
- Honouring senior scholars from the Kashmiri Pandit community
- Organizing seminars on Kashmiri culture, including its similarities with South Indian culture
• Kashmiri Cultural Heritage Awareness Series - A series of lectures held every Saturday on the Cultural Heritage of Kashmir with speakers drawn from across the globe in online mode. More than 80 such lectures have been held so far.

• Encouraging the preservation and active usage of ‘Sharada Lipi’ - the ancient script of Kashmir

More details on Kashmir initiatives can be viewed at [https://connect.kamakoti.org/kashmir](https://connect.kamakoti.org/kashmir)

Pujya Shri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamiji and Acharya Swamigal at Shankaracharya Hill in 1997
Acharya Swamigal blesses inauguration of new block at Sankara Eye Hospital in Bengaluru
(06-June-2023)

Acharya Swamigal visited Sankara Eye Hospital, Marthahalli Bangalore and blessed the inauguration of Shri V Venkat Reddy Block inside the hospital and walked through the hospital premises and blessed the patients and other devotees with prasadams followed by anugraha bashanam.

Acharya Swamigal performs abhisheka to Sri Gnana Saraswati Devi at Wargal (12-June-2023)

Acharya Swamigal visited Gnana Saraswati Temple at Wargal and performed abhisheka to Saraswati Devi, followed by blessings to the devotees with prasadams. In the evening, Acharya Swamigal blessed senior scholars with awards in an event organized by Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Anugraha Trust.
Vijaya Yatra - Swagatam and visits at Nizamabad (13-June-2023)

Acharya Swamigal blessed the Poornahuti of Chandi Homam and blessed devotees with prasadams at Wargal and started for Nizamabad. Enroute, Poornakhumbam was offered between Kamareddy to Nizamabad Highway and devotees took blessings.

Acharya Swamigal reached Nizamabad where a procession was organized by devotees welcoming Acharya Swamigal. This was followed by a visit to Sri Bada Ram Mandir and Sri Kanyaka Parameshwari Temple near market road Nizamabad, where Acharya Swamigal blessed devotees with anugraha Bhashanam.

Vijaya Yatra update - camp at Adilabad (20-June-2023)

Acharya Swamigal was received with great devotion and enthusiasm devotees at Vinayak Chowk Adilabad on 18th evening and reached Sri Ram Mandir, Tirupalli (Camp location) which was followed blessings to the devotees with prasadams and anugraha bhashanam.

On 19th June, Acharya Swamigal performed two kala pujas and offered teertha prasadams to the devotees followed by visit in the evening to Sri Ramachandra Gopal Krishna Mutt and blessed the devotees with Anugraha Bhashanam. Later, Acharya Swamigal returned to camp and blessed the devotees who performed Deepa Puja, followed by anugraha bhashanam and blessings to purohits, vaidiks and other devotees.

On 20th June, Acharya Swamigal performed trikala puja and blessed the poornahuti of Chandi Hommam and thereafter started for Nagpur where Shrimatam camp will be at the Bhagavadpada Sabha upto 22nd June 2023.
Vijaya Yatra - Shrimatam camp at Ramtek (22-June-2023)

Acharya Swamigal reached Kavikulguru Institute of Technology and Science (camp location), Mouda road Ramtek on 22nd June evening with devotees according a welcome to Acharya Swamigal.

On 23rd June (Friday), Acharya Swamigal gave darshan and performed two Kala Pujas in the morning. In the evening, Acharya Swamigal blessed the Deepa puja held at Shrimatam camp, followed by the third kala puja.

On Saturday, after Nitya pujas, Acharya Swamigal blessed the staff and volunteers of Sri Shankara Vidyalaya Bilai with Anugraha Bhashanam tracing the past yatras of Sri Kanchi Acharyas to this region.

On 25th June (Sunday), Acharya Swamigal blessed the Rigveda Pandits who performed Soura Parayanam on the auspicious Bhanu Saptami. Acharya Swamigal performed trikala puja and blessed the devotees with teertha prasadams in the afternoon and started for Jabalpur from Ramtek.

