VedaSIRAS : PLAVA-SUBHAKRUTHU SAMVATSARAM

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VedaSIRAS continues to provide a Platform for Vedic Education to those who could not take the rigorous Patashala education at an early age. Due to the Pandemic, most of its activities were conducted online for major part of the year. With the realization that direct contact with Vidyarthis alone can bring the best chanting, our Guru has started the offline classes after the month of "Thai" (Feb'22). The direct classes have started at Guha Flats, West Mambalam and both Santhai and Tiruvai are being continued.

During the Year, new online classes were started for Rudram and Chamakam chanting and now regular offline class has also started. New Portions that are covered during this period includes Ashwamedam and Katakam. Regular Practice classes (offline) are held in the Evening and for Outstation and office goers, the classes are held online.

Upanishad and Bhagavad Gita : Shri O.Venkatramana continues to provide a series of Lectures on Week End Mornings and Evenings through online mode. Due to Vidyarthis age and convenience which includes Housewives, the classes are continuing online during the year. The Lectures on "Taitriya Upanishad" have been completed and the Lectures on "Mundakopanishad" are in progress. The Bhagavad Gita Lectures have been so far covered upto 11th Chapter and 12th Chapter is in progress. The Upanishad classes are held on Saturday and Sunday Morning for 1 hour (7:45-8:45 AM) and Bhagavad Gita in the Evenings (7:00-8:00 PM).

<u>Veda Parayanam</u>: VedaSIRAS continues to undertake Veda Parayanam by its vidyarthis as per the following schedule:

Sunday Morning : Arunam Parayanam

Ekadasi : Morning: -Achidtram Evening:- Ashwamedam Dwadasi:- Taitriya Upanishad Evening:- Katakam

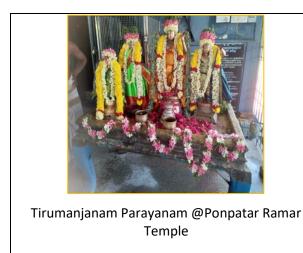
VedaSIRAS continues to conduct Temple Parayanam, Krithika Parayanam and also arrange Parayanams on special occasions like wedding /Janmadinam etc. at the request of Vidyarthis and their relatives/friends.

Temple Parayanam: About 20 Temple Parayanams have been done by the Vidyarthis either at the request of Temple Authorities or at the initiative of our Vidyarthis . These are held on Occasions like Pradosham /Special Tirumanjanam/Temple Processions etc.

Shivratri Parayanam was held in Sri BrahanNayaki Samedha Abathsahayeswarar temple at Ponnur near Myladuthurai during all the four kalams and at Dharmapuram Adheenam Temple located in T Nagar, Chennai.

<u>Special Tirumanjanam and Parayanam were done at the following</u> <u>temples during the year</u>:

Sri BooVaraha Perumal Temple – Sri Mushnam Sri Hayagreevar Temple – Tiruvahindrapuram, Cuddalore Sri Chaturbhuja Ramar Temple – Pon PatharKoodam Sri Gundu Satti Perumal- Alambadi Sri Tirukatchi Nambi Varadaraja Perumal Temple – Poonthamalle Sri Kolavizhi Ramar Temple – TiruVelliyangudi near Kumbakonam Sri Gajendra Varathar Temple – Kapisthalam Sri Navaneetha Krishnan Temple-Kapisthalam Sri Pushpavalli Sametha Jagathraksha Perumal Temple – Thirukudaloor Sri Singa Perumal Koil – Pradosham Abishekam





Parayanam at Tiruvelliyangudi Ramar Temple

As part of **Divya Yathra** activities, Darshan and Parayanam were done at the following Kshetrams:

Sri Venkateswara swamy Temple, Tirumala – Achidtram Parayanam – on Ekadasi day

Sri Rajagopalaswamy Temple, Pudupakkam, Vuddlaore-Mandala Pooja. Sri Suryanar Koil, Aduthurai- Arunam – Sunday

Pradosham Parayanams were also undertaken at the following temples: Sri Kurungaleeswarar temple – Koyambedu, Chennai

Sri Thathreeswarar Temple – Sitharkadu near Pattabiram.



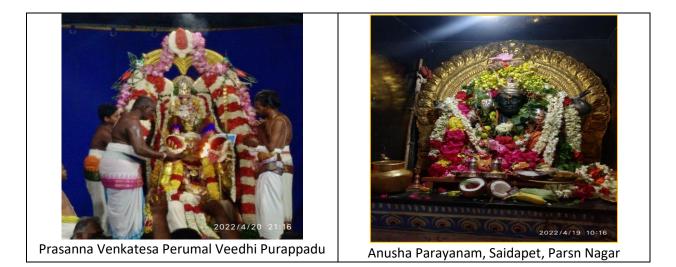
Arunam at Suryanarayanar Koil

Besides the above, Parayanams were also held at

Sri Panigraha Kalyana Mandapam, West Mambalam- Visit of Utsavamurthi of Sri RamachandraMurthi of Ayodhya.

