

56th SRI RAMA NAVAMI CULTURAL FESTIVAL



**Celebrating 1000 Years of
Sri Ramanujar**

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April 1 to April 16 - 2017

April 1 Saturday	6.15 pm	Festival Inauguration By Honourable Sri E. S. L. NARASIMHAN Governor of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Followed by రామానుజ వైభవం "Ramanuja Vaibhavam" By Bhagavata Bhaswan U. Ve. Sri. DUSHYANTH SRIDHAR (Please be seated by 6.00 pm)	
April 2 Sunday	6.30 pm	రామానుజరిన్ గీతా - పాష్యం "Ramanujarin Gita-Bhashyam" By Grantha-Chintamani U. Ve. Dr. NAVALPAKKAM VASUDEVA TATACHARIAR	
April 3 Monday	6.30 pm	రామానుజరిన్ శ్రీ పాష్యం "Ramanujarin Sri Bhashyam" Dr. M. A. ALWAR	

**April 4
Tuesday**

6.30 pm



ராமானுஜரின் கத்ய த்ரியம் மற்றும் சரணாகதி மார்கம்
"Ramanujarin Gadya Triyam and Saranagathi Margam"
By Vedanta Visarada
U. Ve. **Dr. MANNARGUDI RAJAGOPALACHARIAR**

**April 5
Wednesday**

8.30 am

6.30 pm

SRI RAMA NAVAMI DAY

"Rama Janana Patanam"
ராமானுஜ நூற்றந்தாதி
"Ramanuja Nootrandhadhi"
By Vainava Ratna. Thirukkudanthai
U. Ve. **Dr. M. VENKATESH**



**April 6
Thursday**

6.30 pm to
9.30 pm

மகாகவி பாரதி சொல்லரங்கம்:
பாரதியின் மொழி.
பாரதியின் வலி.
பாரதியின் ஒளி.

"Mahakavi Bharathi" Sollarangam
Bharathiyin - Mozhi, Vali, Oli.
Thalaimai: Sol Vendhar **Sri. SUKI Sivam**
Sorpozivalargal: Perasiriyar **Smt. C. S . VISALAKSHI,**
Perasiriyar **Dr.T. RAJARAM,**
Vazhakarignar **Smt. SUMATHI**

**April 7
Friday**

6.30 pm to
9.30 pm

மகாபாரத சொற்போர்:
மகா பாரதத்தில் மகத்தான படைப்பு
கண்ணனே. கர்ணனே. பாஞ்சாலியே.

"Mahabharatha Sorpor"
Mahabharathathin Mahathana Padaippu
Kannane. Karnane. Panchaliye.
Thalaimai: Senthamizh Thendral **Sri. SUKI Sivam**
Sorpozivalargal: Perasiriyar **Smt. C. S . VISALAKSHI,**
Perasiriyar **Dr.T. RAJARAM,**
Vazhakarignar **Smt. SUMATHI**

**April 8
Saturday**

5.30 pm

6.30 pm

Carnatic music concert by
Smt. SRIVIDYA, Chennai.
To commemorate the 250th birthday of
Saint Thyagaraja
தியாகராஜனுபவம்
"Thyagarajanubhavam" Sangeetha Upanyasam
By Thaygaraja Prathidwani
Smt. VISHAKHA HARI,
Sri Ananthkrishnan Violin, **Sri Arjun Ganesh**
Mridangam, **Sri Trichy Murali** Ghatam.

**April 9
Sunday**

10.00 am
6.30 pm

Annadhanam
பாண்டுரங்க லீலா
"Panduranga Leela" Sangeetha Upanyasam
By Harikatha Choodamani
Smt. VISHAKHA HARI
Sri Ananthkrishnan Violin, **Sri Arjun Ganesh**
Mridangam, **Sri Trichy Murali** Ghatam.

April 10 Monday	6.30 pm	வேதத்தில் ராமாயணம் "Vedathil Ramayanam" Upanyasam By Veda Bhashya Rathnam Sri SRIRAMA GHANAPADIGAL	
April 11 Tuesday	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm	சாம்பிரதாய நாம சங்கீர்த்தன் "Sampradaya Namasankeerthan" By Melarcode Sisters Ms. Ranjani Vaidhyanathan & Ms. Maduvanti Vaidhyanathan Sri Shankar Venkatesh Mridangam. Sri Ramasubramanian Harmonium	
April 12 Wednesday	6.30 pm	Five day Upanyasam on ராமானுஜரின் ராமாயண ரகசியம் Ramanujarin Ramayana Rahasiyam பால காண்ட ரகசியங்கள் "Bala Kanda Rahasiyangal" By Pravachana Bhushanam U. Ve. Sri. V. S. KARUNAKARACHARIAR SWAMY	
April 13 Thursday	6.30 pm	அயோத்தியா காண்ட ரகசியங்கள் "Ayodhya Kanda Rahasiyangal" By Desika Darshana Chudamani U. Ve. Sri. V. S. KARUNAKARACHARIAR SWAMY	
April 14 Friday	5.00 pm 5.00 pm	Ladies Day: Manjal Kum-kum. ராமனின் பெருமைகளோடு தேவாரமும், திருவாசகமும் "Ramanin Perumaigalodu Thevaramum Thiruvagasagamum" By Kuzhanthai Sambandan Villianur A. THIRUKAAMESVARAN The Seven year old wonder boy. ஆரண்ய, கிஷ்கிந்தா காண்ட ரகசியங்கள் "Aaranya, Kishkinda Kanda Rahasiyangal" By Shastra Sahiti-Vallabha U. Ve. Sri. V. S. KARUNAKARACHARIAR SWAMY	
April 15 Saturday	6.00 pm 6.15 pm 6.30 pm	Veda Parayanam Felicitations to Agama, Veda, Sastra, Shilpa Pundits. சுந்தர காண்ட ரகசியங்கள் "Sundara Kanda Rahasiyangal" By Pravachana Vachaspathi U. Ve. Sri. V. S. KARUNAKARACHARIAR SWAMY	
April 16 Sunday	6.30 pm	யுத்த காண்ட ரகசியங்கள் மற்றும் பட்டாபிஷேக ரகசியங்கள் "Yuddha Kanda Rahasiyangal" matrum "Pattabhisheka Rahasiyangal" By Pravachana Tilakam, Vidwanmani, U. Ve. Sri. V. S. KARUNAKARACHARIAR SWAMY	