Kumbabhishekam at Ratura- yagashala pujas (23-Jun-2023)

With blessings of Acharya Swamigal, the Maha Kumbhashikegam of Sri Vijaya Ganapati Mandir was performed on Sunday, the 25th June. The pujas commenced with Vigneshwara puja, sankalpam, Ganapati and Navagraha Havan. The 3-day programme commencing with havans and yagashala pujas on 23rd June saw the participation of a large number of devotees.
Vijaya Yatra Update - Report on Shrimatam camp at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh (27-Jun-2023)

Vijaya Yatra Update - 25th to 27th June 2023 - Enroute to Jabalpur, Acharya Swamigal graced the Bhagavat Katha of Sri Mahamandaleshwar Swami Pragyanand Saraswati Swamiji at Simaria Seoni and blessed the occasion with anugraha bashanam to the audience. Sri Pragyanand Swamiji fondly and reverentially recalled his previous interactions and long association with Sri Sri Pujya Shankaracharya Jayendra Saraswati Swamiji and Sri Kanchi Peetam.

Acharya Swamigal was accorded a grand welcome by devotees at Sri Narsing Mandir on 25th evening. The next morning, Acharya Swamigal performed trikala puja and gave darshan to the audience followed by a visit in the evening to Bhakti Dham near Gwarighat.

On 27th June, Acharya Swamigal performed trikala puja followed by a visit to Gwari ghat (banks of Narmada River). Visesha pujas and prarthana was performed to the sacred Narmada River followed by dhaaan to vaidiks, blessings to the devotees. In the evening, the Vijaya yatra proceeded to Rewa.

Siddheshwarashtakam composed by Pujya Mahaswamiji chanted at Prayagraj (29-Jun-2023)

Siddheswarashtakam by Pujyashri Kanchi Mahaswamiji in the year 1934 was chanted (video below) at Sri Siddheshwar Mandir at Prayagraj during the visit of Acharya Swamigal.
Arrival at Prayagraj and completion of Saikata Linga Parameshwara Puja at Dashashvamedha Ghat (29-Jun-2023)

Acharya Swamigal fulfilled the age-old tradition of Pratishtha of Saikata Parameshwara Linga carried from Dhanushkodi, Rameshwaram into Ganga at Dashashvamedha Ghat. Earlier, Acharya Swamigal arrived at Prayagraj late in the night receiving Swagatham at several places enroute to Prayagraj from Rewa. Acharya Swamigal was taken in procession up to Siddheshwar Mahadev Mandir where Acharya Swamigal performed Pujas & Harathi. Later Acharya Swamigal arrived at Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Adi Shankara Vimana Mandapam in the Triveni Sangam area.
Glimpses of Ganga Snana Darshanam of Acharya Swamigal on Ashadha Ekadasi day (video)

The VyasaChaliya Shankara Vijayam says,
सस्नौ प्रयागे सह शिश्यसंघैं स्वयं कृतार्थो जनसंग्रहार्थी।
अस्मारि मातापि च या पुपोष दयारसा दुःखमसोद भूरि॥

Shankarabhagavatpada, with fulfilment, performed Snana in Prayaga along with Shishyas and remembered the mother, a manifestation of compassion and as the one who nourished, in spite of facing several difficulties.

It was in the same Dashashvamedha Ghat in Prayaga Kshetra, where Pujya Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal had done these Pujas during Kashi Yatra in 1934 and by Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal in 1974 during Kashi Yatra done entirely by foot.

To understand this great tradition, we must recall the Kashi-Rameshwara Yatra tradition observed by the devout for centuries. The Sikata- holy sand taken from Dhanushkodi is carefully preserved during Yatra. On reaching the banks of Ganga, after taking a dip in the sacred river, the holy Sikata is made into the shape of Shivalingam and special Pujas are performed. It is followed with Puja to Ma Ganga and then the holy Saikata Parameshwara Lingam is consecrated into Ganga, which is called Saikata Linga Pratishtha. After that, Snanam is performed again in the river, signalling completion of a significant part of the Yatra. Then afresh, Ganga Jalam is taken with the performance of Puja for ensuing Abhishekam at Rameswaram.

The Puja Paddhati which is in consonance with this unique tradition was conducted by the local Panda. While observing the Pujas, one could realise the greatness of Sethu Kshetra, Prayaga Kshetra and Ganga. The feeling of oneness in our Bharata Varsha, though spirituality & culture, transcending diverse regions, languages & local practices can be immensely experienced every moment during such observances.

