

# BALAVIN KURAL

## Balambika Divya Sangam



## Editor's Desk...

After 45 days of austerities and festivities following the Mahakumbhabhishekam of Sri Balambika temple at Malur, the mandala pooja was culminated with a grand finale. Devotees from near and far flocked to this newly consecrated shrine to witness the grandeur and to seek the blessings of Raja Bala. The rituals and celebrations were performed in accordance with the tenets of the agama shastras to invoke the greatest spiritual benefits that will continue to pervade the lives and families of all those involved. Balambika Divya Sangam would like to thank each and every devotee, sponsor, volunteer and benefactor, for making this event possible.

Every ceremony and ritual in our Hindu custom finds its roots and significance in our vedic sciences. A mandala pooja is a period of time that lasts for 45 days or three pakshams of 15 days each. During this time, the abhishekam for the newly consecrated deities is performed with water and oil. Only after the completion of a mandala, items such as milk, curd, fruits and other such dravyas are also used in the abhishekam. This is done in order to make sure that the idol gets securely bonded to the footing (marundhu) below. While oil and water do not interfere with the bonding process, chemicals found in

other abhishekam items may loosen the marundhu, and are thus initially avoided. Also, at the end of a mandala, the raksha bandhan or the protective cord tied around the deity, is removed.

Pranaprathishta for the deities at the time of the kumbhabhishekam signifies the birth of a child – a new life. The next 45 days is a period of tender caring and protection for the child, and so also for the new deity! The end of a mandala signifies the start to a normal temple process, and its day to day nithya poojas.

As of now, nithya pooja for Raja Bala is going on in full swing as people flock to see Her matchless alankarams! On Vaikasi Vishakam, the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, Raja Bala's birthday was celebrated with pomp and show, as Raja Bala was adorned with a silver kavacham. While devotees in the vicinity of Malur took part in the temple celebrations, others from around the world celebrated Her birthday in the ambience of their homes. Please do stay tuned through our newsletters and through WhatsApp for upcoming activities at the temple in Malur. We hope many more of you are able to visit Raja Bala at Her abode in Malur to get a glimpse of Her beauty and for Her everlasting blessings.



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## Bala Speaks...



When things are not very clear, you need to stop and examine it properly, for which, you need to be patient with yourself first and take one step at a time, to see where it leads you. When I say be patient, it does not mean being passive, that leads to laziness, but to keep moving on when the going is hard. Your real blessings often appear in the shape of pain, losses, and disappointments. Never take a decision when you are angry. Patience is the most beautiful thing in this world. With love and a little patience, nothing is impossible in this world.

### BDS Events Corner

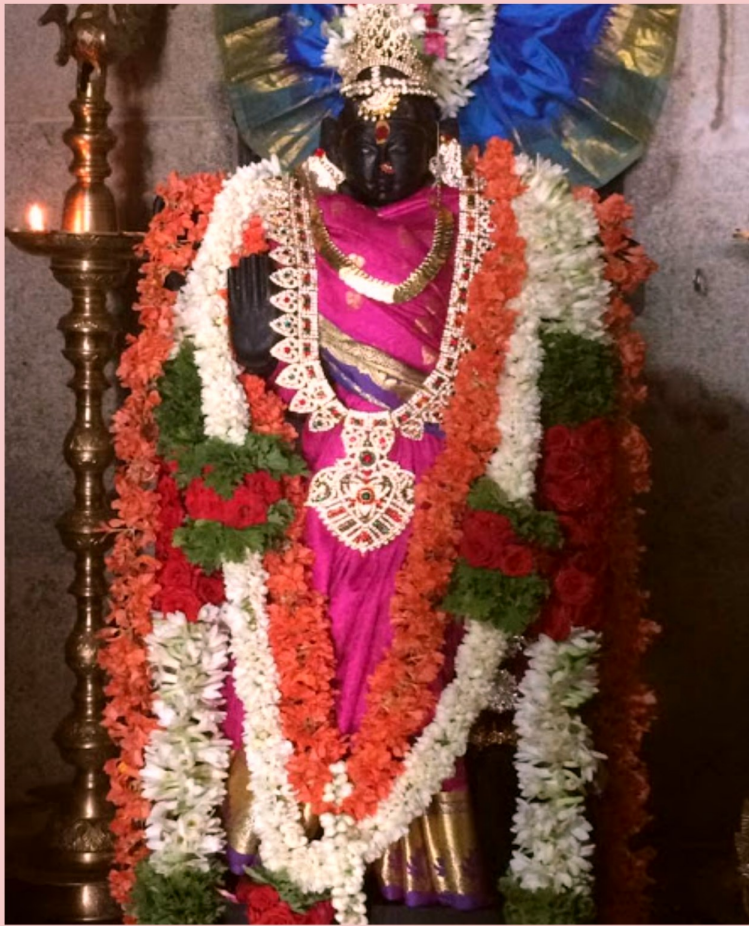
- ◆ The Mandala Pooja came to a grand finale on 28th May, after 45 days of austerities and festivities.
- ◆ Raja Bala's birthday was celebrated on a grand scale on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June (Vaikasi Vishakam).
- ◆ Pournami Pooja will be performed on the evening of July 8th.

#### Important Dates:

- ◆ 17th June : Ashtami
- ◆ 27th June : Chaturthi
- ◆ 30th June : Aani Uthiram













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