

Balambika Divya Sangam

Balavin Kural

BDS Events

Bala Sahasranamam

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Dolai Utsavam:

Dolai Utsavam will be performed for
Sanchara Bala, in the privacy of one's
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Annadhanam Scheme:

Annadhanam for 80+ Physically/
Mentally challenged children in Malur.

Those who are interested in contrib-
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Editor's Desk...

Namaskaram,

December is usually a time to reflect on the entire year's worth of happenings - good and not so good, of accomplishments in the form of fulfilled dreams and challenged resolutions, and a time to count our blessings with heartfelt thanks to God. As with everybody else, Balambika Divya Sangam is also gathering together their many successful endeavors and highlights, of which one overwhelming element tops the list – our Sangam membership has increased in leaps and bounds! BDS warmly welcomes each and every new member, and thanks all our former members who made this possible. Sri Bala's magic and charm has indeed captivated all our hearts as we come together with Her guidance.

Blessed as we are to go about our daily rigor of life, without being fearful of what the next moment brings, we feel deeply for the victims of the floods in Chennai. Our sincere prayers go out for those who are stranded in despair, with no hope in their horizon. Keeping with the vision of BDS – 'Sarvejana Sukhino Bhavanthu', we have started Janaseva, which is an extension of our BDS Outreach Program (BOPS).

Although the floods in Chennai seem to be a natural calamity, it is but possible that such seemingly natural disasters are due to an imbalance in nature – an effect of man's behaviour in opposition to the laws of Dharma. Dharma is but the underlying force and truth that is constantly embodying God. Each and every one of us is accountable in maintaining our Dharma, and capable of making a positive impact on the world around us.

As part of BDS, each of us has taken a step towards Ambal, leading to spiritual awakening. Let us sing more Bala Sahasranama pasurams, share Her stories with friends and family, and have more people revel in Her glory. As Bala says, work hard and use your inner strengths to achieve your goals. We can all read and hear about Ambal, but come and experience Her through the song 'Akilanda Nayakiye.....' – truly the Queen of the Universe!



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Bala Speaks

Life is full of challenges— be at home, work or other places. It is always demanding and time consuming. These situations are unavoidable. It can be hard. What you can change is your reaction to them. For that you need inner strength. To find your inner strength, you need to come to terms with who you are and learn how to value your unique contributions to the world. Take stock of your successes — no matter how small. Realizing you've made a positive impact on others around you will reaffirm your self-worth and build your confidence. Trust your inner strength, and it will only grow and make you a stronger person on the outside too. You'll be able to stand up for yourself and face problems head on — and come out even stronger on the other side.

Updates from Bala's House

- ◆ Abishekam and archanas at Bala's House are going on regularly.
- ◆ Dolai Uthsavam at Smt.Janaki's residence on 29th November was well attended and the host were delighted with the experience.
- ◆ Pournami Puja for this month will be celebrated on 25th December at Tirumala Choultry, Malur.
- ◆ On the 1st of January 2016 , special abhishekam will be conducted for Sri Balambika at Bala's house. Devotees are requested to come in have her darshan.



Karthikai Deepam 2015

- A report from Malur by Mrs. Priya Kasturi

After the reminiscence of Navarathri and Diwali, Karthika Pournami was celebrated with enthusiasm at Malur.

The day began with the elaborate abishekam of Ambal at Bala's house with milk, curd, honey, tender coconut, sandal paste and turmeric. Shimmering in pink pattu pavadai and jasmine flowers, Ambal was all set to go to malur.

She was received with poorna kumbham and arathi by Malur devotees. The venue was bright with colourful rangolis and thoranam. Devotees were busy arranging 1008 lamps on the colourful rangoli. Our volunteers engaged themselves in decorating the pedestal for Ambal and arranging for kumkum archana. Devotees started lighting the lamps with the recitation of a shloka. The way in which the Malur devotees conducted themselves was noteworthy. While one group arranged wicks for the lamps, another group added oil and the other lit lamps. Simultaneously Lalitha Sahasra Namavali started off with kumkuma archana by the devotees. After the archana, pournami puja was done and the story was narrated. Sumangali puja, kanya puja and dampathi puja was done fervently by our trustees. Mangala dravyam given to kanya, sumangali and dampathi were felicitous. Bala bhajans were sung, while prasadam of palpayasam was offered. Mahamangalarathi was performed for Ambal.

