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From The Editor's Desk

Dear Members,

As the curtain comes down on yet another celebration in Sri Balambika temple at Malur, each and every one of us who is a part of the Balambika Divya Sangam (BDS) family, will continue to feel the intensity of the worship and our ever brimming passion for Sri Bala. It was a tireless team of organizers, volunteers, priests and altruistic patrons and benefactors who made this grand event of the Maha Navaratri festival possible. While some were fortunate to witness the aura physically, those connected virtually could nonetheless still feel the vigor and vitality of the festivities. BDS thanks its entire family for their support and service throughout its endeavors.

During the nine day Navaratri pooja, we chant several stotrams and slokas. Although the true merit lies in the sincere recitation of the text, a little light on the origin and authorship of these slokas will take us a little deeper into the meaning and context of the sloka. Among the most popular chantings are, Lalitha Sahasranamam, Lalitha Trishati, Devi Bhagavatam, Devi Mahatmyam, Soundarya Lahiri, Abirami Anthadi, and Balatripurasundari Sahasranamam. Seeking its origin in the Brahmanda Puranam, Lalitha Sahasranamam – 1000 names in praise of Goddess Lalitha, was given to Sage Agastya by the horse-faced avatar of Vishnu – Lord Hayagriva. Upon Sage Agastya's insistence, and Ambal's request, Lord Hayagriva further enlightens the sage with 300 powerful names, each beginning with a spe-

cific akshara in the Lalitha Trishati. From the Markandeya Puranam, the Devi Mahatmyam or Durga Saptashati containing 700 slokas that extol Goddess Durga as Chandi, and the Devi Bhagavatam consisting of Devi's stories and anecdotes in 18000 verses, are both considered very auspicious to read during Navaratri. When Adi Shankara went to Mount Kailasa, he brought back the 100 poetic verses of the Soundarya Lahiri, 41 of which were composed by Lord Shiva himself, and the remaining 59 by Adi Shankara. Abirami Anthadi by Abirami Bhattar of Thirukkadaiyur temple, composed these 100 verses in praise of Goddess Abirami imploring Her to clear his name and prove his innocence to the king, when he mistakenly called the amavasya day as pournami. Goddess Abirami hurls Her earring into the night sky making it shine like the full moon, true to Her bhakta's call. Balatripurasundari Sahasranamam finds its roots in the Vishnu Yamala, which is a part of the Shaktha Agama. This divine conversation between Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati consists of 1000 names of Balatripurasundari, describing Her qualities and attributes. A simple, sincere recital of any of these texts is believed to bestow spiritual boons.

As you peruse this edition of our newsletter, highlighting our Navaratri specials, we hope you experience spiritual gratification and fervor that brings us closer together for years to come. Your presence as part of the BDS family is an invaluable asset that we will cherish forever. Sarvejana Sukhinobhavanthu.

PHOTO ESSAY: NAVARATRI EVENT

NAVARATRI DAY 1:



SRI KAMAKSHI ALANKARAM

NAVARATRI DAY 2:



SRI MANGALA GOWRI
ALANKARAM



Left: Raja Bala and Kutti Bala matching their pavada- is to bright green color on Day 1

Right: Color of the day: Yellow. Mangalarati during the morning sevai on Day 2 of Navarat- ri.



NAVARATRI DAY 3:



SRI BALA TRIPURA SUNDARI
ALANKARAM

NAVARATRI DAY 4:



SRI GAYATRI DEVI
ALANKARAM



Left: Color of the day: Pink. Rajya Bala lookin resplendent in bright pink pava-dai as she matches her mother on Day 3.

Right: Color of the day: Golden. Raja Bala in a beautiful golden pavadai on Day 4 of Navaratri.



