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Annadhanam Scheme:

Annadhanam for 80+ Physically/
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Editor's Desk...

Dear Readers,

As I write this page, preparation for Chandi Homam has begun. This year, we are planning to have Chandi Homam in Malur, where Devi Bala has decided to reside. Change is progress, so we always bow our head to the changes that come to us and accept it with grace and humility. Change always helps us to gain knowledge, teaches us to recognize our weakness and it helps us to overcome it as well. Speaking of knowledge, recently I read an article in which the author recognizes the Vedic masters to have discovered 45 different types of wind. I was amazed not only at the thought that there were so many types of wind, but also at the vast knowledge of the Vedic scholars. So I dug into it deeper to see what these different types were. In the coming months, I will be sharing with you those things.

This month's newsletter features the long awaited Grihya Sutras. I have given the translated version as it is, because I wanted the readers to come to terms with the rules and regulations all by themselves, without any kind of comment or explanation from me. I wanted you to appreciate them and to evaluate yourselves about where you stand with respect to the regulations. Good luck with that.

As Hindus, we should be very proud of ourselves and our ancestors who were not only scholars and spiritualistic gurus, but also discoverers and travellers. To illustrate this, I have given a snippet. As I write this piece, Chitra Pournami is being celebrated with pomp and splendour in Bala's house, so you will get to see the pictures in this issue. The other usual stories will be covered with pictures showing our regular activities in the sangam. We have also attached the list of homams and prasadamams that we will be doing during the homam. Kindly contact us to make donations and contributions. Most of all as devotees, you are all welcome to the homam.

The next three months, I will be travelling and will be back in September to give you more information about the temple, sangam and the vedic world. Till then, our editorial team will treat you all with loads of photos from the homam and from Malur.

Sarvejana Sukinobhavanthu.



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Bala Speaks

Life is full of opportunities. When you miss one, there is always another around the corner, you have to recognize to seize it. Do not take life as a project, take it as a journey to be enjoyed, when life's experiences bore you down, revive yourself by looking inside yourself, to understand what you are, what your wants are and what you are capable of.

Schedule of Events

[MAY 2015]

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[JUNE 2015]

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Did You Know?

Ancient Hindus established their cultural empires in Java, Bali, Sumatra, Borneo, Philippines, Cambodia, Champa, Annam and Siam and ruled there until after the 14th century. Even today, Cambodia's king bears the title of the great Varman rulers of India, and Bali has a Hindu Raja. Hindu migration to America was vigorous from the first to the twelfth century A.D.

Cambodia, the ancient Kamboja, was one of the earliest to receive the culture of India. The name of its river Me Kong was derived from Ma Ganga (mother Ganges). In the first century A.D., a Brahman named Kaundinya came to Kamboja from Kanchi, the capital of Pallava kings in South India, married the Kamboja Princess Soma and was elected king of the country. Champa, at present Vietnam, figures prominently in the story of India's cultural expansion. Vietnam was the footboard for the pilgrims to America. A prince of Kalinga (Orissa) founded the Hindu State of Java in the first century A. D. Java is the ancient Yava Dveepa mentioned in the Ramayana and other Sanskrit texts. Bali Dveepa is still a stronghold of Hinduism. Borneo is the ancient Suvarna Dveepa or Sri Vijaya. Our Garuda still flutters on the Indonesian national flag.. From Angkor Vat to America, Hinduism and its Gods and temples have left their imprints. Siam was the centre of Hindu culture for centuries and boasts of rulers with names such as Rama, Praja Deepak and Dharmaraja. The same pioneers of culture who ruled such large areas in the Pacific for fourteen centuries, also went to far off Mexico and Peru and established cultural empires.



