

# BALAVIN KURAL

## Balambika Divya Sangam



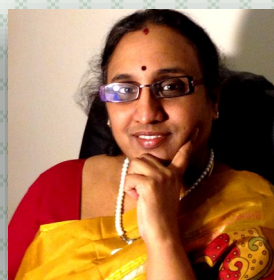
## Editor's Desk...

Ambal's nitya alankaram in Her abode at Malur is full of vibrance, with the myriad of colors and lustrous hues radiating from every little flower adorning Her. Indeed, no jewelry or ornament can quite match the beauty, charm and the power of a humble flower, as it enhances the magnificence of the deity. The Lalitha Sahasranamam extols Ambal in countless ways, and several of those praises invoke the grace of Ambal through allusions to specific flowers. A quick delving into this text revealed about eleven such flowers (pushpa or kusuma) and their metaphorical comparisons.

These traditional flowers are – champaka (magnolia), ashoka, punnaga (laurel), sowgandhika, kadamba, mandara, patali, japa (hibiscus), padma, bandhooka (midday flower) and dadimi (pomegranate flower). These flowers have been carefully chosen to allude to Ambal in a special manner, in one of three specific ways. Champaka, ashoka, punnaga and sowgandhika depict the flowers as adornments for Her hair being known for their aromatic fragrance; the luster of the japa pushpam, padma, bandhooka and dadimi flowers describe Her unparalleled beauty and Her red glowing complexion; the flowers kadamba, patali and mandara hint at Her deep fondness for the flower as mentioned in

'kadamba vanavasini', 'patali kusuma priya' and 'mandara kusuma priya', while it symbolizes spirituality. Truly, Ambal's collection of distinct flowers portrays Her choice, Her magnificence and grandeur, and on a deeper level – the significance of our relationship to Her as a devotee. As we offer flowers to Ambal during our daily worship, we can reflect on these subtle meanings and deeper implications.

As Balambika Divya Sangam propels forward along with its team of tireless volunteers, altruistic patrons, and cheering members, the sky is the limit for what we can achieve. We hope you enjoy the festive bonanza that this newsletter will bring with its assortment of photographs from the Mahanavarathri Utsavam. As always, your opinion counts, and we welcome your suggestions and feedback. Sarvejana Sukhino Bhavantu.



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## Bala Speaks...



When you start realizing your potential, your own ability by having faith in yourself, you can make things happen the way you want them to. If you wait around for good things to happen, you could be waiting forever. Rather than bemoaning your situation, or blaming things on bad luck, there are ways you can create opportunities for yourself every day. It's never going to be absolutely easy, but waiting for the universe to present you with exactly what you want, isn't realistic.

If you know what you want, there's no reason why you can't work towards that and make it happen.

### Important Dates:

- ◆ 18th October : Deepavali
- ◆ 23rd October : Chaturthi
- ◆ 23rd October : Panchami
- ◆ 3rd November : Pournami

BDS Events Corner





MEENAKSHI AMBAL ALANKARAM



MANGALA GOWRI ALANKARAM



BALA TRIPURASUNDARI ALANKARAM



SRI GAYATHRI DEVI ALANKARAM



**MAHALAKSHMI ALANKARAM**



**ANNAPOORNESHWARI ALANKARAM**



**RAJA RAJESWARI ALANKARAM**



**MAHA DURGA ALANKARAM**



SARASWATHI ALANKARAM



MAHISHASURA MARDHINI ALANKARAM

## Navarathri Homams Performed



Day 1 : Ganapathy Homam	Day 2 : Mangala Gowri Homam
Day 3 : Sri Bala Tripura Sundari	Day 4 : Sri Gayathri Devi Homam
Day 5 : Sri Sooktha Homam	Day 6 : Annapoorneshwari Homam
Day 7 : Rajarajeshwari Homam	Day 8 : Sri Durga Homam
Day 9 : Rajarajeshwari Homam	Day 10 : Mahishasura Mardhini



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MUTHULINGAN	ANNADHANAM	PRIYA KASTURI RANGAN	HOMAM
SITHAYAN	ANNADHANAM	JANARDHAN RAO	HOMAM
GOWRI SHANKAR	ANNADHANAM	RAGHU AND FAMILY	HOMAM
VINAY RAJ	ANNADHANAM	MAGESH AND FAMILY	HOMAM
VANI SRINIDHI	ANNADHANAM	VINOD KUMAR AND FAMILY	HOMAM
SAMPATH AND CHAMUNDESHWARI	ANNADHANAM	SENTHIL KUMAR	HOMAM
MANIMARAN AND NALINI	ANNADHANAM	KIRAN KUMAR	HOMAM
INDIRA SAMPATH	ANNADHANAM	JANAKI CHANDRAMOULI	HOMAM
NARAYAN AND FAMILY	ANNADHANAM	CHANNA MALLA REDDY	HOMAM
PARTHASARATHY	ANNADHANAM	RATHNAM AND FAMILY	HOMAM
DINAKARAN AND FAMILY	ANNADHANAM	SHASHIKALA AND FAMILY	HOMAM
GOWRI SHEKHAR AND FAMILY	ANNADHANAM	NARASIMHAN VARDHARAJAN AND FAMILY	HOMAM
BALALI	ANNADHANAM	USHA MOHAN AND FAMILY	HOMAM
PADMA –MALUR	ANNADHANAM	ASHOK KUMAR AND FAMILY	HOMAM
CHANDRASHEKHAR	ANNADHANAM	MURALI CHAKRAVARTHY AND FAMILY	HOMAM
VIVEK	ANNADHANAM	INDIRA SAMPATH AND FAMILY	HOMAM
NAGARAJ	ANNADHANAM	CHITRA CHANDRASHEKHAR AND FAMILY	HOMAM
CHANDRASHEKHAR-PRIEST	ANNADHANAM	NAVIN MANASH AND FAMILY AND FAMILY	HOMAM
MALUR DEVOTEES	ANNADHANAM	SHRIKANTH AND FAMILY	HOMAM
SRINIVASAN CHAKRAVARTHY	ANNADHANAM	MYILA KANNAN AND FAMILY	HOMAM
NALINI JAYARAMAN AND FAMILY	ANNADHANAM	BALAJI	HOMAM
KARTHIK GURURAJAN AND FAMILY	ANNADHANAM	SHARANYA VIGNESH	HOMAM
SAMPATH AND CHAMU AND FAMILY	ANNADHANAM	DEEPTHI AND FAMILY	HOMAM
RANJANI AND SHESHADRI IYENGAR	ANNADHANAM	SREENIVAS	HOMAM
HARIHARAN AND RADHA FAMILY	DURGA HOMAM	DR VATSALA RAGHAVAN FAMILY	HOMAM AND PRASADAM
MANOHARAN	FLOWERS	SHASHIKALA	KANYA POOJA
SRINIVAS	FLOWERS	GARGI PARTHASARATHY	KANYA, DAMPATTI, SUMANGALI POOJA
CHITRA CHANDRASHEKHAR	FRUITS	SRINIVASAN CHAKRAVARTHY	SARASWATHI HOMAM
NARASIMHAN AND FAMILY	HOMAM	SHEELA KAURI	VASTAM
PARTHASARATHY	HOMAM	SWETHA VIVEK	VASTRAM

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