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ಶತಮಾನೋತ್ಸವ ಸಮಾರಂಭ

ಓಂ ನಮೋ ನಾರಾಯಣಾಯ, ಓಂ ಭಗವತೇ ವಾಸುದೇವಾಯ - ಈ ಎರಡು ವಾಕ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡಗಿರುವ ವಿಶೇಷತೆಯನ್ನು ನಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟವರು ಭಗವತ್ ಭಕ್ತರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಾನುಜರು. ಸಾವಿರಾರು ವರ್ಷಗಳಷ್ಟು ಹಿಂದೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಪಾರ ಕಾರುಣ್ಯದಿಂದ ಜನರಿಗೆ ತತ್ವಬೋಧೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಮಾಜವನ್ನು ಭಕ್ತಿಮಾರ್ಗದ ಎಡೆಗೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪಾರ ಶ್ರಮ ವಹಿಸಿ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃತಕೃತ್ಯರಾದವರು ಆ ಮಹಾಸಂತರು.

ಅವರು ಸಾವಿರ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧ ಯಾತ್ರಾ ಸ್ಥಳವಾದ ಮೇಲುಕೋಟೆಗೆ ಆಗಮಿಸಿ ಶಿಷ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಉಪದೇಶಿಸಿ ಧರ್ಮ ಪ್ರಚಾರಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಯತಿರಾಜ ಮಠವೊಂದನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿದರು. ಆ ಮಠವು ಅಂದಿನಿಂದ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ಧರ್ಮ ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತನ್ನ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಮಹಾ ಮಹಾ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರು ಆ ಮಠದ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಪಟ್ಟವನ್ನು ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಿ ಭಗವಂತನ ಸೇವಾ ಕೈಂಕರ್ಯವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಂತಹವರಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸೂರಿ ಆನಂದಾಚಾರ್ಯ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಯದವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಶ್ರೀವೈಷ್ಣವರಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರೂ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಬಹುದು. ಆ ಮಹಾತ್ಮರು ಯತಿಪೀಠವನ್ನು ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಿದ್ದು 1921ರಲ್ಲಿ. ಪರಮಪದ 1943. ಅವರು ಭಾರತವನ್ನು ಆ ಸೇತು ಹಿಮಾಚಲ ಸಂಚರಿಸಿ ತತ್ವಪ್ರಚಾರ ಮಾಡಿ ಭಗವತ್ ಕೈಂಕರ್ಯವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿ ಶ್ರೀವೈಷ್ಣವರಿಗೆ ಮಹದುಹಕಾರ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಮಹಾ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರಾಗಿದ್ದವರು. ಮುಂದೆ ಅವರ ಪುತ್ರವರ್ಯರಾದ ಆಸೂರಿ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್ಯರು 1981ರಲ್ಲಿ ಯತಿಪಟ್ಟವನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿ ಶ್ರೀಮಠದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಶ್ರಮ ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ತಿಳಿದ ವಿಷಯವೇ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಅವರು 4 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ತಮ್ಮ 96ನೇ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಮಪದ ಸೇರಿ ಈಗ ಭಗವಂತನ ಕೈಂಕರ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರತರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಶಿಲ್ಪಿಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ವೇದಾಂತ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಅನೇಕ ವಿಷಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಾ ಪಾಂಡಿತ್ಯ ಪಡೆದವರಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಅಂತಹವರ ನೂರನೇ

ವರ್ಷದ ಅಂದರೆ ಶತಮಾನೋತ್ಸವವನ್ನು ಈ ವರ್ಷದ ನವೆಂಬರ್ 14ರಂದು ನಡೆಸಬೇಕಾದ ಪುಣ್ಯಕಾರ್ಯವು ನಮಗೆ ಒದಗಿ ಬಂದಿರುವುದು ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ಭಾಗ್ಯವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಬಹುದು. ಶತಮಾನ ಉತ್ಸವವನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಿ ಆ ಯತಿವರ್ಯರಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟ ಪಡಿಸುವ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ನಮ್ಮ ಭಕ್ತಿ ಕುಸುಮಾಂಜಲಿಯನ್ನು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸೋಣ.

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE NEWS BULLETIN COMMITTEE

Dear Members,

Due to delay in getting approval for monthly issues from Delhi, we have combined the Sept-Oct issue as one issue.

Preliminary arrangements for the Global Mandayam Meet are going on and a number of meetings have been held here. Our Secretary Mr. M. A. Dwaraki who has just returned from USA had contacted our brethren there. We expect good participation for the meet and detailed programme is published elsewhere in this issue.

Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha completes 92 years in December 2008. In this connection, sports competitions and competitions in Rangoli, Painting etc. will be conducted from the end of October. All the members with their families are requested to participate in large numbers. The detailed programme is given in this issue.

We wish our members a Happy Deepavali.

M. A. Sreenath

**STRUCTURE OF MANDAYAM
SRIVAISHNAVA SABHA**

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**APPEAL TO
COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

We have about 309 Patrons/Donors and 640 members, which totals to only about 900. Our community has a strength of nearly 4000 people and our Membership base has to increase in order to reach out to all people of our community and involve in various activities of the Sabha. It is requested that all community members become Donors/Patrons/Life Members at the earliest.

