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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**

Translation of the Anugraha Bhashan given by Acharya Swamigal in Nepali in March, 1988

(On arrival in Nepal on Yatra along with His Holiness Pujyasri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamiji)

Nepal, a Hindu Rashtra ruled by a Hindu King in a Dharmic way is a matter of immense happiness.

Vaidik Sanatana Dharma shows the ideal way of life. This country is one which is following on this ideal path. The almighty incarnates in the world at various times for the protection of the good and destruction of the bad.

Nepali people are very blessed as it is a spiritual land – the abode of Pashupatinath and many other holy places. Historic places like Janakpur and Viratnagar are also in Nepal.

In the deity of Pashupatinath, there is union of Shaiva, Shakta & Vaishnava forms of worship. In the five faces of Pashupatinath, the Dakshina Mukha (face towards South) denotes Rameshwar, the Purva Mukha (towards the East) denotes Jagannatha, the Paschim Mukha (towards the West) denotes Dwarakadhish and the Uttar Mukha (towards the North) denotes Badarinarayana. The Shri Chakra drawn on the Urdhvamukha (face pointing skywards) denotes the Shakta form of worship. Therefore, this form of the Pashupatinath shows the unity of the three forms of worship viz., Shaiva, Vaishnava & Shakta.

Janakpur is the birth place of Sita, whose glory is known all over the world. Adikavi Valmiki extols “Sitayaha charitam Mahat” (Great is the life of Sita) and has placed Sita as the central and most important character in the Ramayana. Even today, Sita also named as Vaidehi, Janaki & Maithili, stands as the great ideal of womanhood and is known all over the world for this reason.

King Janaka's life shows how supreme knowledge is attained through detached work. Janaka's supreme knowledge & greatness is known through the philosophical discussion between him & his Guru Yagnyavalkya as mentioned in the Bruhadaranyaka Upanishat, the crown among Upanishads, Bhagavan Krishna in his Bhagavadgita, while explaining that knowledge can be attained through karma (works) points to the life of King Janaka “Karmanaiva hi samsiddhim Asthita Janakadayaha” which clearly shows that Janaka was the foremost among men who attained salvation through performance of detached work.

The most important episode in Mahabharata, the successful completion of AgnyataVasa of the Pandavas, took place here. This is significant as it enabled the completion of Mahabharata. The righteous Pandavas spent their days of hiding in the city of Viratnagar. The stay of the Dharmic Yudhisthira made the city famous and prosperous. The holy Rudraksha forest and the mountain of Shaligrama from where the Gandaki River originates is found only here shows the divinity of this country. Maryadapurushottam Rama's Dharmapatni Sita and Abhimanyu's wife Uttara were born in this holy place.

The Vedas- the fountain head of knowledge is known as the Prabhusamhita as the Vedas command Dharmic duties of do's and don't's like a master which means that the command should be followed at any cost. In the same way as the Vedas - Shruti, the Smriti Dharma Shastra also commands. The Purana which also conveys the meaning of the Vedas is known as Suhrut Samhita. Just as a friend, through stories and morals, tries to convince a person to take up the way of Dharma, the Puranas educate the people in the

same manner. Hence, in all the texts of Vaidika Sanatana Dharma, Dharma is extolled as the key aspect of human life.

There is a saying “Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitaha”. With whatever amount of sincerity we follow the path of Dharma, Dharma protects us with the same intensity. We should strive to follow Dharma. We will be able to follow the path of Dharma by observing good conduct (Sadachar).

For one who practices Dharma, even animals, birds and other living beings offer their help, while if one does not follow the path of Dharma, even his own brother deserts him. Ramayana illustrates this through the help rendered to Shri Rama by Jatayu (Bird), the Vanaras ( Monkeys) and Jambavan (Bear) , while in the case of Ravana who practiced Adharma, even his brother Vibhishana left him and went on to join the cause of Dharma. Hence, following the path of Dharma is important.

Shri Rama , through his life, showed how Dharma should be followed without compromise. As a son with Dasharatha and Kausalya, as a husband with Sita, as an elder brother with Bharata, Lakshmana & Shatrughna, as a father with Lava & Kusha, as a friend with Guha and Sugriva, and as an enemy with Ravana, Sri Rama maintained his relationship everywhere and at all times only as per Dharma. This happened in Treta yuga. In the recent Kaliyuga, for the protection of Dharma, Pashupatinath took the incarnation of Adi Shankaracharya who even in his younger days toured the whole of Nepal & India and spread the message of Dharma. These Dharmic Upadeshas should always be followed by us in all our activities.

The incarnation of Bhagavan Shiva, Shri Adi Guru Shankaracharya established Shri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham Acharya Parampara for the sake of continuously preserving and spreading Dharmic Upadesha. In this tradition, the present Pontiff of the Peetham Jagadguru Shankaracharya has come here to convey the message of Dharma.

Let the country prosper both spiritually and materially and attain greatness- this is the Blessing conveyed. May Pashupatinath bless everybody. Narayana Narayana



## **Jaya Jaya Sankara Hara Hara Sankara**



**Editorial:** Empowerment of Youth - In our quest to foster and transform our youth, HH suggests an outreach program to educate them on academic subjects which are transformational in nature. Renowned universities abroad change their methodologies of teaching based on research for improving assimilation. Perspectives on subjects also change. Transfer of such knowledge will bring currency to teachings in our educational universities. Accordingly we seek faculty/ eminent scholars/entrepreneurs to deliver guest lectures for students of Enathur SCSVMV and Sankara Arts and Science College." Those interested are encouraged to contact Sri. Sundar Ram via Mobile/Whatsapp +91 75501 90164 or Maj Gen Murali, Prof Dr Raghavan at Ennathur, Sri. Ranganathan at Vedal and Pammal Viswanathan.

**Shri Shaankari** is a shloka class that has been started with the anugraham and directions of Acharya Swamigal. Shloka class syllabus is run in Sri Matam Sampradaya and is happening almost throughout the world now. This shloka class is primarily focused for kids. All the formal registrations will have to anyways go through Smt. Banu at Sri Matam and any interested parent can directly reach out to Smt. Banu on +91 99529 80417.

A glimpse of students attending the class online from various parts of the world in the next page....





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

Period	Camp Location
30-Nov-2020 till 8-Dec-2020	Paduka Mandapam, Alipiri, Tirupati
9-Dec-2020 till date	Sri Matam, 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).