After nearly 28 months since visit to Dhanushkodi, on 29-June-2023, the holy Sikatha was immersed in Ganga River as per the above mentioned practice and Ganga Jalam was again taken. Acharya Swamigal has been on Yatra since 16-Mar-2022 in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and enroute to Prayagraj visited Nagpur & Ramtek in Maharashtra, Jabalpur & Rewa in Madhya Pradesh and arrived at Prayagraj on 28-June-2023.

Acharya Swamigal observed the rituals related to the Yatra. It was a great joy for devotees when they witnessed Acharya Swamigal performing Saikata Parameshwara Linga Puja and culminating in its Pratishtha, amidst a gentle drizzle just during the immersion. Garuda birds could be spotted flying above in the sky.

In the Rudra Prashna we see the manifestation of Rudra in different forms. Interestingly, Acharya Swamigal chanted सिकक्ष्याय च प्रवाह्याय च (meaning one who is manifested in the form of sand and one who is manifested as flow), just when the holy Saikata Parameshwara Linga was being immersed in Ganges- the two names of Parameshwara exactly related to this event. Later Ganga Jalam was taken in three copper cans. Acharya Swamigal later returned to Adi Shankara Vimana Mandapam for Sri Chandramouleeshwara Puja.

*Rameswaram Yatra of Acharya Swamigal* in 2021

The holy Sikata was taken at Dhanushkodi on the auspicious Ratha Saptami followed by Bhishmashtami19-Feb-2021 during Rameswaram Yatra of Acharya Swamigal. Pujas were performed at Sethu Madhava Sannidhi for the sacred Sikata. As per tradition and customs followed every time Acharya Swamigal visits Rameswaram, Acharya Swamigal had performed Gangabhishekam on 22-Feb-2021 at the sanctum sanctorum of Sri Ramanathaswamy and performed Shodashopachara Pujas for Loka Kshema. The Ganga Jalam had been kept in 11 Silver Kalashams and after a three-day Maharudram Japam at Rameswaram Shankar Math, the Kalashams were taken to the Moolasthanam and Abhishekam performed by Acharya Swamigal to Sri Ramanathaswamy.
Acharya Swamigal performs Vyasa Puja at Triveni Sangam - Prayagraj (03-Jul-2023)

Acharya Swamigal performed Vyasa Puja - Guru Poornima at Triveni Sangamam, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. Prasadam from Sri Kamakshi Ambal Devasthanam, Sri Kashi Viswanatha Swami temple and various temples were offered to Acharya Swamigal.

Punah puja was performed after which Acharya Swamigal blessed devotees with mantraksha.

Earlier this morning, Acharya Swamigal performed the Nitya Chandramouleeswara Puja.

On this auspicious Guru Poornima Day, worship is offered to Sri Vyasa, who compassionately blessed with explanations of Atmatatva in Sutras and to the Rishis who appeared in the lineage of the Guru parampara.

Glimpses of Vyasa Pooja at Triveni Sangamam (video)
Acharya Swamigal arrived on 05-Jul-2023 at Kashi in the evening. At the iconic Raman Vilas Acharya Swamigal was received by Kashi citizens led by Mayor of Kashi. It was at the same place - Raman Vilas where His Holiness Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal was received in 1974. Acharya Swamigal was led in a Pattana Pravesham procession on a decorated chariot along the main streets of Kashi which lasted for nearly 5 hours commencing at 7 PM and culminating with Pada Puja by Kashi Maharaja & Yuvaraja at the Rajasthal near the Shankar Math. Enroute the procession Acharya Swamigal was enthusiastically received by people belonging to different communities & organisations.

Acharya Swamigal performed Shodashopachara Pujas at Kashi Vishwanatha Swamy Mandir. Acharya Swamigal was received at the Mandir Dwar by temple Pandits & Trustees including the Commissioner and taken to Garbha Gruha where Acharya Swamigal performed Pujas. Acharya Swamigal offered Silk Vastrams, Rajata Vilvams, Swarnapushpa during the Pujas. Chamaram with Silver hold was submitted on the occasion.