Sri Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal temple, West Saidapet- on the Occasion of Veedhi Purappadu

Sri Krishnan Temple, Kodambakkam- on the Occasion of Janmashtami Sri Vinayakar Temple, Parsn Nagar Saidapet-on the Occasion of Anusham.



The following Vidyarthis conducted the marriage of their wards during the year and UdagaShanthi Parayanam was arranged during these celebrations:

Shri and Smt. Raghuraman – Daughter's Marriage– Srirangam Shri and Smt. Kannan – Son's Marriage- Srirangam Shri and Smt. Ramesh Babu – Daughter's Marriage- Chennai Shri and Smt. Venkitaramanan- Son's Marriage- Chennai.



Besides the above activities, Krithika Parayanams and Special Parayanams at the request of Vidyarthis or their associates in their residences was also undertaken. About 25 parayanams were held during the year.

Divya Yatra: A New Yatra group was formed during this year to arrange Yatras to Divya Desams for the convenience of Vidyarthis and their Families. The highlight of this group was arranging a one day Yatra to Tirumala during March'22 in association with IRCTC. About 29 persons participated in this Yatra.

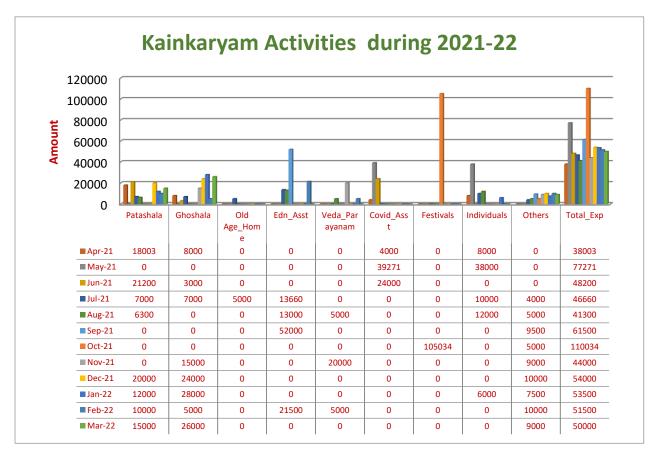


Tirumala Yatra Group

A Divya Yatra to four temples near Kumbakonam was organized during June '22.

A twelve day yatra is scheduled for Mukthinath during October'22.

<u>Kainkaryam</u>: Our Kainkaryam activities continued this year with more participation and extension of benefit to more beneficiaries. Request for Education and Marriage assistance from Poor Brahmin Families were considered. Besides Special Monetary assistance and Provisions were arranged for Vaideeha Gurukkals during the Pandemic Period. Veda Patashala and Ghosala Kaingaryams are done on a monthly basis. Besides Vastrams were provided to Vidyarthis/Adhyapakars/Cooks and Support staff for seven Veda Patashala on the occasion of Deepavali-2021. The



Patashalas covered were from various regions of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

As part of Kainkaryam activities, our group had arranged Gho Dhanam to a temple Bhattar of Kapisthalam at a cost of Rs.32,000. The milk yielded by the cow in the morning will be used for Abishekam of the Perumal and the earnings out of the evening milk yield would be utilized for poshanam of the Cow. Several of our Vidyarthis participated in person in this event. On an Average about Rs 50000-60000 is being donated by our Group for various Kainkaryams during every month.



Gho Dhanam Kapisthalam

The total collections and expenses during Apr 2021-Mar 22 were Rs.677384 & Rs.675968 respectively.

The Guiding Force:

Our Esteemed Guru Shri U.Ve.Lakshminarasimhan Venugopalan continues to share his valuable time for teaching the Veda poorvam to the Vidyarthis. In addition through his knowledge of Sastras and Scriptures , he strives to spread the Sanatana Dharma through Upanyasams in temples and through his literary works in various religious journals. All his works are circulated through Whatsapp to the benefit of the Vidyarthis and also uploaded in the website <u>www.vedasiras.com</u> for the benefit of the General Public.

<u>Yuva Kendra</u>: As part of spread of the activities by the group and in coordination with Murali Mama of Guha Flats, West Mambalam, Chennai, "Yuva Kendra" of VedaSIRAS has been floated by our Guru for inculcating the good virtues of Sanatana Dharma in the young Children.

To develop their interest in Dharmic Education, Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam class has been started for the young children. Besides this, the young minds are also taught Sanskrit Sabdhams, Hindu Almanac and the culture of Hinduism through puranic stories. About 20 children (girls and boys) are participating in these programmes and the classes are held during the Evening from 6:00-7:00 PM daily.



VSN class in Progress

Our Gurus continue to be the guiding force in the spiritual quest of our Vidyarthis and their families. They have been the Margadarshis and guide us towards leading a spiritual life. We offer our Pranams and salutations to them on this Occasion of Guru Poornima day (13th July 2022).

Hari: Om

<u>Om TatSath</u>