Membership Fees (One time)

1. Life Members Rs. 500/-
2. Patrons Rs. 1000/-
3. Donors Rs. 5000/-

Cheques/DDs payable to "Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha" may be sent along with details of Name, address, family name and telephone numbers.

Smt. K.T. Padma, a devotee of our Yathiraja Mutt has graciously donated Rs. 1 lakh towards the development of Yathiraja Mutt. This is gratefully acknowledged.

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OF
MANDAYAM WEDDINGS**

Every 'Mandayam News' issue carries a list of Mandayam weddings that take place after the release of the last issue. The bride and bridegroom parties may please leave a copy of the wedding invitation at the Sabha office as reference for publishing details of the wedding.

SABHA OFFICE

Effective from 1st June 2008, the Sabha office has shifted to a more spacious office at the adjoining place on the first floor of Sri R.A. Krishnaswamy Block. The **Sabha office shall be open on all working days from Monday to Saturday in the evenings from 6.00 PM to 7.00 PM.** Sri M.T.Parthasarathy will be available during office hours. Sabha office phone no. is **41535970.**

AADI VELLIKKILAMAI - 2008



Sri Andal being brought in a procession to Sri Ramanuja Samskruthi Bhavana.

The festival was celebrated on Friday, the 25th July 2008 at Sri Ramanuja Samskriti Bhavana, Malleswaram.

The programme started with Procession of Sri Andal with her Kizhi on a beautifully decorated peetam by Smt. Sujata Vasan, was carried by many volunteers from Lord Narasimhaswamy Sannidhi, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt to Sri Ramanuja Samskriti Bhavana. Many ladies carried the Pacchamavu Vilakku, while Lakshmi Astotharam was recited by a big Goshti in the procession. After a traditional Arathi to Goda Devi, the Goshti entered the Jai Krishna Anand Hall. The melodious Nadaswaram created a temple atmosphere of Sanctity.

Smt. Radhika Manoj, invoked the Programme with an Invocation song selecting pasurams from "Upadesha Rathina Malai" in Raagamalike. Kum. M. A. Seetha, Vice-president welcomed the members and said that the participation of our community members is very encouraging and requested them to bring all the family members, particularly the youngsters for future programmes.

Sri M. D. Ramanuja, President, spoke on the significance of Pacchamavu and explained with examples how it is used in different places on various occasions. Smt. Radha Murthy, who started this festival in the Sabha with the support of her husband Late D.S. Murthy and other members in 2002, briefed the audience the purpose of celebrating the festival. She appreciated and congratulated the Committee for continuing the celebrations with the encouragement by the community members.

U.Ve. Lakshmi Thatachar Swamy, the Chief Guest of the day, enlightened the audience about the

importance of Aadivellikkilamai and significance of lighting the five pacchamavu vilakku on Fridays in the month of Aadi. He congratulated the members of the Committee for bringing out very good cultural, spiritual and devotional programmes with the continued support, interest and encouragement by our community members. All the ladies lighted the pacchamavu vilakku arranged in front of Sri Andal on Oonjal.

Smt. Lakshmi Vijay of Annaswamy family who had incidentally visited Bangalore from Dallas (USA) sang a song on Goddess Lakshmi. Chi. Navaneeth Makaram Srinivasan from U.K. played on flute the song "Krishna Nee Begane Baaru" and also demonstrated a few aspects of using the foreign designed flute. Kum. Madhuvanti, daughter of Smt. Roopa Sridhar and Sri Sridhar sang "Hiranmayeem Lakshmi".

Kum. Nikita Ganesh from USA, daughter of Smt. Sonu & Ganesh and grand daughter of Smt. Malathi and Late H.O. Sampath (USA) performed Bharatha Natyam for the Swarajithi "Rara Venu Gopa bala", in the raaga Bilahari and there was a big applause. We are proud to see the Indian origin Bharathanatyam by a NRI girl of 6 years with the perfect Abhinayam and movements.

"Kana Kanden Thozhi", script by Sri M. D. Srinivasan and Smt. Padmini Balu, directed by Smt. Malathi Singlachar was acted by many NRI Makaram and M.J.N. family along with our local senior and junior artists. This was a very rare occasion where many foreign members of our community participated in the function. Every member acted very apt to the role and there was a big appreciation and members enjoyed the play. The participants in the skit were:

Vishnuchittar: Ramanujamuni Shelvapillai Iyengar

Lord Ranganatha : Mandayam Anandampillai



Volunteers preparing Pacchamaavu during the programme.

THE ONLY BEST WAY TO WIN IN AN ARGUMENT IS TO AVOID IT.



Kumaris M.D. Sunitha & M.D. Vanitha performing Bharatha Natyam

Srinivasan

Goda : Kum. Suma Anand

Andal : Smt. Anuradha Srinivasan

Tozhis : Smts. Shashi Sarathy, Padmini Srinivas, Roopa Selvan, and Sujata Makaram.

Purohits : Aneesh Anand, Giridhar Anand, Sachin Makaram.