## Tulasi Vivaham 26-Nov-2020

Brindavana Dwadashi- Tulasi Vivaha Puja at Shrimatam camp in Tirupati



Bhagavadgita tritiya adhyayam commenced in presence of Acharya Swamigal at Tirumala (28-Nov-2020)







### Temple Honours Accorded at Tirumala to Acharya Swamigal (02-Dec-2020)

Acharya Swamigal Pujya Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswati Sankaracharya Swamigal was accorded traditional honours at Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Tirumala. Acharya Swamigal was received beneath the Ashwatthama Vruksha on the south of Bedi Anjaneya Swamy Temple. After darshan at the Anjaneya Swamy temple Acharya Swamigal was received with traditional Satari & Ishti Kalpakam. Acharya Swamigal had darshan and performed Chamara Seva at the Sanctum Sanctorum. Acharya Swamigal then graced the Utsava





Seva & Jata Parayanam held at Ranga Mandapam. Acharya Swamigal then blessed the Executive Officer, Board Members & Devasthanam Peshkar and left for Kanchi Math at Alipiri, Tirupati.

Acharya Swamigal visited the Gopradakshina Goshala with Sri Venugopalaswamy Sannadhi being established by Tirumala- Tirupati Devasthanams at the foothills of Tirumala at Alipiri. Since it is considered very auspicious to perform Pradakshina to Gomata, the Goshala has been designed and located to ensure that devotees visiting Tirumala Sri Venkateswara Swami temple will complete the pradakshina. Acharya Swamigal explained the importance of Gomata- Kamadhenu and Kalpataru. Acharya Swamigal unveiled the murti of Sri Venugopalaswami which will be installed in the Goshala.



Acharya Swamigal arrived at Kanchipuram on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7:30 PM. Acharya Swamigal was received at



Sarvateertha Tank by citizens of Kanchipuram accompanied with Prasadams from Kamakshi Ambal, Ekamreshwara Swamy & Varadaraja Swamy temples. His Holiness then arrived at Srimatam and offered Harathi at the Brindavanam.

Later, Pejawar Swamiji met with His Holiness and had detailed discussion about upcoming Ram Temple at Ayodhya and other schemes for Dharma Prachara.



## Taraka Pratishtha, Mani Mandapam, Orikkai in divine presence of Acharya Swamigal (11-Dec-2020)

In Sanatana Dharma, Teerthas are venerated as divine entities and a visit or bath at sacred Teerthas removes our inner and exterior impurities. Apart from Teertha Kshetras there are several tanks & water bodies which are of this nature. In Kanchi there are temple tanks where on each day of a week, devotees perform Snanam in these sacred temple tanks.

Tataka Pratishtha was performed at the newly constructed traditional water tank on the North Eastern side of Mani Mandapam, Orikkai, in the divine presence of Acharya Swamigal. The Tataka Pratishtha is a sacred ritual found in our Sastras which enlists the various traditions for consecrating a newly constructed water body. Kalasha Sthapanam, Havans, offering Palasha wood etc were performed. His Holiness poured the sacred Kalasha Teertham in four directions of the Tank named after Adi Shankarabhagavatpada. His Holiness in his speech talked about the Pratishtha and importance of Purta Dharma.



The tank has been constructed in hexagonal shape like the one in Karvetnagar where Kanchi Mahaswami & Sri Jayendra Saraswati Shankaracharya Swamigal performed Chaturmasya in 1971. There is a Mandapam in middle of the Tatakam.

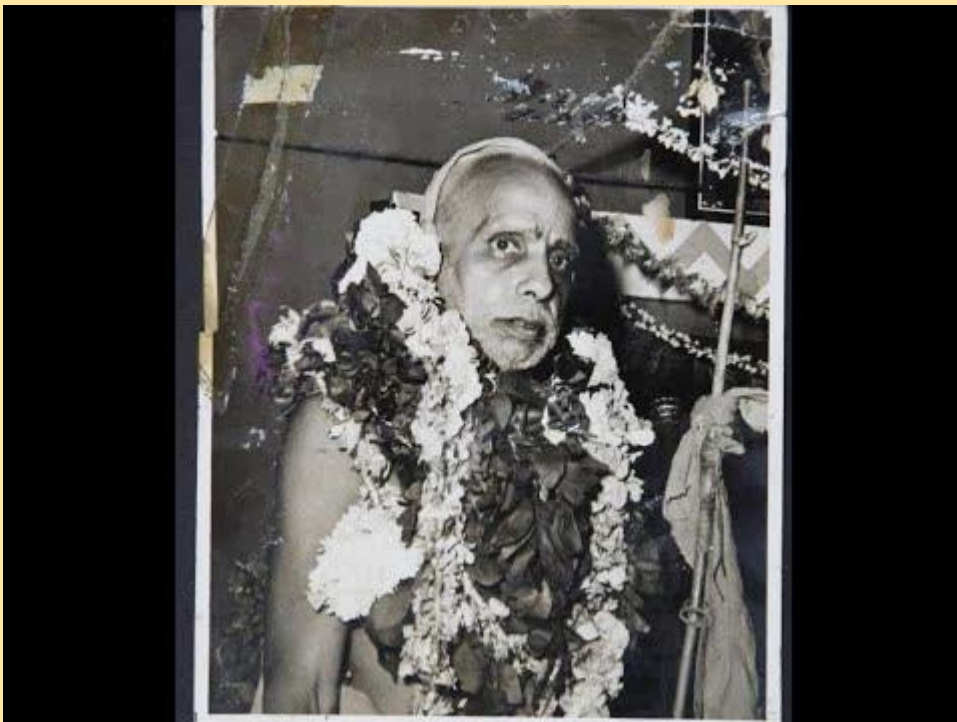




**Brindavana Harati and Pushpanjali performed by Acharya Swamigal (10-Jan-2021)**



**Aradhana video of HH Jagadguru Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Mahaswamigal - 10 Jan 2021**



## Tungabhadra Pushkar Festival Invitation

Anegundi, Hampi, Karnataka

From 5<sup>th</sup> day of Karthika (20-11-2020) Friday to 16<sup>th</sup> day of Karthika (1-12-2020) Tuesday

For 12 days after Jupiter's transcending shift to a New House in the Rasi Chart (Planetary shift) to a new house, Pushkar Bhagavan, who resides in Lord Brahma's Kamandalam, will be present in those Pushkars (the Holy Rivers) and bless us. During those Holy Times, all Devathas, Rishis, Munis and even the Thiri-Murthis are believed to be visiting these rivers and enjoy their Holy- dips. That's why; if ONE takes a Holy dip in those rivers during the Pushkar festivals that are deemed to be more pious than performing the Holy- dips in those 35 million water-bodies in other days

GangaMoola is the origin of Tunga (147 km) and Bhadra (171 km). They take the north-easterly course and confluence near Shivmoga at a place called KUDLI and from that point onwards she is called Tungabhadra. She renders yeoman service to the innumerable pious places like Sringeri and Mantralaya and after traversing further 531 km and taking Vedhavathi River also as a tributary, she merges with Krishna River and continues her journey to the sea.