NAVARATRI DAY 5:

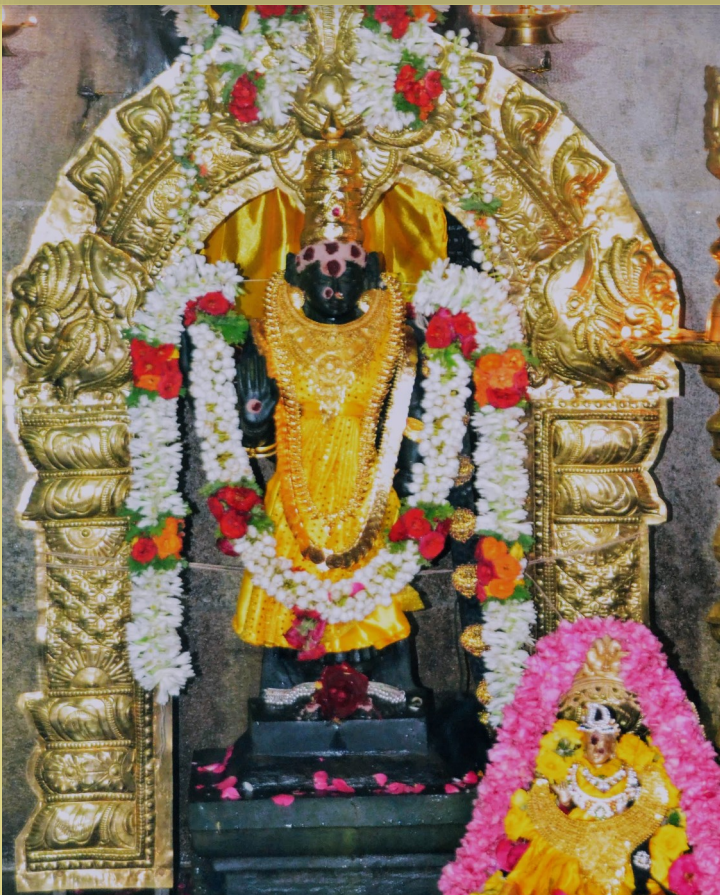


SRI MAHALAKSHMI
ALANKARAM

NAVARATRI DAY 6:



SRI ANNAPOORNESHWARI
ALANKARAM



Left: Color of the day: Yellow. Raja Bala and Kutti Bala in matching alankaram

Right: Color of the day: Green. Beautiful alankaram of Raja Bala on Day 6

NAVARATRI DAY 7:



SRI SHAKAMBARI
ALANKARAM

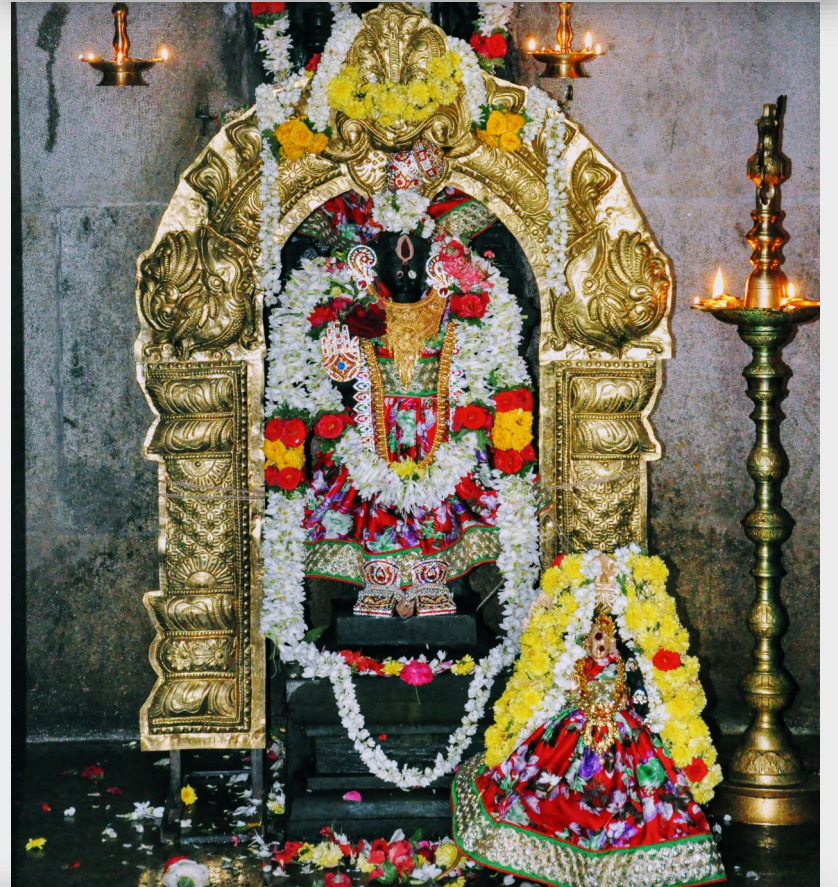
NAVARATRI DAY 8:



SRI RAJA RAJESHWARI
ALANKARAM



Left: Color of the day: Royal Blue. Raja Bala in bright blue pavadai and beautiful ornaments during the morning sevai of Day 7



Right: Color of the day: Red. Matching red floral pavadai alankaram for Raja Bala and Kutti Bala

NAVARATRI DAY 9:



SRI MAHA DURGA
ALANKARAM

NAVARATRI DAY 10:



SRI SARASWATHI
ALANKARAM



Left: Color of the day: Red. Raja Bala in pretty red pavada and long pinnal alankaram on Day 9 of Navaratri.

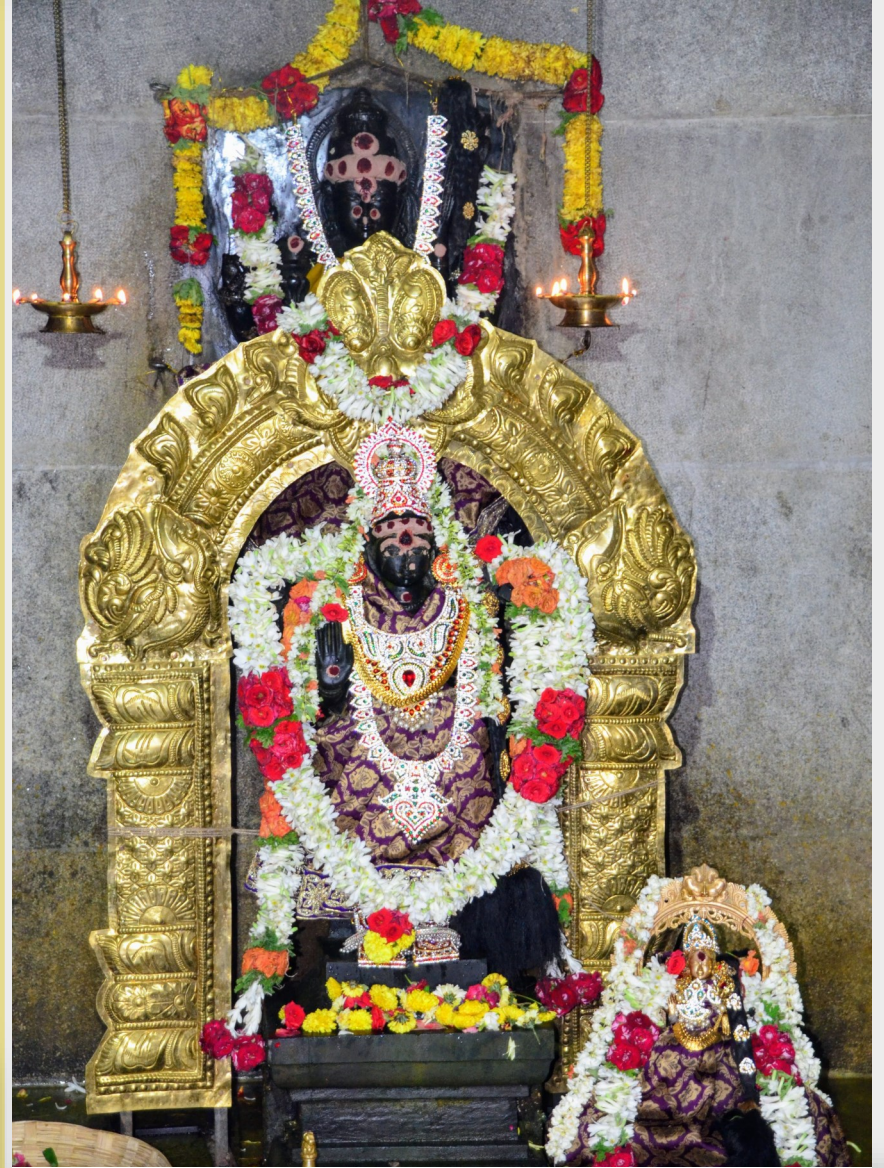
Right: Color of the day: Blue. Raja Bala in off white pavada for Saraswathi alankaram on Day 10 of Navaratri.