Garudalwar : Megha Ramapriya

Playback Music : Mandayam Anandampillai Ramanujam, Smts. Rohini Srinivasan, Mythili Jayaram

Veena : Mandayam Aji Yadugiri Srinivasan

Pasurams : Sri M.A. Selvanarayana

Assistance : Smts. Chingamma Parthasarathy, Sriyuths Baladhanvi Jaggu Venkatesh and Jaggu Rangarajan

Costumes and make up : Smt. Malathi Singlachar

The cream of the programme “Thiruppavai” was recited by all the members in the auditorium.

Kumaris M.D. Sunitha and M.D. Vanitha performed Bharatha Natyam selecting “Mohini Bhasmasura”, and while concluding the dance, depicted the Ten Avataras of Lord Narayana. The audience enjoyed each bit and there was a big appreciation by way of non stop applause.

Kum. M.B. Thanga proposed vote of thanks. She thanked U.Ve. Lakshmithatachar Swamy for his gracious presence, the managing committee members of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt and Sri Ramanuja Samskriti Bhavana for extending the facilities to conduct the programme successfully, the sponsors for coconut, vethale pakku and materials for pacchamaavu, Smt. Radhika Manoj for the Invocation, Sri M.D. Srinivasan and Smt. Padmini Balu for the script, Kums. M.D. Sunita and M.D. Vanitha for the beautiful Bharatanatyam, Smts. Rukku Jayaram and Sujata Vasan for the decoration of the back drop and the idol Sri Andal, Smt. M.B. Alamela for the decorated birds on the back drop and Andal’s pacche Kizhi. All the artists and musicians, volunteers who helped in serving food, the donors, and the members for their support, the NRI and local artists, and all other members who have helped directly or indirectly for the success of the programme.

U.Ve. Lakshmithathachar Swamy was requested to perform Shathumurai and all the members joined in the Oonjal for Sri Andal singing the song “Lali Andinal”. After Maha mangalarathi, the programme concluded with a very delicious thadheeyaradanam.

“Andal Thiruvadihali Sharanam”.

M. A. Shakuntala
Chairperson



Members of Managing Committee of the Sabha receiving the Guests



The Drama Troupe

THE GREATEST REMEDY FOR ANGER IS DELAY

The Gayatri Mantra - Its Significance

In the universe all things obey what we call the laws of Nature. In other words, they automatically obey the commands of God. The evolution of the planets and stars, the recurrence of seasons, the growth and decay of trees, the ripening of corn and the behaviour of birds and beasts - all are subject to the will of the imminent God. But there is a single exception to this common rule. And that is the mind of man. In this domain alone, the Divine Law is kept in abeyance. For man is endowed with a will of his own. He alone has the freedom in the universe either to obey or disobey God. His highest happiness, according to the teaching of all religions, would consist in his falling in line with the rest of the universe and making his free will coincide with the will of the Creator. He would then be doing voluntarily what the other orders of creation are doing automatically. But man, in his ignorance, thinks that his happiness consists in going according to his own will even when he knows that it is against the Divine Law. This is his fundamental Agnana or ignorance. From this Agnana arise his sin and sorrow and all the ills. So his best prayer should ever be that his free-will might be prompted not by his own desires, but by the will of the Imminent Spirit and that he should be a willing instrument in its hands. And this is exactly what the Gayatri Mantra teaches us to do. For, in it we meditate on the luminous Presence of the Creator of the universe in the form of the Sun so that He might prompt our minds according to His own creative will.

The Gayatri Mantra reads as follows:

Om Bhur Bhuvah Svaha Om Tatsuvitharvareneeyam

Translated in English it means, “*Om*, the Eternal, pervades the earth and the heaven and all that lies in between. On His adorable and Divine radiance we meditate. May He prompt our minds”. The *Gayatri Mantra*, which derives its name from its metre, may be said to contain the essence of the Hindu philosophy in the form of a common prayer. At the very outset, the three words viz., *Bhur*, *Bhuvah*, *Svah* which are called ‘*Vyahrtis*’ in Sanskrit represent all the *Lokas* or the worlds. These three words therefore convey that the Supreme Spirit designated by the letter *Om* is imminent in the universe - in all the worlds known to us.

The *Gayatri Mantra* is one of the oldest available Divine hymns. even though many revolutionary changes have taken place in our religious beliefs, the *Gayatri Mantra* continues to persist and has even today a compelling charm of its own to almost all the Hindus. This has been attributed to the fact that it has been the experience of many that the repetition of this *Mantra* with the right understanding of its sacred meanings removes all negative tendencies in the human mind. This *Mantra* is never chanted for the purpose of material gains, either physical or otherwise. Its very invocation concludes with an appeal to the *Paramatman* to illuminate our mind and heart. In other words, it is a prayer unto the Self to unveil itself and come to manifest as Pure Wisdom in our life.

TO HELP OTHERS IS VIRTUE. TO HURT OTHERS IS SIN.

