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SRI BALA TRIPURASUNDARI BIRTHDAY SPECIAL!!



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From The Editor's Desk

Dear Members,

The Hindu religion is a unique amalgamation of 'deiveeham', 'vaideeham' and 'laukeekam', meaning a fusion of divine, scriptural, and worldly practices coming together as a synergistic blend to offer something for everyone. One can delve deep as far as his body and soul allow him to, or flit around on the surface, skimming the lucid waters of this apparently unfathomable ocean of knowledge that the religion offers. But there is definitely something for everyone, starting from the significance of a special day of the Hindu calendar, to the facets and festivities associated with it. In fact, as we recently celebrated Sri Bala's thirunakshatram on Vaikasi Vishakam - the 28th of May, little did we realize that there was more to the auspicious day than what's known to the lay!

Vaikasi Vishakam, the birthstar of Sri Bala signifies Her manifestation as the daughter of the divine Mother Sri Tripurasundari, the doe-eyed consort of Lord Shiva. This day is also a 'pournami thithi', or the full moon day of the month of Vaikasi, of the Hindu calendar. As most legends and celestial stories portray, a full moon day is best aligned to overcome evil and to abound in spiritual wealth. It is thus believed that on this day, the divine Mother beckoned Sri Bala to proceed with Her brother Karthikeya as His 'Vel', to vanquish the demon Soorapadman. Incidentally, the day also marks the birth of Lord Murugan, who emanated as six sparks from the forehead of Lord Shiva, who

was nursed by the six krittikas, and finally brought together by the divine Mother. On another note, Vaikasi Vishakam is also the thirunakshatram of Nammalwar, one of the twelve Sri Vaishnava alwars, whose literary works speak of 'sharanagati' or unconditional surrender to Lord Sriman Narayana, as the path to moksham. The 'Shatari' that we receive in Vaishnava temples depicts the Lord's paduka or feet, and is closely associated with Nammalwar, and His assertion of the ultimate truth. Such a rare culmination of divinity is not one to come by too often! As Balambika Divya Sangam (BDS) celebrated Sri Bala's birthday at Malur with homams, abhishekams, poojas and sevas, those physically present experienced the magnitude of the festivities performed on such a grand scale.

On the Outreach front, BDS is gearing up to reach out to more of the less privileged children. We continue to seek out your support and patronage in all ways possible. With the adoption of some of the local government schools to provide all-round development, our commitment and quality of service has to continue to be the best. 'jana seva' is 'bhagavath seva', and all services big or small, reach the eternal feet of God.

Sarvejana Sukhino Bhavantu.

BALA'S BIRTHDAY EVENT SUMMARY



On the 28th of May, 2018, Bala's Thirunakshatram was celebrated at Malur. The temple prakaram was decked with flowers and rangolis, while the vadhyam troupe played melodious tunes.