VIJAYADASHAMI



SRI MAHISHASURAMARDHINI
ALANKARAM



Sri Bala adorned in a purple colored
pavadai matched by Kutti Bala

NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS : VIJAYADASHAMI POOJAI



Left: Aksharabhyasam on Vijayadashami for the kids.

Above: Kanya, Sumangali & Vadugu poojai in progress

NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS : CHANDI HOMAM



Above Left: Neatly lined turmeric baskets with Sowbhagya dravyam are placed, as gurukkal prepare for start of Chandi homam

Above: Ambal saree soaked in ghee for purnahuti, sowbhagya dravyam along with purnahuti items in procession around the prakaram.



Bali Poojai in progress on Day 9



Above & left :
Purnahuti for each adhyayam and mangalarati concluding the end of Chandi Homam.

NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS : OONJAL SEVAI ALANKARAMS



All: Kutti Bala in various brightly colored alankarams as Oonjal Sevai is being performed by excited devotees.



NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS : BALA KALAI VAIBHAVAM



Above : Devi Leelai beautifully choreographed and performed by Smt. Gayathri and group for Navaratri celebrations at Malur Temple



Above: Smt. Gayathri and dancers seeking Ambal's blessings during procession.

Right: Bharatnatyam by Smt. Swetha Vivek for Navaratri celebrations.



Above: Melodious Santoor recital for our dear Bala by Sri. Gnanaranjan Malik



NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS : TEMPLE DÉCOR



Above : Rangoli decorations at the temple for Navaratri .

Left: Beautiful and exquisite golu dolls and decorations at the temple.

Below: Kutti Bala beautiful and ready for her palanquin procession around the temple



Malur devotees joyfully preparing the vegetable and fruit Malais for Shakambari Alankaram during the 6th day of Navaratri.



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Day 1: Maha Ganapathi Homam	
Pradhana Sponsor	Sri Dinakar & Fly
Homam Sponsor	Sri Narasimhan & Fly
Flowers Sponsor	Sri Srinivas & Fly
Abhishekam Sponsor	Sri Venkataraman & Fly
Day 2: Sri Mangala Gowri Homam	
Pradhana Sponsor	Sri Dinakar & Fly
Homam Sponsors	Sri Sundarajan & Fly
	Sri Prakash & Fly
Flowers Sponsor	Sri Srinivas & Fly
Abhishekam Sponsor	Sri Narayan Murthy & Fly
Vastram Sponsor	Sri Narasimhan & Fly
Day 3: Sri Bala Tripura Sundari Homam	
Pradhana Sponsor	Sri Dinakar & Fly
Homam Sponsors	Smt Ranjani Ayyangar & Fly
	Smt Mangala Venkatesh & Fly
	Smt Sita Natarajan & Fly
	Smt Sowmya Vallesan & Fly
	Smt Swathi & Fly
	Sri Sampath Manimaran

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	Sri Gnanaranjan Malik & Fly
Vastram Sponsor	Smt Alamelu Sampath & Fly
	Smt Mamatha (Malur) & Fly
Day 4: Sri Gayathri Devi Homam	
Pradhana Sponsor	Sri Dinakar & Fly
Homam Sponsors	Smt Srividya Sanjay & Fly
	Smt Sowmya & Fly
Flowers Sponsor	Sri Srinivas & Fly
Abhishekam Sponsor	Sri Subramanyam & Fly
Vastram Sponsor	Smt Anuradha Srinivasan &
Day 5: Sri Annapoorneshwari Homam	
Pradhana Sponsor	Sri Dinakar & Fly
Homam Sponsors	Smt Priya Kasturirangan & Fly
	Smt Padma Srinivas & Fly
Flowers Sponsor	Sri Srinivas & Fly
	Sri Praveen Kumar & Fly
Abhishekam Sponsor	Sri Praveen Kumar & Fly