Gatakarman ceremony – extracts from THE GRIHYA-SUTRAS

Rules of vedic domestic ceremonies

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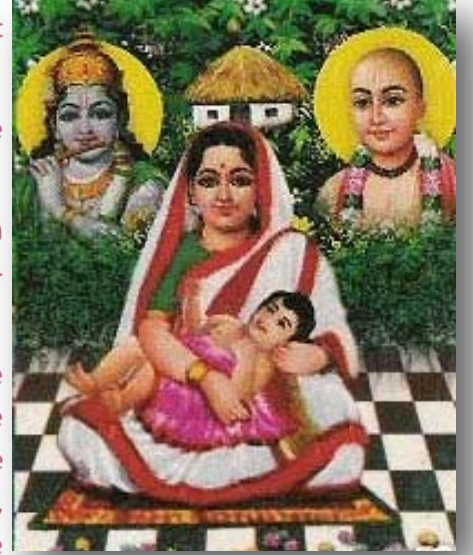
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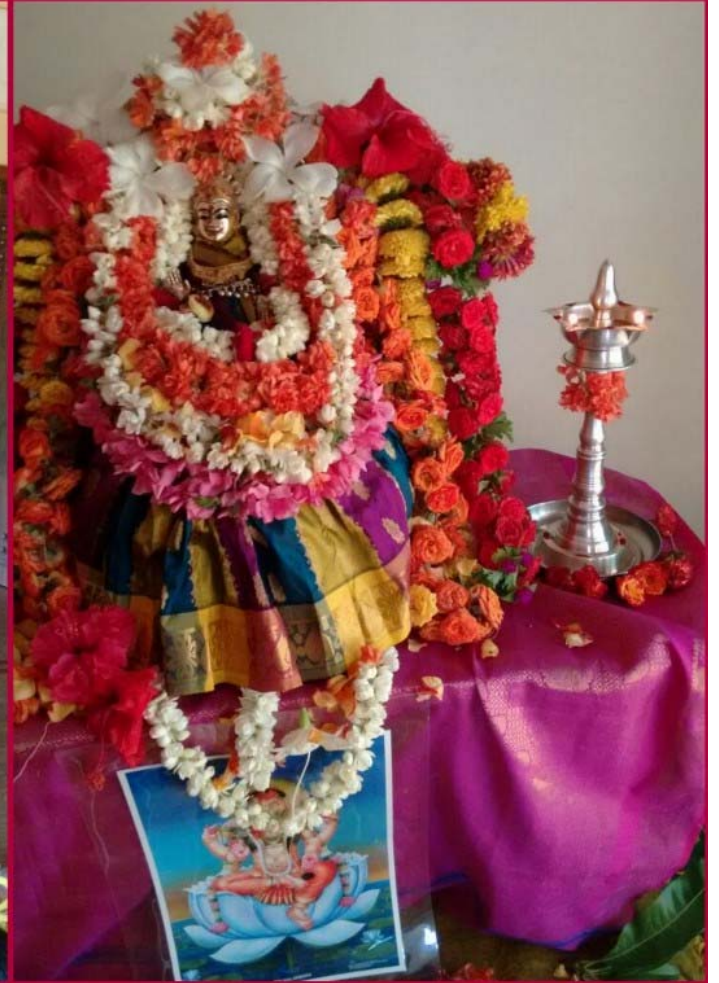
1. The first of the vedic domestic ceremony is Gatakarman (i.e. ceremony for the new-born child).
2. Let (the father) breathe three times on the new-born child and then draw in his breath with the words, 'Draw in your breath with the Rik, breathe within with the Yagus, breathe forth with the Saman.'
3. Let him mix together butter and honey, milk, curds and water, or grind together rice and barley, and give it to eat (to the child) thrice from gold (i.e. from a golden vessel or with a golden spoon).
4. With (the verse), 'I administer to thee honey food for the festival, the wisdom ("veda") raised by Savitar the bountiful; long-living, protected by the Gods, live a hundred autumns in this world, N.N.!' (with these words) he gives him a name beginning with a sonant, with a semivowel in it, consisting of two syllables, or of four syllables, or also of six syllables; he should take a krit (suffix), not a taddhita.
5. That (name only) his father and his mother should know.
6. On the tenth day, a name for common use, which is pleasing to the Brahmanas.
7. Let him pulverise black and white and red hairs of a black ox, intermix (that powder) with those four substances (see Sutra 3), and give it to eat (to the child) four times: such (is the opinion of) Mandukeya.
8. If he likes (let him do so) with the words, 'Bhuh! The Rig-veda I lay into thee, N.N., svaha! 'Bhuvah! The Yagur-veda I lay into thee, N.N., svaha! 'Svah! The Sama-veda I lay into thee, N.N., svaha! 'Bhur bhuvah svah! Vakovakya (colloquies), Itihasa, and Purana--Om! All the Vedas I lay into thee, N.N., svaha!'
9. The production of intelligence (is performed) by thrice saying in his right ear, 'Speech!'
10. And let him recite over (the child the following text), 'Speech, the Goddess, united with mind, together with breath, the child, uttered by Indra--may she rejoice in thee, the Goddess, for the sake of joy, the great one, the sweet sounding, the music, full of music, the flowing, self-produced.'
11. Let him tie a piece of gold to a hempen string,
12. And bind it to (the child's) right hand until (the mother) gets up (from childbed).
13. After the tenth day let him give it to the Brahmanas,
14. Or keep it himself.