The event concluded with distribution of vethala paaku and prasadam. The sincerity and simplicity of Malur devotees is ineffable.



Down Memory Lane

Background behind the song *Akilanda Nayakiye...*

This song has its scene setting in Akilandeshwari temple in Thiruchanapalli.

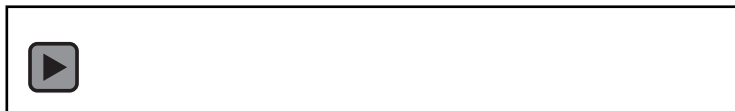
Bala and myself have fond memories of this place. She first showed her dual side here.

This is the place where as children we played and jumped around.

This is the place where we played pranks on people who visited the temple. The list is countless!

This time I was in Trichy visiting my parents who still lived there, and my evening ritual was to walk down to the temple to see the beautiful Ambal in her glory and splendor. As I walked past the lawn, I was smiling to myself thinking of those days when we walked hand in hand, not bothered about anything around us. As I walked, my thoughts went to Her, yearned to be with Her. Then I passed the long corridor, bowing before the Subramanyar Sannathi and went around the corner to Sanniswaran Sannathi, paid my respects to Him and walked on, looking at the beautiful painting that was telling the story of Ambal's leelas. I stopped in front of a flower vendor inside and bought 2 Lotuses and went inside. The temple was empty with no one in sight. I sat there, and closed my eyes, when a gentle hand lay on my shoulders. I opened my eyes and turned to see who it was. It was Subbu Mama, the priest who has been working there for ages. He has seen me with Bala, and being a Shivaacharyar, recognized Her when She came with me as a small girl. So he has lot of affection for me. He asked me how I was and said, "I am pleased to see you. Come inside, this is your place." He took me inside and presented the lotus to Ambal. Akilandeshwari turned into Bala in front of us and the priest was overjoyed and fell at Her feet. I was trembling because at the moment She was not my friend, She was the goddess that everyone looked up to. The Queen of this Universe! Tears rolled down my cheeks, as I knelt down before Her unable to take everything in. The priest kept repeating, "Akilanda nayakiye, this world is under Your feet, and You came all the way to give me my mukthi." Wiping my tears, I began singing this special song for Bala, now in front of me as Akilandeshwari.

Here is the song!!!



Akilanda Nayakiye

Akilanda nayakiye thaaye
Bhuvanam un pathathile
En ennamellam undan ninaivinile
Aatkolla neeyum yosippathen (2)
Akilanda nayakiye thaaye.....

Vedangal potrum umaiyavale
Unnaiyallal veru uravinai arien... (2)

Puvi muzhuthum aalum lokeswari neeye (2)
Nambi vandenadi unnidam naane (2)
Kannin maniyaka oliyin chudaraka
Ninaivin arivaaka iruppaval nee
Maniyin oliyaka chudarin neruppaka
Arivin eerpaaka iruppavalum nee
Akilanda nayakiye thaaye.....

Kavithaigal potrum kavimani neeyo
Uthamar vanangum kulavilakko... (2)

Asurarai azhikkum kaaliyum neeyo (2)
Nambi vandenadi unnidam naane (2)
Niththam oru kodi bhakthajana kodi
Unnai dinam nadi varuvathum yen
Unnil oru pathi, bhakthi athan meethi
Niththam unnai thedi varuvathum yen....
Akilanda nayakiye thaaye.....

Anbukku adimai aanaaval neeyo
Unakkum adimai aanen naano... (2)

Kooppitta kuralukku varubaval neeyo (2)
Azhaithen naane en paadalin vazhiye (2)
Katrili irruka karuvil uyir kalakka

Unnil isai adanga varuvaai nee
Amudam un vaarthai, kettu en seviyum
Manathil athil thizhaippai nee

Akilanda nayakiye thaaye
Bhuvanam un pathathile
En ennamellam undan ninaivinile
Aatkolla neeyum yosippathen
Aatkolla neeyum yosippathen
Akilanda nayakiye thaaye.....