"Tunga Baane; Ganga Sane" – so goes the popular saying in Kannada, holding the nourishing taste of Tungabhadra water, which is proved to be the tastiest river water in the world, in high esteem. However, reflecting further, we might deduce that the meaning of this phrase is much deeper – *one has to seek the Ganges to get rid of his sins; yet to understand the Self and taste the Knowledge of Brahman, one has to seek Tungabhadra.* 4

The great city of Hampi, which rose on the banks of Tungabhadra also deemed to have the historic name of the river – Pampa as the origin of its name.

Revered Sarovar – **Pampa Sarovar** is located here. This Sarovar is one of the most pious PANJA SAROVAR (FIVE Sarovars) in India

Mahaa Periyavaa, JAGADHGURU SRI CHANDRASEKARENDRA SARASWATI SWAMIGAL had blessed these places camping in these surroundings for 172 days (from 24/10/1978 to 14/04/1979). He performed his Nithya Anushtaanangal, Yagnas, and Japas on the shores of Tungabhadra in Anegundi, Hampi and places close by and rendered His Divine Anugraha to the locale.





### Number of events with Anugraha Bashanam (from file)

**Acharya Swamigal visited Nemilicherry Veda Pathashala to grace the Ghana Parayanam on 04-Jan2020.**

Acharya Swamigal visited the Goshala and later addressed the gathering.



Brief of Speech:

Atithya Dharmam,

Responsibility, Patience, Affection, Service, Shraddha, Respect & Honour are hallmark qualities of Atithya Dharma,

"Vaaram" a Dharmic concept, wherein every house in the village takes responsibility of feeding Vedic students on rotational basis,

Kousalya Devi's blessings to Sri Rama when he leaves for Vanavasa - Let Dharma, which you follow with determination,

without fear, without doubt & perseverance protect you.

To follow Dharma awareness & knowledge is essential. Noble & lofty thoughts should be known to us at least as knowledge, that will then manifest into 'Karyarupa' practise, Veda Vidya should prosper, also support systems should be developed.

Sanskrit knowledge is necessary foundation to explore Indian wisdom, Integration of Mind, word & deed essential for transparent way of life, Veda Parayana is a significant way of preserving Veda Dharma. In the broader aspect, Veda Dharma exists even in way of life of people residing even in villages in India by way of adhering to its dictums,

All should join to protect Veda Dharma, Veda Dharma is Pride & identity of Bharat and will bestow Punya,

It is glad to see youngsters coming up to learn Vedas, Veda Dharma should grow.

Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitaha.

**Acharya Swamigal visited Omkarananda Swami Ashram Narayana Dham, Chennai on 27-Nov-2019.**

Swami Omkaranda received Acharya Swamigal and read Swagatham Patrika. Later Acharya Swamigal addressed the gathering.

Brief:

Dakshinamurthy Swami at Theni Ashram, knowledge springs from Dakshinamurthy, youth need to be taught about their roots, people who had to leave country many centuries ago find difficult to retain identity intact but today with help of technology the message of culture can be taken everywhere,

Acharyas' Hitopadesha to people on Advaita philosophy.

Acharya in his 32 years, has imparted this great philosophy to people by Tapas, Mouna, Upanyasa, Kanchi Acharyas visit to Madhyarjuna Kshetram & special Advaita Ashtottram with Shawls to Paduka and later giving to Vedantic Scholars,

Chariot Festival "Ter Tiruvizha: in Tiruvudaimarudur & other temples, even within the realm of philosophy there is need for bridges to link people of different languages, quest for knowledge necessary, Veda Dharma is foundation for native knowledge which can be known through regional languages, Sastraic knowledge required to clear doubts.

Tirukkural, Bhagavad Gita & other Niti Sastra Granthas help in channelising life style, people should cooperate & associate in Dharma Prachara, patronage should be given for those dedicating to Vedic life.

Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah



**Acharya Swamigal visited Vadapalani Sri Murugan Temple on 10-Jan-2020.** Acharya Swamigal was received by Temple Archakas, Takkar Sri Adimoolam & Officers with traditional Purnakumbha Swagatam and honours.

Special Deeparadhanas were performed in the Sannadhis. Sri Murugan in the Garbha Gruham was decked in



"Raja" Alankaram. Special Cultural programmes were organised during the visit. His Holiness blessed Anugraha Bhashanam and then returned to camp at Astika Samajam at Alwarpet for Pradosha Puja.

Brief of Speech: (5:25 to 23:53 Mins)

Vadapalani Pada Yatra Sangham Annual Pada Yatra to Kanchi Kamakshi Temple on Margazhi Pournami, Swami Darshanam by Pada Yatra begets more Punya, Pada Yatra of Pujya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya Swamigal,

By ensuring proper Mantrocharanam, Pujas, Utsavas, Prasada Vinayagam kind of

religious deeds & by proper upkeep of temples, maintenance, proper Dravyas, devotee facilities, discourses, bhajans etc will help in realizing the full objective of temples. Tamilnadu has the highest number of temples in India. Several centuries ago with the efforts of people from Tamilnadu, Hindu culture, spread in entire South East Asia, this can be seen in the temples & Shilpa kala there and by this they have brought fame & pride to India. Now, this has to be taken deeper into rural villages, Achanchala Bhakti in the feet of Lord helps in getting Punya & warding off negativities, Adi Sankara's Subrahmanya Bhujangam says 'Patra Vibhuti of Tiruchendur Murugan removes fear, difficulties & diseases'. By service to temples, ancestors, present generation & future generations get blessings of Bhagavan, temples need to be developed in such a way, wherein they are centres of culture, spirituality, heritage and harbingers of divine blessings. People should join in service activities for Atma Tupti & helping others, Go Samrakshanam is an important service activity, Kanchi Kamakshi Amman is known as Aramvalartha Nayaki - Dharma Samvardhini, Kumbha Mela is done in North India, Kumbhabhishekam is performed in temples every twelve years in South India. With Murugan's blessings the Pada Yatra Sangham (since 41 years) should grow and people should involve in Dharmic deeds.

Namaha Parvati Pataye Har Har Mahadev

Vetri Vel Muruganukku Haro Hara



**Acharya Swamigal visited Anandham Senior Citizen Home situated in Ambattur, Chennai (28-Jan-2020)**  
during camp at Venkateshwara Perumal Temple, Lenin Nagar, Ambattur early this year. The devotees doing service in the Home received and explained the various Seva activities done by them. His Holiness then blessed Anugraha Bhashanam.