The speciality of the Gayatri Mantra is that it contains the essence of Jnana Yoga, Bhakti Yoga and Karma Yoga. It is the essence of Jnana Yoga because we are no longer subject to the primal Agnana of preferring our own transitory desires to the purposes of the Supreme Spirit. It is the essence of *Bhakti Yoga* because we willingly surrender ourselves to the sovereign Ruler of the universe. And it is the essence of *Karma Yoga* because we are to be prompted in all our activities not by self-will, but by the will of God. The *Gayatri Mantra* thus contains in a nutshell the highest religious philosophy of the Hindus.

Gayatri is chanted in the twilight hours both in the morning and in the evening. As Brahman is the Supreme Reality of everyone, as the Sun belongs to all, the Gayatri Mantra is a precious spiritual wealth of every human being who realizes the value and significance of this great Mantra. It is a common practice to chant this Mantra a minimum of 108 times in the morning as well as in the evening. Our ancient Rishis discovered that during sunrise and sunset there is a special subtle rhythm in the energies emanating from the Sun and this has significant positive effects on the life-current in all beings. Therefore, if the Gayatri Mantra is chanted at these times it will have beneficial effects.

There is another greater significance hidden in the Gayatri Mantra. This significance may be traced to the contrast between the two words Bhargah and Dhiyah, which occur in the Mantra. 'Bhargah' means the light of the sun, which symbolizes Divine Consciousness. And 'Dhiyah' means phases of individual consciousness. Therefore, the meditation on the Mantra may be considered as an endeavour on the part of the individual consciousness to grow into Divine Consciousness. Thus the Gayatri Mantra may be said to contain the quintessence of Universal Religion.

Forthcoming Programmes for 2008

19.10.2008 **Tula Sankramana Snanam at River Cauvery in T. Narasipur.**
Buses will be arranged. Contact Sabha Office

Oct-Dec **Annual Day Celebrations - 2008 Sports and Cultural Competitions**

Dec 25-28 **Global Mandayams' Meet at Bangalore**
Wed/Thur/Fri

YADUGIRI YATHIRAJA MUTT

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9.30 am - 11.30 am *Week days* **9.30 am - 11.30 am** *Sundays*
4.30 pm - 6.30 pm

This is being done to facilitate people to book the Sharaddha Bhavan & Mutt Hall Kainkaryas. Shri M. D. Ranganath, Secretary of the Mutt and Sri M. K. Srinivasan will be available.

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TALK ABOUT YOUR OWN MISTAKES BEFORE CRITICIZING OTHERS.

THONDANUR OR KERE

THONDANUR

By M. T. Ramanujam & M. T. Srinivasan



Thondanur Nambi

Thondanur or more familiarly known as 'Kere Thonnur' is a pilgrim centre. Our great Acharya Sri Ramanujacharya took refuge here in the 11th Century when he fled from the evil King, Krimikanta Raja. It is from here that Sri Yathiraja continued propagating Sri Vishista Advaita Siddantha. This place is very close to Melkote (Thirunarayanapura), where Lord Sri Thirunarayana (one of the Pancha Narayanas) was reinstalled and worshipped by Sri Ramanuja himself. The other four Narayanas established by Sri Ramanuja are Sri Nambi Narayana at Thondanur, Sri Keerthi Narayana at Talakadu, Sri Vijayanarayana (Chenna Keshava) at Belur and Sri Veera Narayana at Gadag - all in Karnataka. Sri Nambi Narayana is adorning Chakra and Shankha in the Left and Right hands opposite to the normal Right and Left hands. This is to show that he is in MUDRADHARANA posture to initiate people to SRIVAISHNAVA family.

Thondanur, a small town, about 130/140 km from Bengaluru or about 40/45 km from Mysore, enjoyed a glorious heritage during the reign of King Bitti Devaraya. The king's palace lay just behind the temple and it is said that the king worshipped Sri Nambi Narayana daily with great devotion. The king's daughter was having some health problems. The worried king tried his best to get her cured with the help of physicians. When they failed to show any result, he sought the help of Jain Monks, who failed. The king, a staunch Jain, became desperate.



Sri Ramanujacharya at Thondanur

He heard about some Vaishnava Scholars who had come from the East. He sent people to invite them to the palace, as a true king who encourages and honours all scholars. Sri Ramanuja cured the princess by simply looking at her. The amazed king became a staunch devotee of Sri Yathiraja and started learning the tenets of Vaishnavism. He later embraced this religion and was named by Sri Ramanuja as 'VISHNUVARDHANA'. Thus Thondanur has the prestige of being the first place in Karnataka from where Sri Ramanuja expounded his doctrines and helped the growth of Vaishnavism.

In Thondanur there are three temples, namely 1) Sri Nambinarayana, 2) Sri Parthasarathy and 3) Sri Narasimha/Sri Ramanuja temples. The oldest of these is the Sri Nambinarayana temple. The beautiful architecture catches the eye of the beholder. Sri

THE WORLD RESPECTS THOSE WHO ARE POWERFUL AND CURSES THOSE WHO ARE WEAK.



Inside Sri Parthasarathy Temple



Water Falls (Old)

Narasimha temple is built on a small hillock. One has to climb about 20/25 simple steps to reach the temple. This temple has been recently renovated. The highlight of this temple is an unusual idol of Sri Ramanuja, who is in His ADISHESHAVATHARA. A beautiful idol, which incites curiosity and urge to find out 'why Sri Ramanuja appears thus'. It is said that Sri Ramanujacharya addressed a gathering of 1000 sarmans (jain pundits) and answered all their questions simultaneously by taking the form of Adishesha from behind a curtain. The amazed pundits were awe struck by his versatility. This is the Avathar found in the temple.