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Perspective View of Malur Temple



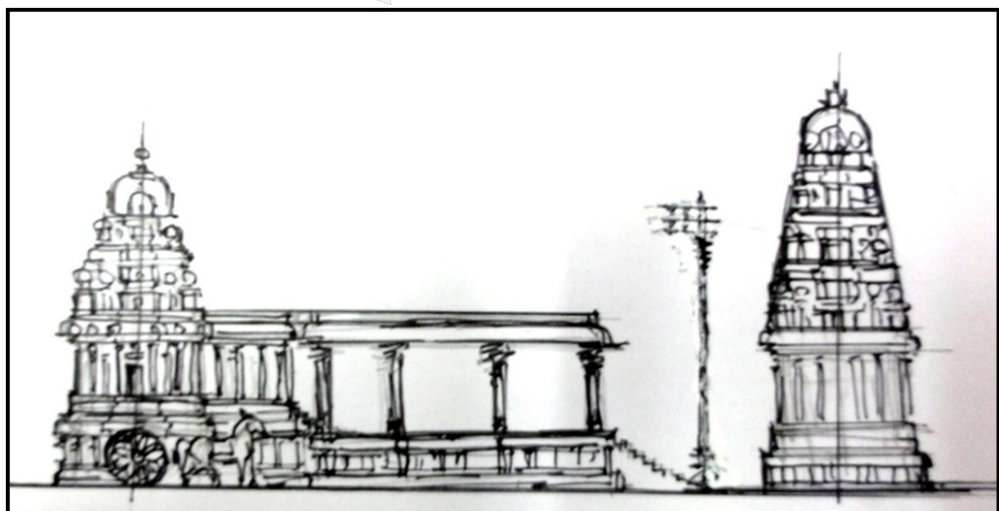
Primary Deity	Sri Bala Tripura Sundari
Location	Malur is a town in Kolar District about 45 Kms from Bangalore city
Site Size	100 feet x 120 feet (12000 sq ft)
Background	The temple will be built based on Dravidian architecture and according to the principles of the traditional Agama Shastra.
Architect	The temple is being built under the guidance of one of the greatest temple architects of the 20 th century, Padmasri Muthaiah Sthapathi

- ❖ The Malur Sri Balambika temple will be dedicated exclusively to *Shakthi*, the primordial source of energy signifying the feminine aspect of of divinity
- ❖ The structural style of the temple will derive inspiration from the '*Brahmanda Puranam*'. Some of them are
 - ❖ The Garba Gruham will feature the '*Sri Chakra Raja Ratha*', the Devi's chariot as she proceeds to wage a war against Bhandasura, the demon
 - ❖ To exemplify the effect of the *Sri Chakra Raja Ratha*, the celestial horses, Aparajitham, created by Lalitha Devi, will also be positioned before the *Garba Gruham*
 - ❖ The temple will be the only shrine that will also house Raja Shyamala Devi, the prime minister, and Varahi Devi, the chief of her army
 - ❖ The prahara vazhi (circumambulatory path) around the temple will feature 108 pillars, each depicting Ambal's 108 namavalis from the Bala Sahasranamam

Malur Temple Overview

By Mrs. Saranya Vignesh

Side Elevation of Malur Temple



The Beginning



Aug 2011
Temple Site
Bhoomi Pooja
performed



Feb 2012
Garba Gruham
construction work
begins



Dec 2011
Foundation Work
for Temple

Progress - 2013



Jan 2013
Foundation for
Garba Gruham
complete



Nov 2013
Garba Gruham
construction reaches
half way stage



Aug 2013
Compound wall along
the perimeter of the
temple site built

Progress - 2014/15



July 2014
Work on mandapam begins



March 2015
Work on Vimana Gopuram begins



October 2015
Work on Vimana Gopuram nearing completion

Current Progress



December 2015
Maha Mandapam pillar carving and installation work





BALAMBIKA DIVYA SANGAM - the story so far...

A comprehensive report by Mrs. Padma Srinivas



Bala Mahabhagye, Vidhya Kamalalochane, Vidhya Roope Varanana, Vidhyam Dehe Namostute

Sri Bala Tripurasundari is the child form of Sri Lalitha Tripurasundari. Her mantra provides a shishya's entry into Srividya. The Lalithopankhya states that Sri Bala is a nine year old form of Sri Lalitha Devi and stays with her mother at all times, as she is a manifestation of Lalitha Tripura Sundari.

In Bala Tripurasundari Moolamantram, she is described as the divine combination of wisdom of Goddess Saraswati, magnetic energy of Goddess Maha Kali and the prosperity of Lalitha Tripura Sundari.