Acharya Swamigal then visited Mukti Mandapam and returned to Shankar Math at Hanuman Ghat.
Glimpses of Puja at Kasi Vishwanath Mandir (video)

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

Historic Sri Vyasa Puja of 1998 and Chatur Masya Vratha Sankalpam in Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam 25 Years ago at Manasarover and Secunderabad! (An exception to the normal Tradition)

During HH Sri Maha Perivaa’s time, there was one time the Chatur Masya Vratham Sankalpam was observed within 5 days of the Sri Vyasa Puja at different places as prescribed within Sastras.

Taking that as Pramanam, 1998 Vyasa Puja was observed by HH Sri Pudu Perivaa on July 9 and installed Sri Adi Sankara Vigraham at Manasarover. HH Sri Bala Perivaa observed Vyasa Puja on the same day in Secunderabad. Both Perivaas took Chatur Masya Sankalpam on 12th July 1998 in Secunderabad.

We were Blessed to take part in the grand reception accorded to HH Sri Perivaa by H.H. Sri Bala Perivaa and by the devotees of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam in Hyderabad airport and went in procession to Secunderabad. A few families were Blessed to watch Kanakabishekam by HH Sri S Bal Perivaa to HH Sri Perivaa for the successful completion of Manasarover trip by a Sankaracharya after Sri Adi Sankaracharya. After the Kanakabishekam, devotees did Swarna Vila Samparapanam to the Holy Feet of Both Perivaas on the same evening in Secunderabad.

Please see the attached photos of 1998 Vyasa Puja and Chatur Masya Sankalpam in Manasarover and Secunderabad. The very first Vyasa Puja that was done by HH Sri Bala Perivaa for the first time as a Single Peetathipathi of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam in 2018 was also an exceptional, in the sense that Chatur Masya Sankalpam was taken on a different day and not on the Vyasa Puja day as there was an eclipse and hence it was taken on the following day.

Now on Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the 1998 Historic Vyasa Puja, this year in 2023 HH Sri Perivaa is going to do Vyasa Puja in Prayagraj on 3rd July and to take Chatur Masya Vratha Sankalpam in Varanasi on 6th July. Thinking, reading and talking of Vyasa Puja, Prayagraj and Varanasi – Nostalgic Memories flash instantly about the grand Jayanthi Celebration of HH Sri Bala Perivaa during 2001 Sivarathri week during the Kumbha Mela time as well.

It was a Divine Sankalpam that we were in Motherland at that time and HH Sri (Pudu) Perivaa during Darshan one day surprised with a clarion command “பொல் பெரிவா குமெச்மம் மொயிட்டுமாள்கர்கம் மொயிட்டு வராயானை வராயானை சிவராத்திரிக்கு காசியை வராயானை நீயும் கூடயை வாயானை வாயானைஆயானை!“ I could not
believe my ears and HH Sri Bala Perivaa always maintained the Protocol of HH Sri Perivaa executing or delivering the message and not by Himself in these sorts of matters! A great virtue that humans like us can’t even imagine following very strictly. It was very nice of Sri MK Raghu to forego his seat and made me to enjoy the yatra with HH Sri Bala Perivaa. HH Sri Pudu Perivaa gave plenty of photos to distribute during the yatra and you can see me carrying two bagloads of photos and on some of the photos in Triveni. Lot of dignitaries and ardent devotees across the nation thronged for the celebrations in Triveni and Varanasi. (Late) Sri Narayana Iyer did Swarna Vilva Samarpanam to HH Sri Bala Perivaa Lotus Feet on Jayanthi Day. HH Sri Bala Perivaa did Kanakabishekam to Lord Sri Kasi Viswanathar in the morning and in the midnight to HH Sri Maha Perivaa in the Adishtaanam on Sri Maha Sivarathri.

The Blessings of our Perivaas with the Almighty’s grace that we started First Anusham Puja in USA in May 1993, when HH Sri Maha Perivaa was alive. One photo (you can see that in the Triveni Snanam) with dozens of copies left from the 2001 trip were found after 22 years in our storage were distributed to the devotees during 130th Jayanthi Celebrations – 30th Anniversary of starting the First Anusham Puja in USA coinciding also on a year (2023) where the Vyasa Puja is performed in Prayagaraj with Triveni Snanam and Chatur Masya Vratham observed in Varanasi on different dates!