Brief of address:

Our Culture & traditions help Man to really become Man & enable to broaden the mind,

Our Dharma preaches Upavasa & Utsava, Pravachana & Mouna, Dhyana & Pada Yatra,

Our scriptures help in realising the objective of 'Srishti' and enlighten people to achieve Merit by good actions & special qualities. Human life is viewed as a gift and opportunity. Unity & togetherness between individuals, organizations, governments, in entire world helps,



For this Dharmic thinking helps. Subhiksham, Shanti & Santosham can be achieved by Dharmic living,

Values are the foundation for any Nation or Organization, in our tradition the word Dharma was used to denote all this. Citizens are to be Dharmic, people may belong to different countries but thinking must be based on Dharmic Values. There have been exemplary personalities in India who have lived the Dharmic way of life. Material resources, Power & Freedom are important, but they should be based only on Dharmic values, as Dharma is the root, foundation and guidance for human life.

Human Mind burdened with problems etc, can be lightened with help of Arts. Temples are not just buildings, Ishvara Chainatayam exists there. Three Gunas dictate human thinking, Satva Guna must be predominant guiding force. The Vedanta says that we should ask ourselves "Who Am I" as inner quest & enquiry, and not proclaim with ego as 'Who Am I' to others. Egoless, ignorance -less, hate-less thinking & service develops Satvic thinking and brings Atma Trupti,

Service to society in Hinduism is an integral part of life. Since ages, Education exists in India through Native Skill & Experience, but in current type of learning there are First Generation Graduates, we should help to increase their quality of life. This Anandam home is doing service in Education improvement, medical support and charity following the dictums of Adi Sankara. Indian tradition show greatest respect for elders, Sastras say that by service & obedience to elders, life span, knowledge, fame and strength increases.

Advanced civilization should imply purity in mind, affectionate approach, right thinking, strength and devotion. With blessings of Kanchi Acharyas several activities for social welfare is happening. Both, Service to Society and Devotion to God are essential. Human Society must live with Peace, Ananda and be blessed by Ishvara. This Anandam home which does service from children to elders must be bestowed with both Loukika Anandam (material resources etc) & Aloukika Anandam with Guru's & Ishvara's grace.

Hara Hara Sankara Jaya Jaya Sankara

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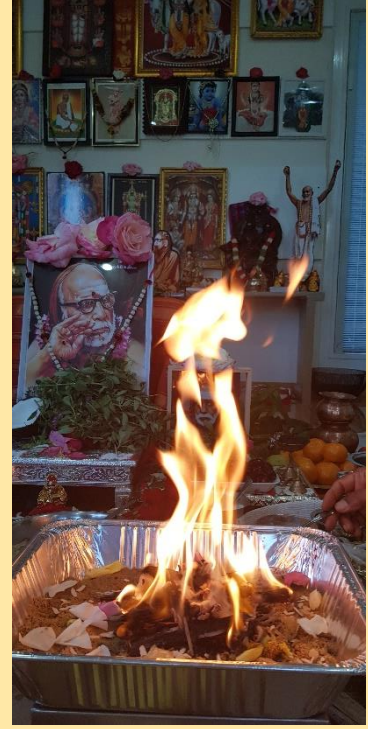


**From around the world, as shared by devotees**

**Perth** - With the anugraham of Acharya Swamigal, Shri Shaankari Shloka Class for Australia was started on the auspicious Vijaya Dashami of this year (26th Oct 2020). There are 6 kids in the first batch. Sri. Sriram Krishnan from Perth is teaching the kids and the classes are conducted online using Google Meet every Sunday at 3:30PM Perth time (1PM IST | 6:30PM AEST during Daylight Savings & 5:30PM during normal AEST months). As part of Shri Shaankari classes, not only shlokas are taught every week but also small sampradayas are taught to the kids in order to impart and reinforce Sanatana Dharma Values in the young minds.

Sriram is more than happy to teach more kids in the Australia/New Zealand zone. Those who are interested to join Shri Shaankari Shloka Classes, please contact Sriram at [sriram.krishnan2@hotmail.com](mailto:sriram.krishnan2@hotmail.com)

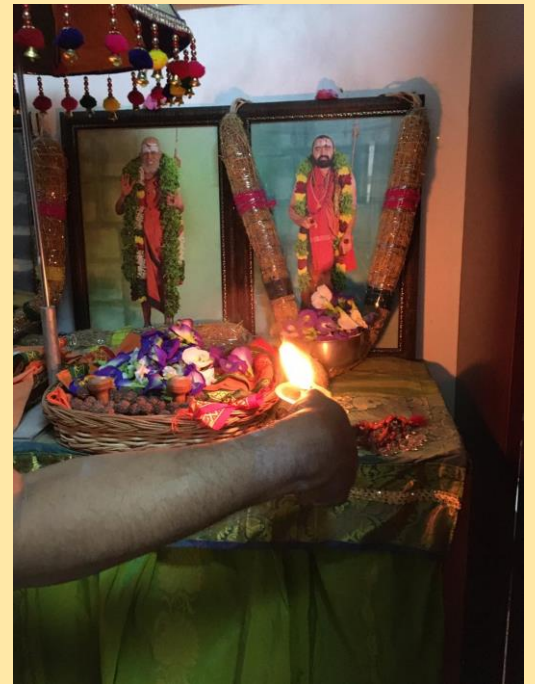
With all the PeriyavAs anugraham, Monthly Anusham celebrations for Sri Sri Mahaperiyava have been happening for over 6 years now. Also, every year, Sri Sri Mahaperiyava's Jayanthi and Araadhanai Mahotsavam have been celebrated in a grand manner. There will be Ganapati Homam, Aavahanti Homam, Rudra Homam, Ekaadasha Rudrabhishekam, Vishnu Sahasranaama ParaayaNAM, Lalitha Sahasranaama ParaayaNam



performed on Sri MahaperiyavA's Jayanthi and Araadhanai days (plus Mooka Panchashati ParaayaNam at individual bhaktAs house). Some of the photos from Sri MahaperiyavA's Anusham, Maha Anusham (Jayanthi), Araadhanai celebrations from past years included