Temple construction at Malur: For the betterment of the society and to move closer to God, through love and service to the community, to realize the true value of life and elevate our soul into true consciousness, we are constructing the temple at a Place called Malur (45 Kms) from Bangalore. This temple is constructed through the contributions and donations from the devotees and volunteers in India and all over the World. Become part of this service and contribute generously, so that we can complete the temple construction soon and perform Prathishtapanai of Shri Balambika.

Balambika Divya Sangam

Balambika Divya Sangam is a trust which is formed with the primary objective of promoting love, peace and practice of Hinduism. It came into existence in 2010, when all the likeminded people decided to do service to society in many ways. We the members of this trust are ardent devotees of Sri Raja Rajeshwari and Sri Balambika is our family goddess. We have been very fortunate to have her guidance and affection for generations together and we thought it was time to do some service to our beloved mother by helping people, to understand her as a mother, friend, and philosopher and as the almighty. Our experiences with her has been quite nostalgic and we began asking ourselves what is it we can do to please her and here we are trying to bond with other people who have the same kind of feeling and who are willing to join hands in our quest to serve her and the society. Come and join hands to create a better world with more love and compassion for our brethren.

Our Vision:

To move closer to God, through love and service to the community, to realize the true value of life and elevate our soul into true consciousness, our organization follows the three paths given by Hinduism:

- Bhakthi Margs – Path of Devotion and God
- Karma Marga- Path of Work and Action
- Jnana Marga – Path of Knowledge

With a vision within us, we have moved forward to do various services towards society

Bhakthi Marga: Path of Devotion to God:

- 1) **Homams and Poojas:** Annual Celebrations for three days during the month of June-July is performed to connect people spiritually all over the world, through various Homams and Poojas.
- 2) **Navarathri Celebrations:** This festival is done for nine days. Various Alankarams, Utsavams, Poojas are performed for nine days with glorious conclusion on tenth day.
- 3) **Bala's Birthday:** Namma chella Bala's Birthday is celebrated with many devotees and children all over the locality. With pomp and happiness on Vishaka star in the month of Vaikasi every year.
- 4) **Dolai Utsavam and Archana Seva:** Sanchara Bala will come to each devotee's house and accept their services and blesses them with happiness and prosperity.
- 5) **Pournami Pooja:** Full moon day of every month is celebrated with this pooja, where dampatti, kanya, sumangali poojas are also done. The importance of this festival is explained through stories.

Karma Marga: Path of Work and Action

- 1) **Annadanam and Milk serving Scheme:** various schools are provided with food on two days of the week through this activity. People who believe in work is worship have initiated this programme.
- 2) **Balambika Yuvasena (BYS):** The group of volunteers are involved in creating awareness about hygiene /environment/Social responsibilities to the students of various Govt. School/self-financing under privileged schools in and around Malur through the activities for three hours every Saturday. This has now merged into Balambika Outreach Programs (BOPS) which aims in larger activities/services to society.
- 3) **Balambika Outreach program (BOPS):** All activities of BOP are centralized on children welfare in Malur and surrounding villages. Its services are spread in four categories.
 - Education
 - Health, Hygiene and environment
 - Competitions for school children and Scholarship for gifted & talented Students
 - Sports for school children at Malur and surrounding villages.

Jnana Marga: Path of Knowledge

- 1) **Discourses/ Talks:** through Bhagavatham Sessions, Spiritual talks and Bala bhajans conducted periodically to enlighten ourselves through knowledge about GOD.
- 2) **Bala Kalai Vaibhavam:** These festivities done annually on the second day of Chandri Homam to enhance spirituality through Art, Literature, Music and Dance performances.

The annual gathering of all the devotees across the world takes place in the month of June-July of every year through Lalitha and Chandi homams. The event takes place between June -July every year.

The first annual gathering by the trust was in 2010 which was performed in Bala's house. This three-day event every year will start with Ganapathi homam on the morning of the first day with, Lalitha Sahasranama parayanam with Velakku poojai on the same day evening.



For the benefit of the world, to bring peace, prosperity and happiness to all of us, various homams and poojas are performed on the second day in the morning with Bala Kalai Vaibhavam a cultural fest in the evening. The event concludes with Lalitha Parameshwari Homam or Chandi Homam on the third day. The devotees across the world and from all over India witness this event.