King Vishnuvardhana impressed by the great Acharya's teachings, built 4 other Vishnu temples as per instructions of Sri Ramanuja.

Thondanur also has a huge lake called Moti Talab which is a great picnic spot. Sri Ramanuja is the architect. The water in the lake is crystal clear and never dries up even in the middle of a drought. The lake has some Water Falls and Culverts to enjoy water sports.

During the period of Vishnuvardhana and Sri Ramanujacharya, Thondanur became a popular place

to visit, but over a period of time it lost its glory and became just a small village of no consequence.

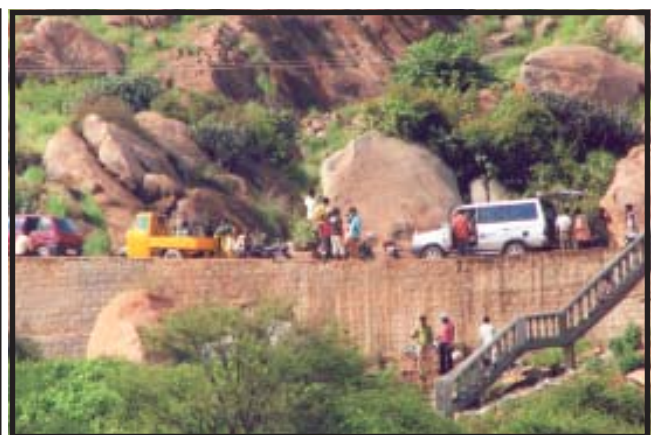
The PBKT Trust (Prathivadi Bhayankaram Kalki Thondanur Trust (Regd.), Tel. 23338150, 26656543 or cell 98445-62602, initiated by Prof. Sri Ramaswami Iyengar and his sons is trying to revive its past glory with help of Devotees and Philanthropists. The trust is arranging buses for Sri Nambinarayana Rathothsavam or Theru and over 6000 devotees have taken advantage of this great programme. The Trust is supporting the School and the daily puja and also supporting the other two temples.



Rani Dwara to Temple



Mandapam at the Lake



Way to Kere or the enchanting beautiful Lake

THE LOVE OF UN-EARNED MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVILS.

Mr. Ramaswamy engineered their release from 'cursed' life

An article from 'DECCAN CHRONICLE' reproduced about how a Mandayam was instrumental in getting a poor Muslim Family released from the clutches of 'cursed' life.



A small news item in a vernacular paper, about the plight of a family trapped between poverty and a debilitating disease caught his fancy and he decided to do something about it. Natampally Ramaswamy, former engineer in Aeronautics (helicopter division), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru, and a volunteer with Helping Hand - voluntary organisation, was so moved to read about the 'cursed' family of Hussain Sab living at a remote village in Raichur district that he rushed to the office of the Principal secretary (health), Government of Karnataka and requested him to help Hussain and his siblings, who were suffering from Huntington's disease - a genetic neurological disorder.

Due to the disorder, Hussain is unable to stand properly or co-ordinate his moments. He is unable to even hold a glass firmly. His son Bande Nawab is showing early symptoms of the disease and his sister Memboob Bi is also afflicted with the deadly disorder. The family lives in makeshift straw hut outside the village and is left to fend for themselves; no villager comes close to them fearing of contracting the disease.

Hussain's family is extremely poor but they don't even have the below poverty line (BPL) card enabling them to seek free government subsistence and medical aid.

Hussain and Mehboob inherited Huntington disease from their parents Khwaja Hussain and Chand Bi, who succumbed to it several years ago.

Ramaswamy requested the Principal Secretary to direct the deputy commissioner of Raichur to issue BPL card to Hussain's family. The officer acted promptly and sent a fax to the DC of Raichur to do the needful.

But Ramaswamy didn't stop at that. The same

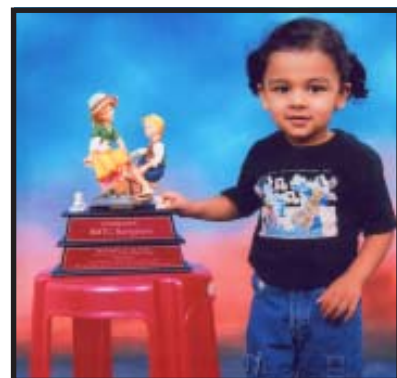
evening he along with his wife took a train to Raichur and met the DC, who promised to help and Hussain and his siblings with the BPL card and admission and free treatment at the Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Raichur.

Ramaswamy and his wife then took a taxi to Honnakatamanahalli in Devadurg taluk to meet Hussain, Mehboob and their brother Babu.