**Abu Dhabi** – December Anusham & Uthiradam pooja at Ruwais Abudhabi







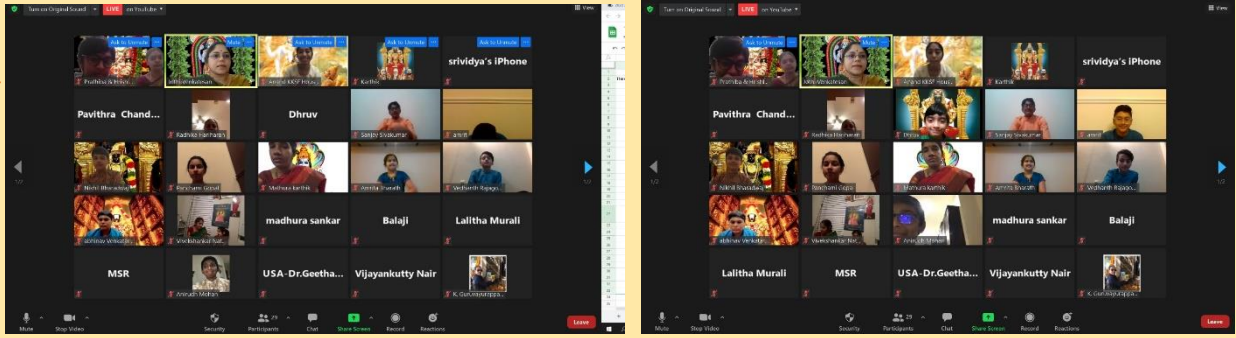
**Ruwais Abudhabi** - Sri. Mahaperiyava aradhana and Monthly Anusham pooja with Ekadasa rudram and Thirisathi Archana. Thodakastakam, lingashtakam, Aditya hrdhya stotram chanting done



**Sharjah** – Anusham and Aradhana celebrations



## Houston - KKSFHOUSTON Vaikunta Ekadashi Gita and Tirupavvai Parayanam



**Tampa** - By the Grace of Guru Parampara, Dhanur Masam Monthly Guru pooja for December was performed on 19th Dec 2020 @ Shri Srinivasan and Smt Aparna Srinivasan residence.

We had Swasti vAchanam by kids to start with and we did the Abhishekam and Shodashopachara with Rudrabhishekam, followed by Archana/Ashtothra for Shiva, Adi Shankara, Periyava, Pudhu Periyava.

Dvijaas offered the Sangeetha Seva for the Guruparampara accompanied with Pakka Vadhyam.

The program concluded with Totakashtakam and Arathi. We had a few retweeks in person and chanted Rudram, Chamakam and Pancha suktam on abhishekam.



In addition to the Guru Pooja information, Satsang of some kids recitation is included.

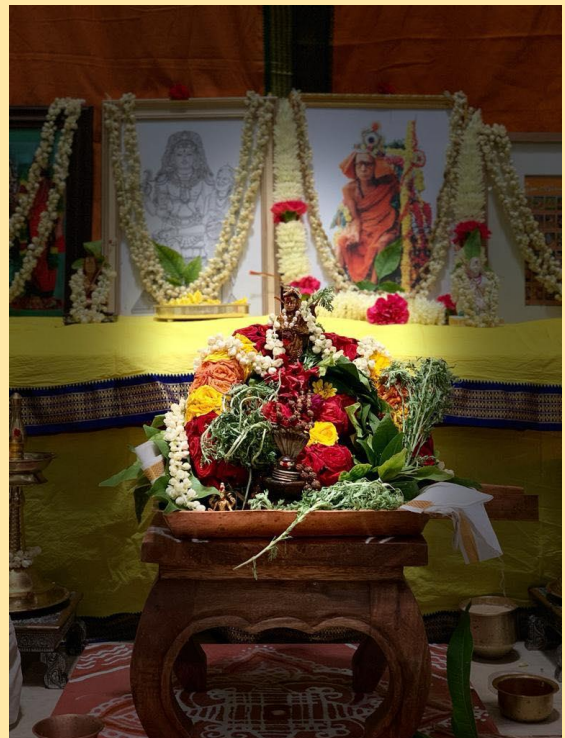
1. Vidhur Manoj reciting Lalitha Pancharatnam as a part of Sahasradala Padma-2 class  
([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6N\\_v5TC9Yc&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6N_v5TC9Yc&feature=youtu.be))

2. Kashyap Ramanathan recited the Bhagavad Gita Chapter-2 as a part of KKSF BG & Shloka class.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNuJukxnGSg&list=PLqNgwfzRARZMIRL4sb-bd6Z7r1Lu\\_0QbE&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNuJukxnGSg&list=PLqNgwfzRARZMIRL4sb-bd6Z7r1Lu_0QbE&index=1)



KKSF Tampa Chapter Celebrated Monthly Anusham and Periyava Aradhana on the Auspicious Krishna Paksha Ekadashi with Anusham Nakstahtram. Pooja Started early at 7 AM with around 10 Retweeks and families. two of our Local priests performed the Pooja with Ganapathy Dhyanam, Punyakavachanam, Mahanyasa purvaka Rudrabhishekam for Shivan and Periyava, pancha suktam Chanting, Ashtothram for Shivan, Adi Shankara, Periyava and Pudhu periyava and concluded with Maha arathi. Veda parayana seva offered to periyava with parayanam of Taittiriya Upanishad, Gho Suktam, Shradha Suktam, Navagraha Suktam, Nakshatra Suktam, Dhurva Suktam by the Retweeks. Kids chanted the 4th Chapter of Bhagavad Gita, Aghamarshana suktam and medha suktam.

The program concluded with Danam for the priests and Mahaprasadam.



**North Carolina** - Skandha Sastha Ashram and North Carolina Thevaram Thirupugazh Sabha joined hands with Tamerica TV for a six-day worldwide grand marathon Thiruppugazh event from November 24<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>. It was a unique effort with exhilarating participation of devotees from across the globe. Adiyargal from all over the world participated to sing and praise the glory of Lord Muruga. We had Guruji's Anugraha Bhashanam and guest speakers sharing Arupadai Veedu sirappu each day. Our goal was to spread the awareness of Thiruppugazh by Saint Arunagirinathar throughout the world. The event instilled the purpose of human birth when participants floated with glee in bhakthi paravasam.