Next Khanda

1. After ten days the getting up (of the mother from childbed).
2. Father and mother with washed heads, wearing (new) clothes which have not yet been washed;
3. And so also the child.
4. Let (the father) cook a mess of food in that same fire that has been kept from her confinement,
5. And let him make oblations to the Tithi of (the child's) birth and to three constellations with their (presiding) deities.
6. Let him place in the middle the oblation to that constellation under which (the child) is born; the deity, however, is constantly to precede (the corresponding Nakshatra).
7. (He then makes two other oblations with the verses,) '(May) this Agni, the excellent one, (give) thee to-day life for (our) prayers; give us life that we may live long,'--(and,) 'Life-giving, Agni, be strong by Havis; may thy face and thy seat be full of ghee; drinking ghee, the sweet honey of the cow, protect, as a father (protects) his son, here N.N.' The tenth oblation of the mess of cooked food with the verse, 'Thou, Soma, givest bliss to the old one' (Rig-veda I, 91, 7).
8. Having pronounced aloud (the child's) name,
9. And caused the Brahmanas to say auspicious words,
10. And having sacrificed in the same way every month to the Tithi of (the child's) birth,
11. He sacrifices, when one year has expired, on the (ordinary) domestic fire.











2015-05-03: Pournami Pooja

SARVEJANA SUKHINO BHAVANTHU

DATE : 03.05.2015

TODAY'S POURNAMI POOJA

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CHANDI HOMAM 2015

June 26, 2015

8:00am - 12:00pm

Ganapathy Pooja, Anukyai Sangalpam, Punyakavajanam, Maha Sangalpam, Sakthi Ganapathy Homam, Navagraha Homam

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lunch

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Bala Kalai Vaibhavam

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Velaku Pooja

7:30pm

Prasadam

June 27, 2015

9:00am - 12:00pm

Ganapathy Pooja, Anukyai Sangalpam, Bala Tripura Sundari Homam

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lunch

4:00pm - 8:00pm

Kalasa Sthaapana, Chandi Japam, Parayanam Samarpanam

7:30pm

Prasadam

June 28, 2015

6:00am - 2:30pm

Ganapathy Pooja, Ankyai Sangalpam, Sangalpam, Chandi Homam, Kho Pooja, Suhasini Pooja, Kanya Pooja, Bharmachari Pooja, Thambathi Pooja, Vasodhara Homam, Poornaahuthi, Maha Naivedyam, Balatripurasundari Abishekam, Alankaram, Maha Mangalathi, Akshara Abiyasam