The atmosphere on all the three days is mesmerizing and the devotees feel the spiritual connectivity. The celebrations we had for past six years have been very nice and enchanting. This year the annual gathering was in June at Tirumala Choultry in Malur. The whole place was decked beautifully to welcome our Ambal. Gho Pooja was performed to sanctify the place. Vellakku puja was performed by about 75 ladies with devotion. Annadanam on the last day of the event after Chandi homam witnessed hundreds of devotees from Malur and other places. The commemoration of the devotees with the divine was seen on all the days.

Snapshot from the 2015 celebrations





Ambal Anugraham for her children is enormous. She goes to her *bhaktadi's* houses to bless them and shower them with happiness and enlightenment.

It is **Dolai Uthsavam**.

It is an event in which Shri Balambikai also called **Sanchaara Bala** will come to your house, be your guest and enjoy your hospitality.

Dolai Uthsavam was started in 2012 by the Sangam. Sri Bala has been received with pomp and happiness by more than 50 families across India. The families residing abroad who are unable to receive Sri Bala to their homes, sponsor for the event at Malur once a month.

Dolai Details: In this event, Ambal is received with *purnakumbham* accompanied by auspicious music, *bhajans* and flower showers. Bala will be the honored guest of the family who are receiving her for three to four hours in which *sankalpam*, *abhishekham*, *alankaram* followed by chanting of Lalitha Sahasranamam, *archana seva*, and finally Devi *bhajans* will be sung. This will be followed by *prasadam*.

You can invite the neighbourhood, relatives or only your family for this event. You can give gifts to Bala when she is leaving your home. This *Uthsavam* can be done on any day of the week and on any month except during Navarathri festival. Devotees can choose to do this *Uthsavam* to mark their anniversaries, birthdays and special occasions.

Significance of conducting Sri Bala Dolai Uthsavam

Sri Bala, as a little girl is believed to enjoy all the childlike enchantments of a nine-year-old. The *dolai Uthsavam* is the perfect ambient experience that brings prayer and devotion together along with the simple satisfaction of enjoying Sri Bala as a child. As she steps into the threshold of many a home, She sprinkles her charm and vibrance, and bestows on us the 16 wealths: *kalayaada kalvium* (indestructible knowledge), *kurayaada vayasum* (full life), *kapatu varaada natpoo* (unblemished friendship), *kunraada valamaiyum* (unending prosperity), *kunraada ilamaiyum* (everlasting youth), *kazhupini illada udalum* (diseaseless body), *saliyaada manasum* (untiring mind), *anbuahalaada manaiviyum* (everloving wife), *thavaraada santhanamum* (good progeny), *thaazhaada keertiyum* (ever brimming fame), *maaraada vaartayum* (steadfast words), *thadaigal varaada kodaiyum* (unimpeded charity), *tholayaada nidhiyum* (ever gaining wealth), *konaada kolum* (favorable planets), *thunbam illada vazhuvum* (sorrowless life), *thuyyanin paadathil anbum udavi* (love and shelter at Her holy feet).



Let us express our unconditional love that every child seeks, and She will begin to dwell in our homes and hearts. So let us be prepared to welcome her into our homes and rejoice the time She stays there. It is an out of the world experience, which each one of us should experience in our lifetime.

Pournami Pooja is celebrated every month on the day of the full moon. This monthly festival is witnessed by many devotees and they actively take part in the poojas. *Dampathi, sumangali* and *kanya poojas* are performed on this occasion.

Pournami Pooja is done into order to glorify Ambal.

Once when the world was going through Aarhus, Yuva Sathi was born as Prajapathy Dakshan's daughter. She had two sisters Revathi and Rohini who were married to Chandra, and Chandra was very much attached to Rohini thereby ignored Revathi. Prajapathy was angry for this and he cursed Chandra to become *jadam* (life less). Sathi with the help of Markandeyar chanted the *mrityunjaya mantra* and brought Chandra back to life.

On *pournami* day when Chandran is in full glory we pray to Ambal for her blessings. We remember this incident by retelling the story on every *pournami* day. Those who tell the story and those who listen to this are benefitted.

We have been celebrating this monthly Pooja from 2014 at Bala's House and now at Malur. On 25th November, it was a special *pournami* day in which the Karthika Deepotsavam was celebrated.

Devotees and volunteers from Bangalore and Malur decorated the hall with flowers, bunting nad *thoranams*. The big *rangoli* with bright colors in front of Goddess were lit with 1008 lamps.





It is said that, one of the best danam in this world is ANNADANAM (serving the hunger). Our one branch of the Sangam is Annadanam and Milk Serving schemes.