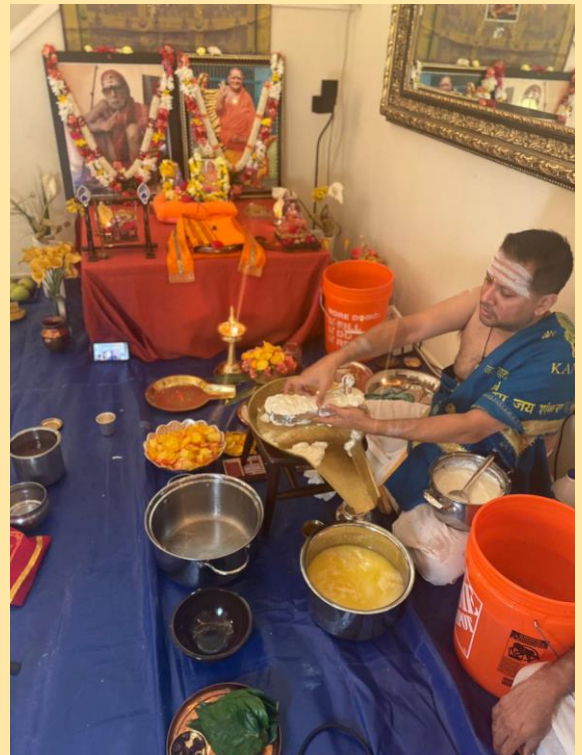
**San Jose - San Francisco Bay Area Activities** - In the Bay Area, daily practice sessions are conducted by Srinivasan and Vidhya Srinivasan. On December 16, we had an excellent presentation by the Bay Area children. They sang most slokams from the SDPA2 songlist.

On December 25, being Vaikunta Ekadasi, the practice session was used for chanting Vishnu Sahasranama. With increased awareness, several participants have started observing Ekadasi Vrata. Gita Jayanti was also celebrated on that day. Vidya Ravikumar, daughter of Ravi Ramaswamy & Sudharshini chanted the Bhagavad Gita Dyana slokam. Smt. Gayatri chanted the entire Purushottama Yogam. We are looking forward to Sri Mahaperiyava Aaradhana and the SDPA2 event.

**Washington DC** - Jagadguru Kanchi Mahaswamigal Aradhana was performed by KKSF, DC, USA with rudrabhishekam and visesha pujas



**Seattle** - Mahaperiyava's Aradhanai poojai hosted by Smt. Kavya Sarat and Shri. Sarat. Poojai began at 8 am with sankalpam, ganapathy pujai, kalasa pujai, rudra japam, padhukai abhishekam, archanai, totakashtakam, stotra sevaisangita and stotra sevai by many children and adults. The community joined remotely to experience the blessings of this pujai which was led with shradhai by Shri. Sunil Bala along with Shri. Venki Ramanathan and Shri. Venkat Putarjunan.





**Portland, Oregon** - Dhanur maasa Anusham Pooja and MahaPeriyava Aradhana was held on Jan 10, 2021. Devotees recited Guru Vandanam, Swasti followed by recital of Sikshavalli, Laghunyaasam, Rudram, Chamakam, Purusha suktham, Naarayana suktham, Vishnu suktham, Sri suktham, Durga suktham & Shanti panchakam, Archanas for MahaPeriyava, Jayendra Periyava, Thotakaashtakam, kids recited SDPA2 Shlokas, followed by Naivedyam and Harathi.

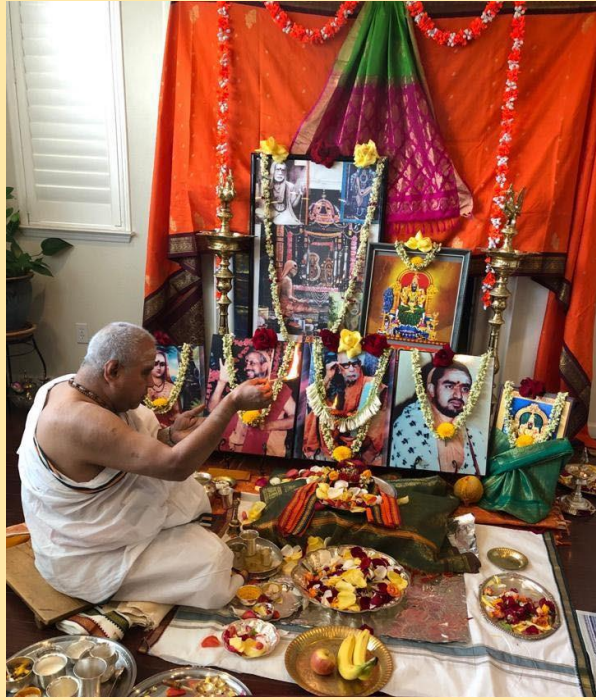


**Phoenix, Arizona** - With the blessings and anugraham of Acharya Swamigal, Jagadguru Kanchi Mahaswamigal Aradhana was performed at KKSF Phoenix, AZ USA On Saturday Jan 9th, 2021 with Ekadasa Rudra Parayanam and Abhishekam. Small children chanted Pancha Sooktams. The program culminated on Sunday Jan 10th with Namasankeerthanam. Bhagavatars sang Thodaya Mangalam on Maha Periyava Periyava, Guru Kirthana, Abhang and Mangalam





**SFO, Bay area** - Jagadguru Kanchi Mahaswamigal Aradhana was performed at SFO, Bay Area, USA with visesha pujas



**Dallas** - With Pujyasri Perivaa's blessings, KKSF Dallas performed Monthly Anusha puja and Pujyasri Mahaperivaa Aradhana on 9th Dec, 2021 hosted by Sri Chandramouli Vadhyar.

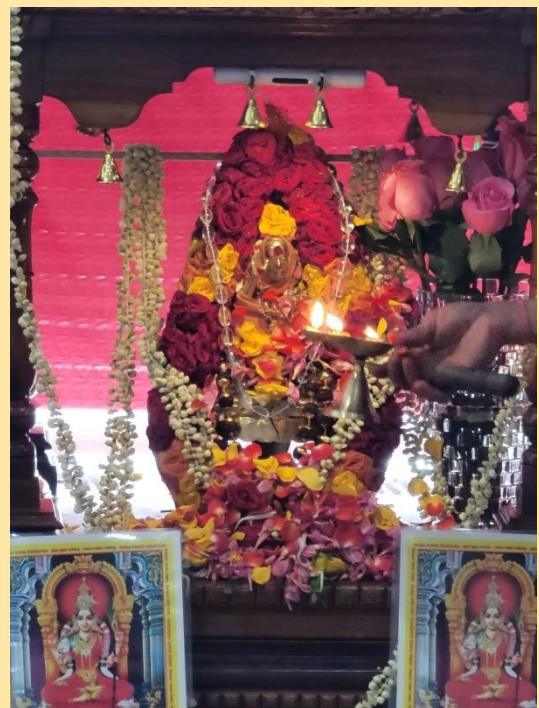
Sri Kannan Vadhyar joined with handful of KKSF volunteers and performed the following:

1. Avahanthi homam
2. Mahanyasa Parayanam
3. Mahaperiyava Aradhana Puja with Rudrabhikshem and Panchsookta Paraayanam

In the evening 6pm to 7pm children were requested to record videos of shlokas, keertanai and bhajans and shared it in our satsangam telegram group. We also announced about donation opportunities for satsangam members to support Kumbhakonam Patashala and Integrated Patashalas.