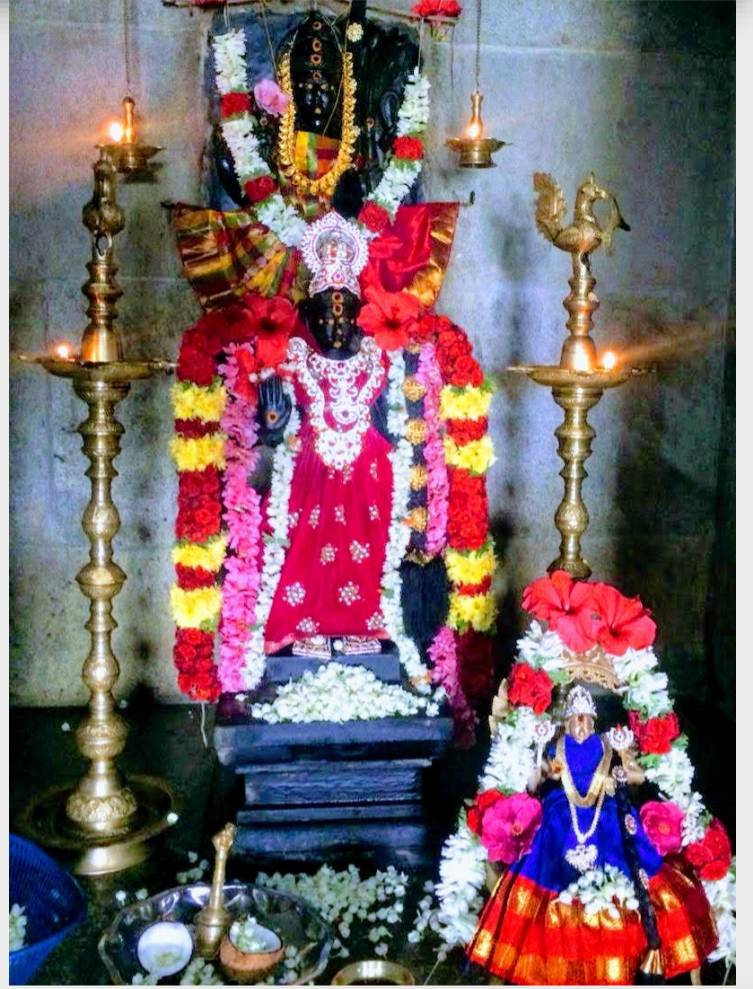
The events commenced with Go poojai after the customary Veerabhadra and Ganapathi poojai. After this, sankalpam of the Trustees, Executive members and event sponsors was performed. Lalitha homam and Bala-tripurasundari homams were conducted by Balu vadhyar and team in an elaborate agama vidhi. Simultaneously, arrangements for maha abhishekam were being done with 51 tender coconuts, 10 litres of milk, etc. The homam offering included 1008 sets of thamboolam (vethalai, paakku and manjal) dipped in honey. Kanya, vadugu, dampatti and sumangali poojas were performed. The homam concluded with poornahuti. A silver crown for Bala was offered by Shri Ravi Shankar and family. The prasadam included an offering of 11 varieties of Indian sweets (laddu, besan laddu, dry fruit laddu, cashew burfi, coconut burfi, chocolate burfi, bombay halwa, carrot halwa, pumpkin halwa, dry jamun and adhirasam) along with the usual offering of pal payasam, sakkarai pongal, puliyogare, panchamrutham and curd rice. Sweet boxes consisting of 8 varieties were made.

After the elaborate alankaram, prasadam was distributed to the large number of attendees as lunch.

In the evening, oonjal utsavam was performed. The oonjal was decked in silk and adorned with flowers. The utsava murthy of Bala was rocked in the cradle by devotees to the singing of Bala Sahasranamam and chanting of bhajans. The event concluded with a mangalarathi.

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BALA TRIPURASUNDARI BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Our dear Bala looking resplendent in all her alankarams during her birthday celebrations!

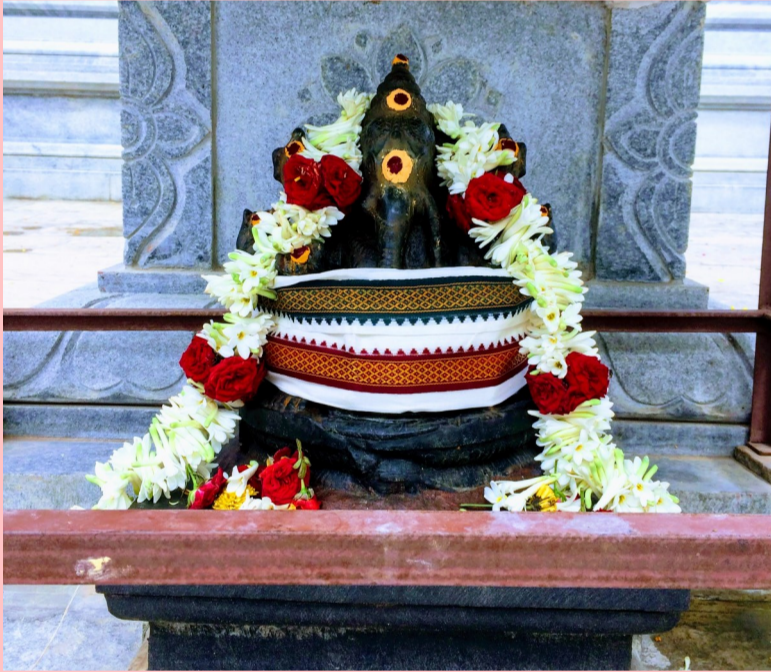


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Left: Gurukkal adorning the cow with a vastram for Go Pooja.

Below: Devotees paying respects to the cow while doing pradakshanam during Go Pooja.



Above: Ganesha alankaram for Bala's birthday celebrations.