During the Triveni and Varanasi Yatra in 2001, we were Blessed to do Morning Sandyavandanam in Triveni, Madyanham in Varanasi and Evening Sandyavandanam in Sri Matam on an Auspicious Sri Maha Sivarathri, the day after HH Jayanthi Day!

Please see the detailed coverage of the events of 1998 and 2001 from the attached photos and Sankara Vakyam Newsletters.

Please visit this year 2023 Vyasa Puja and/or Chatur Masyam camp either at Prayagraj and/or at Varanasi and get the Blessings of H.H. Vande Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Guruparamparam!

Hara Hara Sankara! Jaya Jaya Sankara! Vande Sri Kachi Kamakoti Peetam Guruparamparam!
From around the world, as shared by devotees

Abu Dhabi: Maha Periyava Jayanthi, 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.

**Nairobi** – Rudra Ekadasi was performed on Maha Periyava Jayanthi. Large number of devotees participated in the occasion.
Netherlands – Maha Periyava Jayanthi celebrations

New Jersey: 130th Jayanthi Mahotsavam of Sri MahaPeriyava at Namma Periyava Kovil, NJ, USA

Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam NJ USA, Namma Periyava Kovil, celebrated the 130th Jayanthi Mahotsvam of Sri MahaPeriyava on June 3rd and June 4th at the Flemington, NJ, USA. This year’s Jayanthi Mahotsavam was double significant since it occurs a month before the auspicious MahaKumbhabhishekam of Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam, Nj, USA, to be held on July 4th and 5th 2023. More than 600 devotees and volunteers took this golden opportunity to seek the blessings of our Acharya for the grand Mahakumbhabhishekam function.

The Jayanthi Mahotsavam began with the Ganapathi Homam and Avahanthi Homam. This was followed by Eka Vara Rudhrabhishekam performed to Utsavar Periyava and the Holy Padhukas of Sri MahaPeriyava, Sri PudhuPeriyava and Sri Periyava.

Kashmira Sthabaka (Saffron) Sahasranama Archana

It is an age-old practice for Sishyas to surrender the most precious materials at the holy feet of one’s Acharya to seek His blessings. Though nothing can equal and compensate in preciousness for the specks of dust from those holy feet, every year the devotees of Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam have historically celebrated His Jayanthi with several offerings such as Ganga Jalam and Rajatha Vilvam. During the pandemic situation in 2021, devotees performed Kashmira Sthabaka archana (Saffron) praying for universal health and welfare. Saffron apart from its medicinal properties mentioned in Ayurveda is considered one of the most precious spices. It also has a unique connection to us as devotees of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham. Sri Mookakavi, in his very first sloka of Mooka Panchasati, compares Lokamata Kamakshi’s tenderness to the beautiful saffron creeper (Kashmira sthabaka komalaangalata). Every year since this tradition was started with HIS blessings, Sahasranama Archana has been performed with Saffron and the Saffron prasadam has been sent to several devotees across the US. Unsurprisingly, the Prasada Vishedham has graced several devotees across the world in times of extreme medical needs.

This was followed for Shodashopachara pooja and Maha deeparadhanai. Devotees across the US took part in this grand festival and partook the MahaPrasadam at the temple.

Pallaku (Palanquin) Utsavam – Veedhi ula
For the past several years, volunteers of Namma Periyava Kovil have been on Sri Padhuka Yathra across 41 states in the US and several other countries. The goal is to take Sri Padhuka Periyava to the house of every devotee across the world before the holy consecration at Namma Periyava Kovil Kumbhabhishekam. The volunteers who were involved in this divine initiative shared their wonderful experiences of how every aspect of this Yathra was planned and executed by Sri MahaPeriyava through them. To commemorate this, the volunteers carried Sri Utsavar MahaPeriyava on a Palanquin and marched around the temple premises. This occasion reminded all devotees assembled there of the beautiful Veedhi Ula utsavams celebrated in Bharatam.