YouTube link for the program -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMmp75LPweA>





**Wilton, Connecticut** - The Aradhana of Sri Chandrashekarendra Saraswati Swamigal was celebrated by KKSF NJ and CT Periyava satsang over two days 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. On the 9<sup>th</sup> January, Margashira Anuradha and Krishna ekadasi, Holy Padhukas of Sri Mahaperiyava and Sri Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal were brought to Sri Sayee Natarajan's house in CT by Sri Guruvayurappan, NJ. Along with Sri Periyavas padhukas, Abhishekams were performed by the hosts and the attendees amidst chanting of Sri Rudram, Chamakam and other suktams. After Lalitha Sahasranamam chanting, ashtottara shatanama archana to Sri Chandramouleeswara, Sri Kamakshi, Sri Adi Shankara, Sri Mahaperiyava, Sri



Jayendra Periyava's padhukas were performed. This event was well attended both in person and virtually

On Margashira Krishna Dvadasi, the Aradhana of Sri Mahaperiyava, the day started with chanting of Thiruppavai, Thiruvembavai and Thiruppalliyezhuchi at 5:30 AM. Avahanthi Homam was performed. The Padhukas were taken to Wilton Hindu Temple (WHT). WHT has been hosting Sri Matam related activities including Sahasradala Padma Aradhana 2020. Based on the agnyai of Acharya Swamigal, 22 kids with diverse background did pooja to a photo of Mahaperiyava. A simple shodasha upachara pooja was performed along the ashtottara shatanama archana. The

kids were preparing for the even for several months by learning Sri Matam Svasthi vachanam, thotakashtakam and Maithreem bhajata. It was a delightful sight to behold the kids chanting these shlokas without any help from adults. At the end of the pooja, as ordained by Sri Periyava, excerpt from Voice of God, part 6, chapter "For the youngsters" has been read by the kids. Kids then sang Maithreem Bhajatha.





## New Jersey (Mani Mandapam) - Vande Guruparamparam A Virtual Blessing by Sri Periyava (02-Jan-2021)

The advent of this year 2021 began on a very auspicious and divine note for the overseas devotees of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam. Sri Periyava blessed all of us with HIS boundless grace and compassion through the event, Vande Guruparamparam, a virtual tour of Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam NJ USA as its construction progresses. Thanks to today's scientific advancement, devotees across the world witnessed the different facets of this Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam NJ USA as



Sri. Suri Subramanian, President of Sanatana Dharma Foundation Inc, presented key details of the construction to Sri Periyava. Dharmatma Dr.Yegnasubramanian presented the Poorna Kumbham along with Sri.Suri to submit our welcome at the lotus feet of Sri Periyava. Dr.Yegnasubramanian has been a pillar of support for this initiative right from its early stages providing his valuable insights throughout its development. The event began



with Mangala Vaadhyam by Chiranjeevi. Shishir Kumar (Saxophone). This was followed by JayaGhosham, a traditional announcement of the arrival of the Jagadguru of Moolamnaya Sarvajna Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham, accompanied by the sounds of traditional instruments like Beri and Gowri kaalai. The divine Jayaghosham resonated through the minds of all the listeners reminding us of the unbroken two-

thousand-year-old tradition, unblemished by time or space, purely through the grace and tireless efforts of our Acharya Parampara. Representatives of Delaware Valley Asthika Mandali, Minnesota MahaPeriyava Satsang, New Hampshire Hindu Temple, Maryland-DC Satsangam, Detroit Satsangam, Seattle Satsangam, Sacramento MahaPeriyava Mandali along with Sri Sivan SAR Siva Saagaram Trust in Chennai were present in the conference to welcome and submit their Poorna Kumbham honors to Sri Periyava.

Through drone and mobile videography Sri Periyava was presented with a virtual live tour of the Manimandapam premises. Sri Periyava after listening to every minute detail explained how some architectural features explained, resembled famous temples such as Suseendram and Thirupathi in South India. Sri.Suri explained the finer details of the Prahaara Mandapam that will be adorned



with 100 Nandhi & Tanjore paintings of Acharyas of our Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham around the walls depicting it as Kamakoti Guruparampara Mandapam. When he further explained about the wooden carvings of the Mokshapuri Kanchipuram Kshetram around the Skylight, Sri Periyava remarked "Similar to Athi Varadhar (Sri Varadaraja Perumal in Kanchipuram, a Swayambu Moorthy formed out of a fig tree trunk)". With this simple yet profound remark, our Jagadguru Sri Periyava reiterated the essence that this glorious lineage traces its origin to Lord Narayana in both name and form. This Guru Parampara painting initiative was blessed by Sri Periyava during his camp in Ongole in 2016 and under His instructions, the name plates for all the Acharyas in our Guru Parampara are being prepared in India. Due to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic situation, all regulations were maintained throughout the event including social distancing and protective wear. The management trustees and members of construction committee represented all the volunteers to receive Periyava's blessings.





With the core vision of integrating ideas and people belonging to our Sanatana Dharma across the world, Sri Periyava has synthesized and blessed several initiatives through our Sri Matam. This compassionate vision was resplendent throughout the tour when He pointed out how some ideas used in the Manimandapam construction such as Project Prakruthi (zero plastic waste efforts, Nandavanam irrigation through sacred water outlet system) could be adapted by temples in India. After visiting

the Garbagraham, Vishesha Mandapam, Multi-purpose hall and Priest quarters, Sri Periyava blessed the initiative and efforts taken by the devotees involved in this divine initiative at every stage of the construction over the years. He expressed His happiness and blessings for the dedication of the Manimandapam team. The virtual tour was followed by Geetham by Vidwan. Prasanna Soundararajan and Chiranjeevi. Aarya Suriyanarayanan (Vocal). Notably, they presented Sri Sankaracharyam (composed by Sri Subbarama Deekshithar) and Sri Chandrashekharam Aashraye (Composed by Vidwan. Sri B.Krishnamoorthy), both Krithis written in praise of Acharyas of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham.