"I was deeply moved by their plight. They have been ostracised by the villagers, who think that they are cursed and are suffering from some contagious disease. Nobody comes near them and they have never been taken to a doctor. They are unable to do anything on their own. With the help of the district officials, the family was admitted to the Rajiv Gandhi Hospital. We met the neurologist and he told us that Hussain, Mehboob and Babu are suffering from Huntington's disease. The officials issued BPL cards to them and told us that they would be given free treatment in the hospital," said Mr. Ramaswamy.

Before leaving the village, the volunteer couple spoke to the villagers and told them that it was not a communicable disease.

"They promised to help the distraught family" he said. Mr. Ramaswamy is back home in Bangaluru but is in touch with the hospital authorities regarding the treatment to his "newly acquired friends".



Chi. Anirudha M.V., S/o
Charulatha M.V., bagged the best baby award for 2008 conducted by Suryodaya Foundation, B'lore

THE PROBLEMS OF LIFE MAKE THE STRONG STRONGER, AND THE WEAK WEAKER.

GLOBAL MANDAYAM MEET - 2008

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GLOBAL MANDAYAM MEET - 2008

Srimathe Ramanujaya Namaha

The Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha, established in 1916 is 92 years old. It has withstood the test of time and continues in bringing together our community members by arranging religious, cultural, sports and social activities.

With increasing spread of Mandayam Diaspora around the globe, the Sabha proposes to hold a “**Global Mandayam Meet**” coinciding with the regular Annual Day Celebration between **December 25-28, 2008** at Bangalore. This programme would give an opportunity to all Mandayams, wherever they are, to converge at one place, exchange ideas on various aspects of our roots and heritage, philosophy and religion, culture and tradition etc. In simple words, it is a huge family reunion.

It is also planned to have a **Mandayam Food Festival** consisting of ethnic brands and an **Exhibition** of glory and achievements of Mandayams in various fields. It is also proposed to hold an **Arts & Crafts Mela**, depicting Mandayams’ contribution in these fields.

As you would appreciate, execution of the above plan would require good amount of money. Therefore, it is planned to raise **Funds** by bringing out a **Souvenir** i.e. through advertisements and through donations. Also, the Souvenir is a welcome opportunity for publishing articles of interest about our community’s culture, heritage and history. It will be in 1/4 demy size and will be distributed free of cost to community Members.

Appeal

The Sabha appeals to all members for

- a generous DONATION
- buying “ADVERTISEMENT SPACE” in the **Souvenir**
- Contributing interesting articles for publication in the Souvenir.

Let us all make the Mandayam Community reunion a great event of pride and success.

SRIVAS S. CHAR

Chairman, Organising Committee

M. D. RAMANUJA

President

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GLOBAL MANDAYAM MEET - 2008

Programme

25.12.08	Day 1 Inaugural Function		Sri Ramanuja Samskruti	
	4.30 pm	Welcome	President	Bhavana, Y.Y. Mutt,
		About Global Meet	Chairman	Malleswaram
		Keynote Address	Chief Guest	
		Release of Souvenir		
		Cultural Programme		
	8.00 pm	Dinner		
26.12.08	Day 2			ADA Ranga Mandira
	10 am	Lectures & Interactive Session		JC Road, Opp. to Ravindra
	1.00 pm	Lunch		Kalakshetra
	2.00 pm	Light Entertainment		
	3.30 pm	Coffee		
	4.15 pm	Cultural Programme		
	8.00 pm	Dinner		
27.12.08	Day 3			Sri Ramanuja Samskruti
	10.00 am	Inauguration of Exhibition/Food Festival		Bhavana, Y.Y. Mutt,
	10 am -7 pm	Mandayam Food Festival		Malleswaram
		Arts & Crafts Mela		
28.12.08	Day 4			Sri Ramanuja Samskruti
	10 am-5 pm	Exhibition, Food Festival and Arts & Crafts Mela		Bhavana, Y.Y. Mutt,
	5.30 pm	Valedictory Function		Malleswaram
		Presentation of Awards/Momentoes		
		Future Vision		
		Feedback by Global participants		
		Review of the Meet		
	7.30 pm	Dinner		

NOTE :

- a) *As per the desire of enthusiastic Mandayam Golfers - both local and overseas - a Golf Tournament has been arranged a day earlier to the start of Global Meet viz. **24th December 2008.** Best Golfer would be receiving an award from the Sabha*
- b) *Mandayam's favourite sport has been Basketball. This started with YMMA leading to producing (both Men & Women) National players representing the country in International Tournaments. It is proposed to rekindle this pride of Mandayams, by having an Exhibition Match for all Mandayams (Men & Women of all ages), under flood light on the evening of 24th December 2008 at 6 pm.*

TOO MUCH OF ANYTHING MAY BECOME GOOD FOR NOTHING.



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MANDAYAM SOCIALS - 2008

The Sabha is happy to announce the celebration of Mandayam Socials 2008. There will be indoor and outdoor games and activities for boys/men & girls/women of all ages.

This year's cultural activity is merged with the Global Mandayam Meet, scheduled for Dec 2008, and hence the event is planned on 25th and 26th December 2008.

We request all members in our community to participate in large numbers and make this function a grand success.