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PROGRAM	HOMAM SPONSORS
Vastram Sponsor	Smt Padma Srinivas & Fly
Day 6: Sri Rajarajeshwari Homam	
Pradhana Sponsor	Sri Dinakar & Fly
Homam Sponsors	Sri Manoharan & Fly
Flowers Sponsors	Sri Srinivas & Fly
	Smt Prema Muniraju & Fly
Vastram Sponsors	Smt Indira Sampath & Fly
	Smt Meena Ramani & Fly
Prasadham Sponsor	Smt Prema Muniraju & Fly
Day 7: Sri Devi Sooktham Homam	
Pradhana Sponsor	Sri Dinakar & Fly
Day Sponsors	Sri Murali & Fly
	Sri Raghu Ranganathan & Fly
	Smt Swathy Mahalakshmi & Fly
Homam Sponsor	Smt Radha Hariharan & Fly
Flowers Sponsor	Sri Srinivas & Fly
Vastram Sponsor	Smt Ambika Aravind & Fly
Day 8: Sri Maha Durga Homam	
Pradhana Sponsor	Sri Dinakar & Fly

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PROGRAM	HOMAM SPONSORS
Day Sponsor	Sri Raghuraman & Fly
Homam Sponsors	Sri Murali Chakravarthy & Fly
	Smt Swathy & Fly
Flowers Sponsor	Sri Srinivas & Fly
	Smt Meera Vijayaraghavan & Fly
Vastram Sponsor	Smt Ambika Aravind & Fly
Day 9: Sri Maha Saraswathi Homam	
Pradhana Sponsor	Sri Dinakar & Fly
Homam Sponsors	Sri Murali Chakravarthy & Fly
	Smt Radha Hariharan & Fly
	Sri Raghuraman & Fly
	Sri Ashok Chopra & Fly
	Smt Sowmya & Fly
	Smt Sudha & Fly
Flowers Sponsors	Sri Srinivas & Fly
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PROGRAM	HOMAM SPONSORS
Day 10: Sri Mahishasura Mardhini Homam	
Pradhana Sponsor	Sri Dinakar & Fly
Day Sponsor	Sri Krishnan
	Smt Poornima & Fly
Homam Sponsors	Sri Madhavan & Fly
	Smt Ambika Aravind & Fly
	Smt Rupa Vardharajan & Fly
	Sri Paneer Selvam & Fly
	Sri Murali Chakravarthy & Fly
	Smt Geethavani & Fly
	Sri Srivatsa & Fly
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Vaduga Sponsor	Smt Radha Kumar & Fly
Sumangali Sponsor	Smt Mythili Sundarajan & Fly
Kanya Sponsor	Smt Kanchana & Fly
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Sri S L Narasimhan & Fly	Sri Gnanaranjan Malik & Fly
Smt Varsha Shukla & Fly	Sri Sudhakar & Fly
Smt Tripti Tiruvani & Fly	Sri Manoj & Fly
Smt Tharushikha & Fly	Sri Shantha & Fly
Smt Geetanjali & Fly	Sri Kanucharan & Fly
Smt Manjula & Fly	Sri G M Shekhar Suguma & Fly
Smt Sumithra & Fly	Smt. Aruna & Fly
Banashankari Mandali	Smt.Shobha Nagaraj & Fly
Smt Nagalakshmi & Fly	Sri Suresh & Brothers
Smt Mangalamma & Fly	Smt. Deepthi Ashok & Fly
Smt Nanjamma & Fly	Sri Hari & Fly
Sri Siddhaiyan & Fly	Sri Srinivas & Fly
Sri Muthulingam & Fly	Smt Radha Kumar & Fly
Sri Mutugeshan & Fly	Smt Anuradha Srinivasan & Fly
Sri Elangovan & Fly	Smt Rukmini Chakravarthy & Fly
Smt Sugantha Pattabhi & Fly	Sri Bharat Bhushan & Fly
Sri Shekhar Venkat & Fly	Sri S V Arunkumar & Fly
	Smt Vani & Fly

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