The pinnacle of this event that the devotees of various Satsangams were waiting for, the Anugraha Bhashanam of His Holiness Sri Periyava, began after the tour. The Anugraha Bhashanam spanning close to 93 minutes covered a broad range of topics and inspirational ideas for all the devotees and especially the devotees living overseas. Sri Periyava began His divine discourse with the core definition of our Sanatana Dharma as that which is timeless and was conceived by Bhagavan for

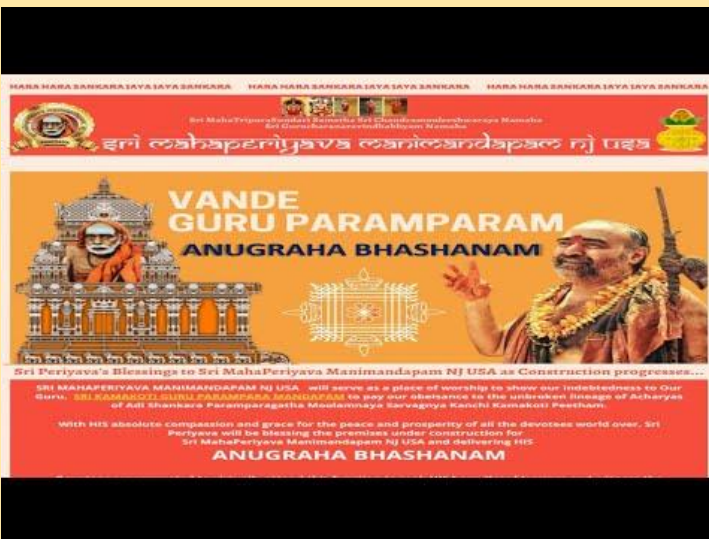
our righteous existence. He recounted the conversation between Justice M.M.Ismail and Sri MahaPeriyava in Kanchipuram. When questioned by the Justice on what the right ancient name is to be accorded to our religion, Sri MahaPeriyava explained that our Dharma was omnipresent and is as old as Bhagavat Srishti thereby eliminating the need to name and differentiate it from anything else. But for convenience sake, Sri MahaPeriyava used the vaakyam “एषः धर्मः सनातनः” to explain that Sanatana Dharma could be the right name for our religion. Sri Periyava outlined this definition for our Dharma with his impeccable memory of the date and time it was provided by Sri MahaPeriyava.



In vogue with the current terminology, Sri Periyava also explained that Sanatana Dharma is a robust software created by Bhagavan for efficient functioning of our universe. He highlighted how within its vast umbrella, it even contains Science, Sociology, Ecology and of course, spirituality. This Dharma, as Sri Periyava explained, instituted several practices including our daily Nithya Karmanushtana and the forty Samskaras throughout one's life to work towards the final goal of Moksha. Through various examples, Sri Periyava highlighted how our Adi Acharya Sri Shankara Bhagavatpada codified these practices, protecting our dharma from the influence of several non-vedic institutions that flourished during that time. May it be the Panchayatana Pooja for everyday worship or defining specific Moorthi Pooja practices such as Pradhosha Pooja or Shodasha Upacharam, Sri Shankara Bhagavatpada instilled the Roopa (form) worship paving way to Aroopa (formless) worship through natural progression according to one's own abilities. It is to sustain and preserve these practices, Sri Periyava explained the need for Satsangams across the world. As the saying goes: “संघे शक्ति कलौ युगे” (Kali Yuga needs the collective strength of Satsangam for propagating Dharma). In this context, Sri Periyava appreciated the efforts of Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam NJ USA

Satsangam and various other affiliated Satsangams in creating the environment conducive for a Vedic Eco-system. He recounted how Sri MahaPeriyava explained the purpose of our Sri Matam as a refuge for seekers of Gnanam during one of HIS camps in Aouk, a small village. Sri MahaPeriyava, according to Sri Periyava, was a reincarnation of our Adi Acharyal without an iota of doubt and we were all blessed to have lived in the century He graced this universe in physical form. He insisted that the Satsangams should work towards motivating each other with affection and cooperation to understand our Rishi Parampara and Guru Parampara. Just like the economic middle class that governments promote and protect, Sri Periyava explained the need for a Vedic middle class which makes itself receptive and worth to receive the Vedic grace from Scholars and Pandits and mutually protect each other's sustenance. This eco-system, He hoped, will preserve both our language and our dharma from all the external and internal disturbances. He urged the NRI devotees to develop Dharmic communication to understand our Rishi and Acharya lineage and build our relationship based on this common thread of Dharma. He blessed the Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam NJ USA to serve as a Kamakoti Guru Parampara Mandapam, an infrastructure which will be looked up to by all institutions and temples across the world as a guiding force in sustaining our Sanatana Dharma as evolved by our Adi Acharya Sri Sankara Bhagavatpada. The Manimandapam team were filled with gratitude and touched by the blessings and motivation of Sri Periyava to work towards this divine mission. Our heartfelt thanks to Shri. Vijay Mehta, Shri. Ramesh Sethuraman and Shri. Sivaraman for coordinating this grand and blissful event with the Sri MahaPeriyava Manimandapam NJ, USA team and helping us to reach the blessings of Sri Periyava to several devotees across the world.

Sri Periyava concluded the Bhashanam with Mangala Haarathi at the Adishtanam of Sri MahaPeriyava and Sri (Pudhu)Periyava. By this time, it was way past midnight for Sri Periyava and the devotees who had connected to receive His blessings, were immensely touched by the rigors our Jagadguru was subjecting himself to, for the sole cause of "Loka Shamkaram".



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### Voice of Youth

**Perth, Australia - Vidhula Sriram and Chandrashekar Sriram**

Vidhula Sriram is in Perth (Australia) at the moment and she has been passionate to learn shlokas right from a young age of 2.5 years. Every day Vidhula spends time for learning shlokas and last year, as a compilation of Shanmatha Stothram (षण्मत स्तोत्रम्), there was a video posted on YouTube. Here is the link to **Shanmatha Stothra**

**PaarayaNam (षण्मत स्तोत्र पारायणम् | ஷண்மத ஸ்தோத்ர பாராயணம்):** <https://youtu.be/SNwAjsey54g>.



She is 8 years now and learning **Arya Shatakam** from **Mooka Panchashati**.

There has been a series of Arya Shatakam videos posted on YouTube. Here is the latest Mooka Panchashati recitation and one can follow rest of the recitations in the same channel and playlist: <https://youtu.be/02fFjx7d4I>. Vidhula is also keen in pronouncing Samskrita Aksharam and puts in lot of effort to pronounce all the shlokams properly which can be evident from the recitation videos.

Her brother is Chandrashekar Sriram who is 3 years old, predominantly learns shlokas by listening while his sister learns or while Vidhula practices the shlokas. At the moment, Chandrashekar is able to recite nearly 30 small shlokas. Here is the compilation of **Shloka ParaayaNam** by Chandrashekar: [https://youtu.be/mCMz\\_yDxpXs](https://youtu.be/mCMz_yDxpXs).





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