M. A. DWARAKI

Secretary
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M. D. RAMANUJA

President
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FOR MEN/BOYS AND WOMEN/GIRLS OF ALL AGES

OUTDOOR COMPETITIONS

Sl. No.	Day	Event	Time	Venue
1.	Sunday 26.10.2008	Badminton (Shuttle)	9.00 am	Malleswaram Association, 7th Cross, Malleswaram
2.	Sunday 02.11.2008	Volley Ball Men & Boys	9.00 am	Sri Chamundi Scouts, 13th Cross, West Park Road, Malleswaram
3.	Sunday 09.11.2008	Throw Ball Ladies	9.00 am	Sri Chamundi Scouts, 13th Cross, West Park Road, Malleswaram
4.	Sunday 16.11.2008	Cricket Men & Boys	9.00 am	Pitts Colony Ground (Spiker's Volleyball), Bet 5th & 6th Cross, Malleswaram
5.	Sunday 23.11.08	Cricket Ladies	9.00 am	Sri Chamundi Scouts, 13th Cross, West Park Road, Malleswaram
6.	Sunday 30.11.08	Basketball Men, Women Boys & Girls	9.00 am	Jayanagar Sports Stadium Jayanagar III Block (Near Madhavan Park)
7.	Sunday 07.12.08	Field Events for all	9.00 am	Pitts Colony Ground (Spiker's Volleyball), Bet 5th & 6th Cross, Malleswaram

Note :

- (i) Breakfast between 8.30 and 9.00 am on all days except on 26th October.
- (ii) Competitors should report at 8.00 am to help the organisers to draw the fixtures.
- (iii) Raquets for Badminton to be brought by competitors.
- (iv) Lunch will also be provided on 16th Nov., 30th Nov. and 7th Dec '08.
- (v) Your co-operation is our success.

INDOOR COMPETITIONS

Venue : Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt Premises, Malleswaram Time : 3.00 pm

Sl. No.	Day & Date	Event	Competitors to bring	Sabha provides	Remarks
1.	Saturday 25.10.08	Mehendi	Mehendi	---	Competitors should report half an hour before and give the names Judges' decision final Late entries not encouraged
2.	Saturday 01.11.08	Vegetable Carving & designing	Suitable vegetables & equpts (knife, Scissors, Tray, etc.)	Table	
3.	Saturday 08.11.08	Rangoli	Rangoli Powder, colours & other decoration materials	Place	
4.	Saturday 15.11.08	Ice cream sticks designs	Fevicol(SH), materials for decoration	Table, Ice Cream sticks	
5.	Saturday 22.11.08	1. Cookery 2. Mukundamala Stotra	Prepared items using Rava & Maida Sweet or Khara. Only one item per competitor. 2 copies of recipe	Table for display between 2 & 2.30 pm	
6.	Saturday 29.11.2008	Painting competition	Painting brush, colours, board, clips, pencil, rubber, cups, etc.	Drawing sheets	
7.	Saturday 06.12.2008	Pot painting	Paints and decoration materials	Pots	

Special Attraction : Carrom, Chess and Pagadai Competition has been introduced to be conducted in the Sabha Office. Competitors should give the names to the Secretary before 30th October 2008 and contact for the date and time of competition.

ANNOUNCEMENT

ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR MUSIC

In Memory of Late Dr. M.O. Srinivasan (Dasanjali family, Chennai), an Annual Music Scholarship of Rs. 1,500, shall be awarded to the Best Music student, beginning 2008, in the following Category.

DEVARANAMAM

Age Range : 8 - 16 years

Last date for applying : 15/11/2008.

All the eligible applicants shall be subjected to a competition. Judges decision shall be Final in selection for the award.

Following are administering this competition, on behalf of Mandayam Srivaishnava Sabha Endowment Scheme.

Smt. R.M. Indira Parthasarathy

Tel : 23316750

Smt. Malathi Singlachar

23311132

Please contact the above persons for details.

TRADITIONAL NAMES OF MANDAYAM FAMILIES

1) MADAKE HULI : It is learnt there was a grand feast in Melkote temple when thousands of people were taking lunch. Sri M.K. Alasingrachar was serving Sambar in an earthen pot. Maharaja Sri Krishna Raja Wodeyar, who was taking lunch wanted a second helping of Sambar and called Madake Huli. Hence, the name Madake Huli came about.

2) KULLU CHINGAN : Sri Kullu Chingan was short and strongly built. He had his house in Ramavilas Agraharam at Mysore. He worked in Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital. It is learnt he along with his friends, were playing cards - 28 game when a ferocious bull came rushing. Sri Kullu Chingan caught hold of the bull in one hand, while playing cards with other. The family was hence called Kullu Chingan family.

3) POOKUCHHU (Flower String): It is told that the head of the family asked his son to bring flowers from Market. The son bought the flowers and while returning with the string of flowers, somebody cut the flowers while he was bringing. When the father asked, he gave just the thread. Hence family was called Pookuchhu family.

4) UNGARAM FAMILY (Ring Family): There was a lady in our community, who used to predict astrologically by looking at her ring. That family was called Ungaram family. Generally, she used to have clients who used to have buffaloes, cows etc. and when any of them were lost she would tell the direction in which they have gone and how they can be traced.

5) SUMANI FAMILY : This family was always having a smiling face and wore decent dress. They were called Sumani family.