**Sahasranama Ladduka archana** The second day of Jayanthi Mahotsavam began with Ekavara Rudhrabhishekam and Taitreeya Upanishad Parayanam by the volunteers of Namma Periyava Kovil. This was followed by Sahasranama Ladduka Archana, Deeparadhanai and Prasadam

**Spiritual discourse by Vidwan Dr. Mullaivasal Ramasubramanian**

On the evening of the second day of Jayanthi Mahotsavam, the devotees were blessed with the Shravana Yajna of a discourse by Dr.Ramasubramanian on the lofty qualities of our Acharya and the learnings for us as Sishyas. He emphasized, through several examples, of Sri MahaPeriyava’s humility despite his undebatable Sarvajnatvam. The session inspired the devotees belonging to several generations to work towards HIS teachings while celebrating HIS divine life.

As a melodious culmination of this 2-day grand festival, young musicians performed Sangeetha Seva to Sri MahaPeriyava.
**Portland (KKSF):** With Pujyashri Aacharya’s anugraham, KKSF Portland devotees celebrated Maha Periyava’s 130th Jayanthi Utsavam with utmost devotion at Smt. Pavithra Shravan’s home. The event started with recitation of Swasthi Vachanam, followed by Vigneshwara Poojai and abhishekam to Periyava’s padhuka with recitation of Sri Rudram, Chamakam and Shuktams. Kids and devotees recited Ganesha Bhujangam, Subrahmanya Bhujangam, Durga Pancharatnam, Achyuthaashtakam, etc. and also offered Sangeetha Samarpanam to Sri Periyava followed by Archanai, Totakashtakam and Maitreem Bhajata. Srimatam prasadams were distributed to all devotees.


Program continued with lots of ragas, Followed by Thotakashtakam and concluded with Naivedhyam, Maha Aarthi and distribution of Mahaprasadam.
Following the Padhuka yatra, many Asthika’s started attending Anusham pooja. KKSF Tampa Parayanam group is operating in full capacity with many community members are coming forward to host parayanam and contribute to Podili project.

**Sydney, Australia:** Grand celebrations of Adi Sankara Jayanthi and Mahaperiyava Jayanthi in Sydney, Australia

Australian Bhartiya Brahman Samajam (ABBS) and Maha Periyava Devotees jointly organised the celebrations of Adi Sankara Jayanthi and on Sunday 14th May 2023 at the Ermington Community Hall in Sydney. Over 175 community members attended the three hour long grand celebrations with devotion. Over twenty-five children participated in the cultural segment of the event along with their gurus.

The grand celebrations commenced with a welcome address by Smt Swetha Sivakumar and a Puja to AdiSankara and Mahaperiyava conducted by Sri Venkatraman Sastrigal (son of esteemed Babu Sastrigal of Jamshedpur) and Sri Varatharajan Ayyar. This was followed by recitation of Rudram by devotees and rendering of Thodakashtakam.

The participants were blessed with the Anugraha Bhashanam by His Holiness Sri Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamiji of Kanchi Mutt. Prayers were offered to Acharyas for lokakshema and community harmony. Sri Vish Viswanathan presented the activities of Australia Bharatha Brahman Samaj and Sri Jaishankar presented general details of Mahaperiyava Group.

The cultural segment coordinated by Ms Swetha Sivakumar commenced with a delightful classical Bharatanatyam recital by Varsha Sivakumar, Shreya and Krithika, students of guru Smt. Hamsa Venkat. Adhya Sivakumar and Varsha Sivakumar, students of Anand Dixit presented a devotional number. This was followed by a grand Mridangam talavadyam concert presented by students of R & S school of Mridangam (Ishan Aarav, Sriijithsai Pragash and Arun Sivaraman) coordinated by Guru Shri Sivakumar Sethupathi.

Following this concert, Swara Arvind, Akshara Arvind, Shreya, Hansini students of Guru Shubha Harinath presented a mix of devotional songs devoted to Acharyas. Lalitha Pancharatnam was delightfully presented by Meena Valliappan and Valli Valliappan, students of Guru Smt Lavanya Balasubramaniam who also coordinated rendering of Ganesh pancharatnam by Sanjana Ramprasad, Avanthika Vipin, Mihika Niranjan, and Ishani. Then Krishnashtakam was presented Amiya Ganesh and Kayal Manoj. Aishwarya Harishankar, student of Guru Dr
Ramanathan presented a devotional number on Goddess Kamakshi. Saikrishna concluded with an excellent Bhajan on Adi Sankara.