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Lunch

Chandi Homam 2015—Sponsorship Details

| Date | Time | Programme | Sponsorable Items | Amount in Rupees | |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------|
| 26.06.2015 | 8.00 AM - 12.00 AM | Ganapathy pooja | Ganapathy Homam | ₹ 10,000 | |
| | | Anukyai Sangalpam | Navagraha Homam | ₹ 10,000 | |
| | | Punyakavajanam | Velakku Pooja | ₹ 10,000 | |
| | | Maha sangalpam | Vastharams: | | |
| | | 12.00 PM - 1.00 PM | Lunch | (9/5) Veshti -9 sets | in kind |
| | | | | (4mozham)Veshti - 6 | in kind |
| | 4.00 PM - 6.00 PM | Bala Kalai Vaibhavam | | Blouse pieces - 40 nos | in kind |
| | | | | Thundu (towels) - 3 nos | in kind |
| | 6.30 PM - 7.30 PM | 7.30 PM | Velaku Pooja Prasadam distribution | Flowers for all 3 days | ₹ 15,000 |
| | | | | Fruits for all 3 days | ₹ 25,000 |
| | | | Food for all 3 days | ₹ 20,000 | |
| | | | Vathiyar Sambavanai | ₹ 15,000 | |
| | | | Prasadams: | | |
| | | | Moothagams - 121+ 100 nos | ₹ 1,000 | |
| | | | Sakara Pongal - 1/2 + 2kg | ₹ 501 | |
| | | | Lemon Rice - 1/2 + 2 kg | ₹ 501 | |
| | | | Pal Payasam - 1+ 1kg | ₹ 501 | |
| | | | Ven pongal - 1 kg + 1 kg | ₹ 1,001 | |
| 27.06.2015 | 9.00 AM - 12 NOON | Ganapathy Pooja | Mahalakshmi Pooja | ₹ 15,000 | |
| | | Anukyai Sangalpam | Bala's Birthday Celebration | ₹ 6,000 | |
| | | Sangalpam | Akshara Abiyasam | ₹ 1,000 | |
| | | Bala tripura sundari Homam | 6 yards pattu pudavai - 1 | in kind | |
| | 12.00 AM - 1.00 PM | Lunch | | Prasadams | |
| | | | | Kalakandu Rice - 1/2 + 1 kg | ₹ 501 |
| 4.00 PM- 8.00 PM | Kalasa Sthaapana Chandi Japam Parayanam Samarpanam | | 2 kg of Pal satham+ 2 curd rice | ₹ 1,001 | |
| | | | Puliyotharai - 1+ 2 kg | ₹ 1,001 | |
| 8.00 PM | Prasadam distribution | | | | |
| 28.06.2015 | 6.00 AM - 2.30 PM | Ganapathy pooja | Kho poojai | ₹ 2,000 | |
| | | | Suhasini Pooja (priya and kasturi) | ₹ 2,000 | |
| | | Ankyai Sangalpam | Kanya Pooja (shashikala) | ₹ 2,000 | |
| | | Sangalpam | Vadugu Pooja | ₹ 2,000 | |
| | | Chandi Homam | thambathi Pooja (padma) | ₹ 2,000 | |
| | | Kho pooja | Vasodhara Homam | ₹ 10,000 | |
| | | Suhasini pooja | Chandi Homam | ₹ 25,000 | |
| | | Kanya pooja | Pournami Pooja | ₹ 5,000 | |
| | | Bharmachari pooja | cotton saree - 3 nos | in kind | |
| | | Thambathi pooja | Vasodhara Homam | 9 yards pattu pudavai for homam in kind | |
| | | | 9 yards pattu pudavai for suhasini | in kind | |
| | | poornaahuthi | Kanya pavadai - 1 | in kind | |
| | | Maha Naivedyam | Balatripurasundari Abishekam | Vadugu veshti - 2 | in kind |
| | | | | 9 yards pattu pudavai and veshti for thambathi | in kind |
| | | Alankaram | Prasadams | | |
| | | Maha mangalarthi | Sakarai Pongal- 4+ 3 kg | ₹ 1,500 | |
| | | Akshara abiyasam | Akaravadusal - 1/2 + 2 kg | ₹ 1,000 | |
| 2.30 PM - 3.30 PM | Lunch | | Curd Rice - 1+1 kg | ₹ 501 | |
| | | | Kesari bath - 1/2 + 2 kg | ₹ 501 | |
| | | | Lemon Rice - 1/2 + 2 kg | ₹ 501 | |
| | | | Mysore pak - 21+ 21nos | ₹ 501 | |
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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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