This noble endeavour by our Sangam, started in 2012 at Modern School – Malur. This school is near the temple site. Quality food prepared by caterers were served for 200 children on every Tuesday and Friday afternoon (weekly twice). Nearly about 115 annadanam have taken place in this school. The donors are those, who want to celebrate their birthdays, anniversaries and their special occasions in different way through feeding these little ones.



One more school was identified in Malur for annadanam which has Handicapped children who are mentally challenged, physically disabled and underprivileged. The Prasadams (food offered to Bala) are served to these children on every Tuesdays and Fridays. There are about 75-100 children in that school. The school authorities are supportive and encourage us for this cause

Milk serving scheme was introduced to provide milk to the small children. This was introduced in Modern School and about fifty children were served with milk on every Tuesdays and Fridays.



2015 is coming to an end.....but not our commitment to do service to our society. Balambika Divya Sangam went on to touch another mile stone in 2015 through Awareness programs at schools on Health, Hygiene, Self and Environment. One such activity is Balambika Yuvasena (BYS) which is part of Balambika Outreach programs (BOPS).



Balambika Yuva Sena (BYS) part of our trust works towards Health, Education and Environmental issues, particularly with children through which they are informed and empowered to make a difference in their lives, further creating a difference in the society. We intend to initiate creative approaches towards empowering youngsters on issues, help them to understand the values and morals of life. This platform would help the kids to lead a better life.

From its inception in 2012, BYS has covered awareness programs in more than seven schools in Malur and Bangalore.

This theme based workshops by experienced coordinators will take them through various sessions spanning 8 weeks, each lasting about 60-75 minutes. These sessions include activities like solving puzzles, designing storyboards, playing games, building articles and performing simple experiments alongside a short presentation. The language of delivery is in Kannada and simple English.

Schools visited so far

- 2012: Ramakrishna Middle School, Bangalore
- 2013: Modern School – Malur
- 2014: Malur Govt boys school - Malur
- 2015: School for specially abled (Spastic School) – Malur
- 2015: Govt. Middle School – Srinivasa pura, Bangalore
- 2015: Malur Govt boys school – Malur



All the above schools were supportive and they coordinated very well with us. With the service attitude, come join us and be part of this social cause.

How you can be part of BYS:

You can be a volunteer in BYS who can accompany us to schools, help the children with the activities for any no. weeks based at your convenience. Your presence will make a difference and will help BYS to grow bigger. Kindly, devote your valuable time to this social cause.

You can be part of the creative group. If you have any ideas, materials, and experience in this field of content development, you can mail us/share with us. Your ideas into actions will help BYS enrich itself.

Let us Join and work Together!!!

An insight to BDS Outreach Programs (BOPS)

- A synopsis by Mrs. Padma Srinivas

Namaskaram!!

All like-minded people have joined together have form a trust called **Balambika Divya Sangam (BDS)**. One of the primary objective of this trust is to do service to the society at large irrespective of caste, race and nationality through various social awareness programmes.

One of the branch of this trust is **BDS Outreach Programmes (BOPS)**. BOPS follows Path of Work and Action. All activities of BOP are centralized on children welfare in Malur and surrounding villages.

BOPS Operate in four categories:

Category 1: Education

Schools in and surrounding Malur villages will be adopted.

Awareness programs on hygiene/self and environment will be taught through BYS.

Reading Club for class I to class 4: Reading habits among children will be initiated and cultivated for primary level.

Homework Club for class V to class IX: The children will be assisted to complete their home works, build their confidence in subjects and to help them be better in their academics.

Tuition classes for class X: complete tuition sessions will be given to class X children. This will motivate them and drive them to take up public exams confidently.

Category 2: Health, Hygiene and Environment

Blood Donation Camps will be conducted at Malur and surrounding area, the donor's blood will be utilized for children's hospital and their welfare.

Free Diabetes screening for children at under privileged schools at Malur and surrounding villages.

Annual Dental checkup at under privileged schools at Malur and surrounding villages.

Cleanliness drive in and around school/parks. Awareness to put dustbins and maintaining cleanliness in the surrounding areas.

Hygiene awareness drive.

Category 3: Competitions for school children and Scholarship for gifted & Talented Students

Literary fest, interschool competitions, summer camps will be conducted for the school children present in the villages in and around Malur.

Category 4: Sports for school children at Malur and surrounding villages.