Right: Gurukkals performing Pooja & invoking Lord Ganesha's blessings before start of the event



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Right: Homa kundam and Kalasam alan-karam before pooja

Below: Shivacharyaar offering silk vastram for poornahuti

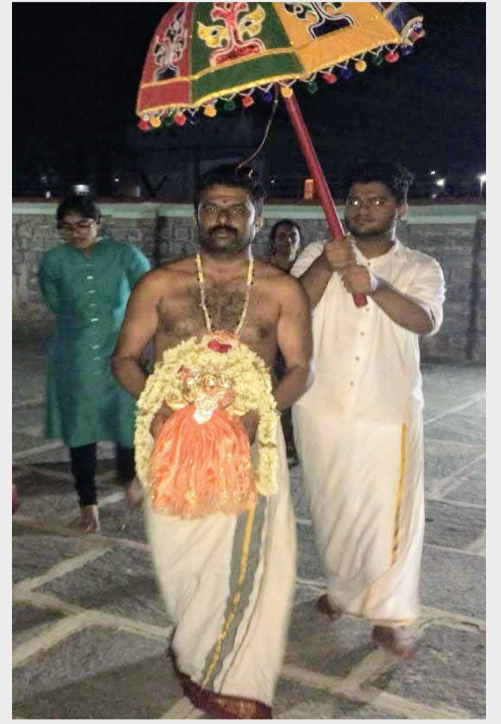


Trustees and devotees offer seer for homam with music troupe.



Left: Gurukkal offering neivedyam after poornahuti while devotees look on fervently

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Top Left: Kutti Bala enjoying her Oonjal Sevai with a beatific smile

Top Right: Kutti Bala taken in a pradakshanam around temple after Oonjal sevai in the evening

Left: Temple priest performing Oonjal sevai for Kutti Bala

Below: Devotees performing Oonjal sevai



Our music troop performing during the homam.



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Left: Gurukkal applying kumkum and performing Pooja for Bramhachari, Kanya, Sumangali & Dampattis during Homam



Above: Nalangu tradition performed for Kanya Pooja at temple prakaram

Above Right & Below: Trustees performing Dampatti pooja and Kanya Pooja during homam.

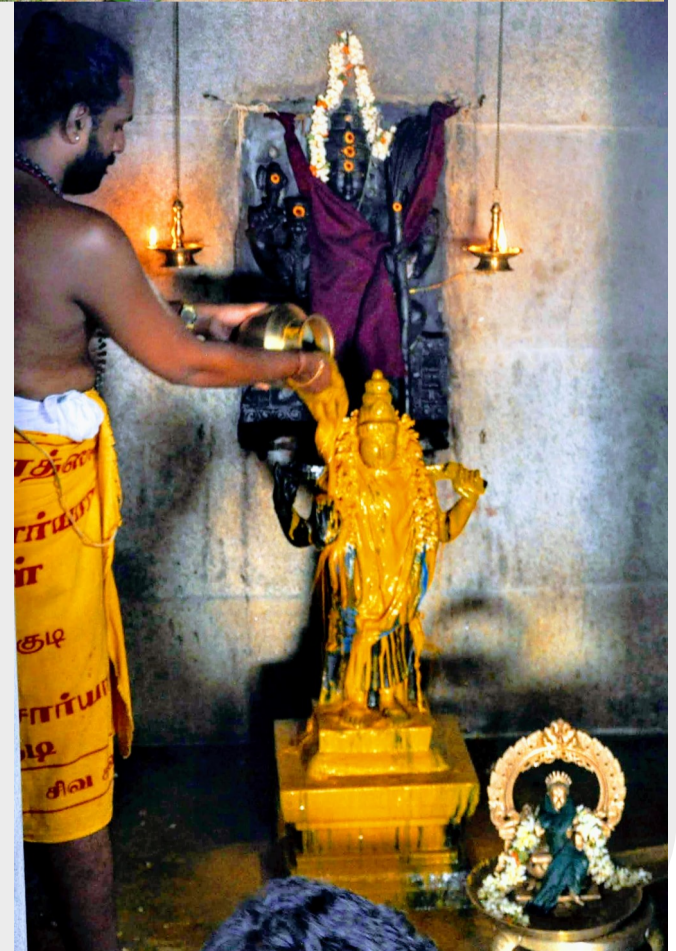


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Devotees fervently decorating the temple premises with Rangoli and flower decorations for Bala's Birthday celebrations

Below:
Shivacharyaar performing manjal abhishekam to Raja Bala while devotees eagerly chant Bala Sahasranamam



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