There was a Quiz on Adi Sankara and his teachings, well organised by Adhya Sivakumar on behalf of ABBS Youth Chapter, coordinated by Ms Swetha Sivakumar and enthusiastically participated by Ojas, Dhanishta, Sanjana, Ishaan, and Sai Krishna.

Shri Vish Viswanathan presented a vote of thanks acknowledging the great support rendered by all community members including volunteers for the grand success of the event.

The three hours of Acharya Jayanthi celebrations concluded with Maha Aarathi and distribution of Mahaprasadam.
China: ATM Maha Anusha Mahaotsavam

32 days of Grand Celebration of ATM Maha Anusha Mahotsavam was performed from May 3rd to June 3rd with various daily programs (Glimpse of 32 days of ATM Maha Anusha Mahotsavam given in the pictures). The program includes Pravachanams, Group Bhajan, Children Pattimandram, Youth Pattimandram, on Guru Parampara by ATM members, Experience sharing by ATM members, Aganda Nama Jabam, Gummi, Kollattam, Gho Poojai, Vedaparayanam and many more. Daily Group Ashtothra pooja was performed by ATM Devotees in all the 32 days. Annadhanam/ Annapadayal at Kalikambal temple was performed by ATM Group on 21-05-2023.

MAHAANUSHAM CELEBRATION

On Mahaanusham day, Homam, Vedaparayanam, Songs, Lalitha Sahasranama parayanam, Ashtothra pooja, 130 Neivedhyam at the same time with the participation of ATM Group devotees across the Globe were all performed and members largely participated in all these events.
ATM Group got blessed with Mahaperiyava Padhuga. Mahaperiyava Padhuga was taken to Sri Sri Mutt, Sri Kanchi Kamatchi Amman Temple, Orikkaai Mani Mandapam. Paadhuka pooja was performed at China.

KIDS PARTICIPATION

Kids participated in Maha Anusham daily Satsang through various programs like pattimandram, devotional speech, songs, slokas etc which enabled them to gain knowledge on our traditions/ customs/ Cultural values.

ATM LEARNING CLASSES FOR MOOKA PANCHASATHI

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

ATM BHIKSHAVANDHANA KAINGARYAM INAUGURAL POOJA

ATM Group started preparing itself for Bhikshavandhana kaingaryam with Vinayagar Pooja on 11-6-2023. Sri Sri Balaperiyava blessed ATM Group to perform Samasti Bikshavandanam on 29th July 2023 at Varanasi. ATM Devotees are delighted to contribute for the Samasti Bikshavandana Guru Kaingaryam.
Weekly Episode of Mahaperiyava Mahimai by ATM Srinivasan is being telecasted in ATM Youtube, with Mahaperiyava blessings, so far 21 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 ATM Global Group - ATM Monthly Adhi sankara poojai was held at Smt Mohana’s home at 5 PM on 23rd June 2023. Sankara Bagawthpadal Ashtothram performed, songs by ATM Devotees and Veda Parayanam performed by Sri Bhoopala Vishnuvardhan Ganapadigal and vidyarthees of Sri Vedanarayana Vedapatasalai

ATM Programs are available in ATM Youtube
https://www.youtube.com/c/ArultharumMahaperiyavaGroup/

DEVARAM CLASS - With the blessings of Sri Mahaperiyava Devaram class started on 3rd April 2023, held weekly twice.

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

ATM SATURDAY SATHSANG - With blessings of Sri Maha Periyava almost 165 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 Deivatham Kural by Smt. Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan followed by Enipadigalil Mandargal by a group members 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 Sathurangam. Every Satsang have Mahaperiyava Ashthothra 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.
Voice of Youth about their Village

Seattle, Washington - Shambhu Gollapudi (9 years of age). I have picked my fathers maternal grandparents: Their names are Mahalakshmi and Parabrahma Sastry garu. Our grandparents' village is Pedakonduru located on the bank of Krishna river near Vijayawada.

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Puttalamma (Grama Devatha) - There is a yearly ritual performed for the temple for 30 days and we have attended this year on our trip to India last summer.

The prominent temples in the village are Anadeshwara swamy (Shiva and Parvathi) and Janardhana swamy (Vishnu).

Our Kula Daivam is Chilumuru Ramalingeshwara Swamy temple, which is also the nearby village. We visited this temple in 2019 and in our recent visit in August 2022.

Performing Abhishekam to the main Deity.