Team will be formed for various games. This category can be used for awareness program/to do campaigns (against children trafficking/child abuse)/to promote week end annadanam programs under "**To remove children starvation**" schemes.

BOPS Team: BOPS has creative and Execution team. The collaborative approach and to walk in hand in hand of both these team help BOPS to move forward and to serve the society in a better way.

The Creative team: This team will give simple, wonderful, easily adaptable modules on Hygiene/Environment/Social Responsibilities to the children of both rural and urban school kids both in English and kannada languages.

The Execution team: This team has a core team plus volunteers. They will go to various schools in Bangalore and Malur, pool volunteers week after week, spend their time, energy and weekends for helping and grooming the children to make them aware about hygiene/environment.

How you can be part of BOPS

As a volunteer: You can be part of the execution team. Your presence will make a lot of difference and will help BOPS to grow bigger. Kindly, devote your valuable time to this social cause.

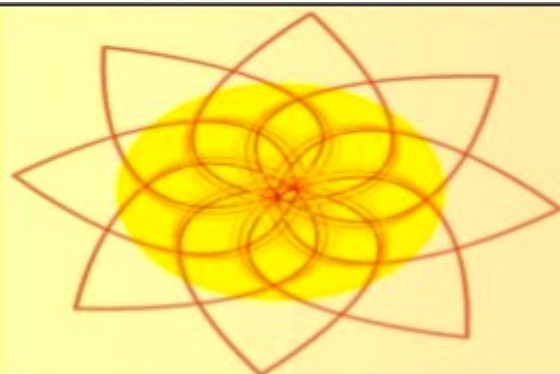
As a member of creative group. If you have any ideas, materials, and interested in content development, you can mail us/share with us. Your ideas into actions will help BOPS enrich itself.

Contributor towards BOP's Expenditures and for Scholarship programs This includes Procurements of materials for activities, Photocopies of work sheets/activity sheets, Scholarship programmes for Children etc.

BOPS team has finalized the program schedule for Jan and Feb 2016 (please refer to the flyer in the next page). If you are interested to be part of any of these programs as a volunteer, please contact the BOPS team or the program coordinators indicating your preference and become part of this movement.

Let's take a small step and make a huge difference...

Next Issue: Don't Miss!! Watch out this column for updates on the coming up activities on BOPS



BDS Outreach Programmmes (2016)

(Balambika Divya Sangam Trust Initiative)

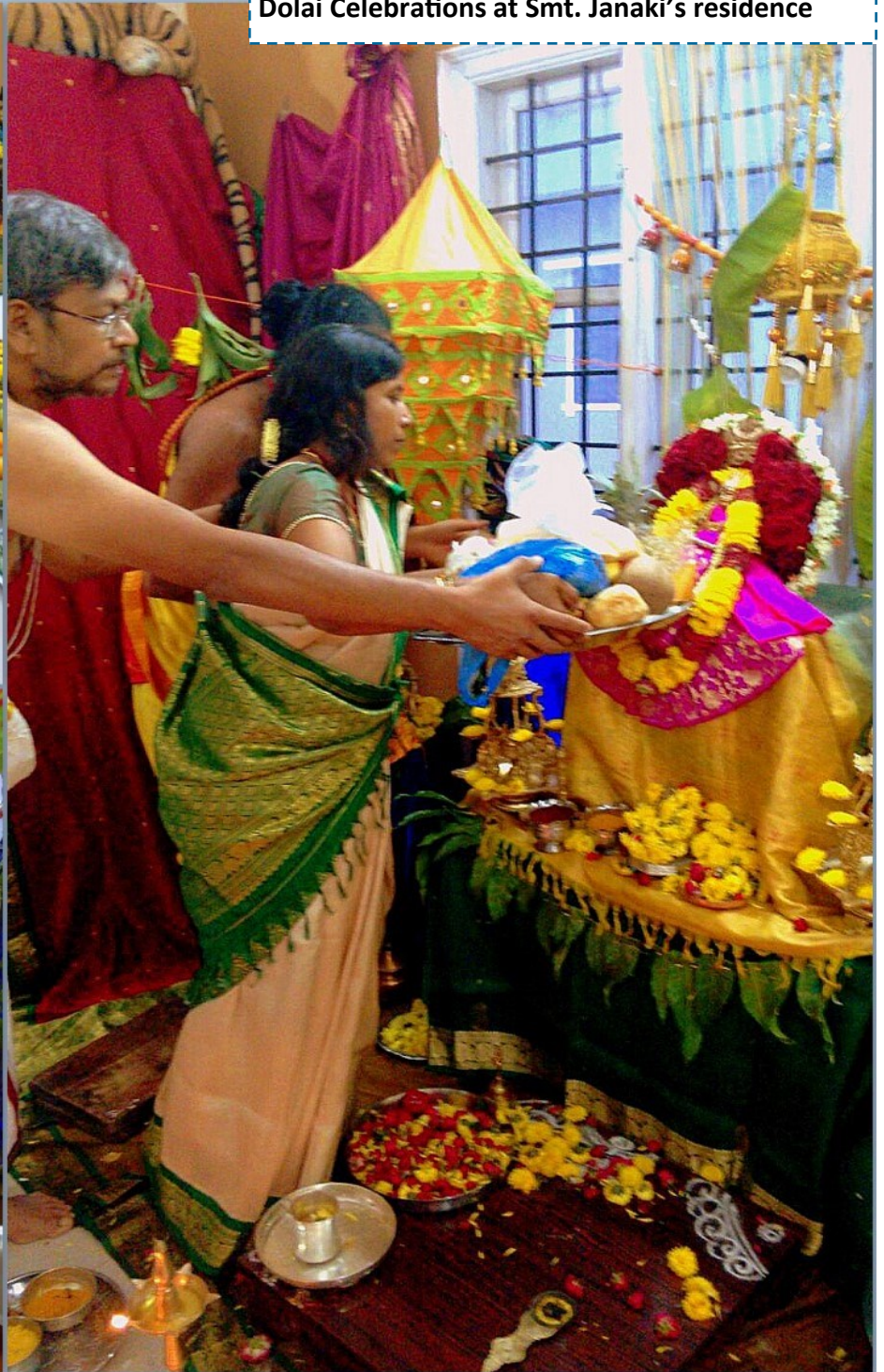
BDS Outreach team will be kick starting the new year with Dental check up drive, Health and Hygene programmes and Reading club