6) KOPE FAMILY: The had of the family was always angry and hence they were called Kope family.

7) VEERAMBUDI FAMILY : Veerambudi is a tank built near Tondanur. It was built by Vidwan Singaracharya who also resided near the tank. Hence they were called Veerambudi family.

8) KOMANDU ILAYAVALLI : Ilayavalli Komandu is an Agraharam near Kancheepuram, Tamilnadu. Ilayavalli is an extraordinary title. They were connected with Lord SriRama & Lord Sri Lakshmana. Hence they were called Komandu Ilayavalli.

9) POORIJALAM : One of the members of the family Sri Govindaraja Wodeyar never stirred out of house without adorning his head with flowers. When fresh flowers were not available, he used to wear discarded and dry flowers. Hence they were called Poorijalam family.

10) MOOKKANNADI SHAMA IYENGAR : It is

said that he was the first person to wear eye glasses. Hence the family was called Mookkannadi.

11) GENERAL : Some of the families were called by the profession they held such as Shirastedar, Guard, Police Inspector, Lawyer, Coffee Board etc.

12) GENERAL : Some were recognised from the places they were born such as Natampalli, Elamboor, Mandya, Palahalli, Sampalli, Puducherry, Closepet, Melnad, Chotthikolam, Manikarnike, Gomatam, etc.

13) CASH KEEPER: Another family was called Cash Keeper as they kept Cash safely.

14) KALKI : Another family is called Kalki family as they were scholars in Slokams and Divya Prabhandams.

15) DHATI : Its family were walking straight long strides. Hence called as Dhati family.

16) FOREST FAMILY: Another family was called Forest family as the head of the family was a Forest Officer.

17) DABBANNA : As this person was very large, the family was called as Dabbanna.

18) POONEKANNU FAMILY : As the family members were having cat like eyes, they were called Poonekann family.

19) MADI ALMELAKKA : As this lady was very orthodox, the family was called Madi Alamelakka family.

20) MUKKATTE OR NYAYACHAWDI: These are disciples of Vidwan Anandampillai Anandalwar. The elite of the town leaders would assemble in their house and discuss sacred texts likes Vedas and Dharmashastras as well as affairs of the town. Hence, the place acquired the name as Mukkatte. Disputes would be settled as per legal principles. Hence the place also acquired the name of Nyayachawdi. As the head of the family was learned and was authoritatively deciding disputes the family was recognised as Nyayachawadi or Mukkatte family.

21) MANDYADA SAHUKAR : The family was very rich in and around Mandya town and were called Mandyada Sahukar.

22) RAMANUJAMUNI FAMILY : The ancestors were reciting Ramanuja Noothandadri very well at Melkote. They were called Ramanuja Muni family.

23) JAGGU FAMILY : There was a contest to carry One Palla (Old 100 seers) rice for certain distance. Many competitors failed and only one person carried it and due to heavy weight, changing from right to left. Hence family was called Jaggu family.

THE BEST OF FRIENDS IS A GOOD BOOK; TODAY AND EVER.

24) ROYAPPAN : It is a title conferred on the family.

25) BINDIGE NARASIMHAR : The person was living in Melkote. Accidentally, he found a pot containing a lot of money and valuables. Hence the family was called Bindige.

26) SAHUKAR VIDWAN KESHAVACHAR : He dreamt that he got a lot of rich jewellery. Next day was a Friday, and he found in his well, three silver shining plates. He sold them and became very rich. Hence, his family was called Sahukar Vidwan family.

27) KATTHI SADHAKA NARASIMHACHAR : He had expertise in sword fighting. Hence called as Katthi Sadhaka Family.

28) PRATHIVADA BHAYANKARA: Descended from Mudumbe family. "Anna" was born in 1360 AD. He was second son of Ananthacharya and Andal. He became a desciple of Narayanacharya, son of the great Sri Vedantacharya. "Anna" won a debate with famous Asthan Vidwan Narasimha Misra. Pleased with the performance, Narayanacharya conferred the title "Prathivada Bhayankara" and bequeathed all his property later to him. Misra became desciple of "Anna".

29) M.O. PARTHASARATHY IYENGAR: He was a great intellectual and important person of community between 1857-1926. He has made munificent endowments which are continuing even today.

30) NEERU MAJJIGE : One family was selling butter milk (Neeru Majjige) in weekly bazaar. They were called Neeru Majjige family.

31) SILVER KRISHNIENGAR : This person was white in colour and hence called Silver Krishnaiyengar.

32) KABBINADA KITTU : Another family was called Kabbinada Kittu as he was black in colour.

33) KAISER-I-HIND : This family was involved in great Hindu Movement. They opened a shop in Chickpet, Bangalore for marketing all types of sarees somewhere in the early 1900s. They used to buy sarees from wholesalers at Dharmavaram, Salem, Kancheepuram, Chennai etc. Their shop is even now in the same location and is looked after by the sons and their families. The family is called Kaiser-I-Hind.

34) HUNDI : A family who were from a village Gadi Jogi Hundi are called Hundi Family.

In the above, a few family names have been left off due to limited resources. The author would be grateful if any of the readers can give details. This will be helpful in publishing one more article in the forthcoming Mandayam News.

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