We need more hands to make these initiaves effective to children, come join us and make a big difference...

If you are interested, please contact the respective program coordinators and indicate your preference. You can also write to us at balambika.outreach@gmail.com

Programme	Programme Dates	Programme Details	Coordinators	Purpose
Dental Checkup	Jan 9th 2016	Start Time : 8:30 am IST School : Malur Boys School Location: Malur Target Age Group : Class VII	Program Coordinator : Vivek R Production Coordinator : Aravindd N Fund Raising : Priya K Rangan Contact # 8861008791 / 9482844052 Email : balambika.outreach@gmail.com	Dental Check up for kids and follow up corrective action
Reading club	Jan 2nd 2016 Jan 9th 2016 Jan 16th 2016 Jan 23rd 2016 Jan 30th 2016 Feb 6th 2016 Feb 13th 2016 Feb 20th 2016	Start Time : 8:30 am IST School : Kumbarpette Govt. school Target Age Group : Class I to V Location: Malur	Program Coordinator : Padma R Production Coordinator : Aravindd N Fund Raising : Priya K Rangan Contact # 9902703113 Email : balambika.outreach@gmail.com	Reading habits among children will be cultivated. Spoken English through storytelling and reading session will be conducted
Hygene Awareness for School kids	Jan 2nd 2016 Jan 9th 2016 Jan 16th 2016 Jan 23rd 2016 Jan 30th 2016 Feb 6th 2016 Feb 13th 2016 Feb 20th 2016	Start Time : 8:30 am IST School : Malur Girls School Target Age Grupo : Class VI to VII Location: Malur	Program Coordinator : Sharanya S Rajan Production Coordinator : Aravindd N Fund Raising : Priya K Rangan Contact # 9663422335 Email : balambika.outreach@gmail.com	Already in-flight program (yuvasena)

Dolai Celebrations at Smt. Janaki's residence



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Vision of Balambika Divya Sangam

As passionate devotees of Goddess Balambika, and overwhelmed by her grace and benevolence, we have come together from diverse scenarios as one unifying force to form Balambika Divya Sangam. The principal focus of the Sangam is to pursue the age old tenet—**sarvejana sukhinobhavanthu** and pay obeisance to the divine Mother, who is the cause of welfare of the world. Through worship we realize that cast, creed, religion and social status, all melt away before her, for in her eyes, we are all her children.

Sarve Janah Sukhino Bhavanthu

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