If there is a Big Data award in matters religious, it would truly belong to Sri Dushyanth Sridhar. Only 29, a Techie turned Upanyasakar. Over 2500 live discourses in four languages across the globe. Speaks on a broad spectrum of topics ranging from Ramayana, Mahabharatha, Vishnu sahasranamam, Gita, Divya Prabandhams, Puranas etc. 1000 hours religious content on Youtube, with five million viewers. Conceptualises Dance ballets with leading dance exponents on Vaishnavism. Penned story screenplay and dialogues for movie "Vedanta Desika" where he also donned the role of Swami Desikan. Writing a mammoth book "Ramayana Sudha" bringing together views of philosophers and commentators of the epic. Leads renovation of Vedanta Desika Shrines. Teaches works of Desikan to over

5000 students worldwide, through whatsapp.

Sri Dushyanth Sridhar has captured the minds of religiously inclined, particularly youth, with his refreshing contemporary narrative, popular lingo, catch phrases and subtle wit.

Rama Navami is happy to again present Sri Dushyanth Sridhar, for "Ramanuja Vaibhavam", to give a historical perspective on Swami Ramanujar, his mission and philosophy.

Dushyanth Sridhar - An all-rounder on the road not taken.

U. Ve. Dr. Navalpakkam Vasudeva Tatachariar, belongs to the illustrious Sri Nathamnukal, Alavanthar, Tirumalai Nambi, Pillian Vamsam. (32nd from Sri Nathamuni and 27th from Pillian). Dr. Vasudevachariar is a MA in Sanskrit, MA in Nyaya and a Ph.D. Learnt Yajurvedam Kramantam from father Sri U Ve. Navalpakkam Varada Tatarya Mahadesikan. Kalakshepam from Sri U. Ve Navalpakkam Ayya Devanatha Tatarya Mahadesikan. Has mastery over Vedanta, Vyakarana, Sahitya and Divya Prabandham.

Teaching since 1984. Presently Associate Professor at SS University of Sanskrit, Thiruvananthapuram. Guiding six research scholars for Ph.D.

His published books include Sribhashyam in III volumes, Desika Sahasranama Stotram, Srimad Bhagavata Rasam, Brahmasutra Vrutti etc. Recently released "Ramanuja Daya" in two volumes, a collection of articles on Ramanuja in Tamil. Written numerous articles on Sampradaya Seva.

The erudite Dr. Vasudeva Tatachariar presents "Ramanujarin Gita - Bhashyam" in our festival.



Google for Sribhashyam classes and you promptly get a lecture series of more than 150 sessions by Dr. M A Alwar. Dr Alwar a native of Thirunarayanapuram (Melkote). Studied Nyaya Vedanta and Darsana from Kothimangalam Sri S Varadacharya who himself was a student of Sri Abhinava Ranganatha Brahmastra Svatantra Parkala Swami.

Dr Alwar, 44, is Professsor i/c at Govt. Maharaja Sanskrit college. Himself a Doctorate, now guiding students in M. Phil. and Ph.D. Presently guiding about ten students in Nyaya Sastra and about 25 in Visistadwaita Vedantha.

Dr. Alwar's expertise is a unique blend of traditional and modern. Dr. Alwar is an expert Manuscriptologist, who has collected and collated over 8000 traditional medical manuscripts, digitized over one lakh frames of medical manuscripts and developed a comprehensive software for cataloguing, indexing and retrieval systems of medical manuscripts. Non-medical trasncripts discovered and edited include, Samba puranam, Vasudeva Mahatmiyam, Hari vakya - sudha - sindhu.

Dr. Alwar has written over twenty books, which include Sri Ramanuja- Life and Philosophy, Essentials of Visistadvaita. A rare work is on "Perception – Perspectives of Artificial Intelligence and Indian Philosophy" (in Sanskrit). He has developed a series of interactive multimedia CD ROMS on various aspects of Indian culture like Sandhyavandhanam, Taittiriya Upanishad, Pancha Suktham, Ganesha pooja and Satyanarayana pooja.

Dr. Alwar will be amidst us for a day to present a capsule version of "Ramanujarin Sribhashyam".



U. Ve. Dr. Mannargudi Rajagopalachariar Swami, Asthana Vidwan of Sri Ahobila Mutt and former Editor Narasimhapriya. Swami is a triple MA, covering Sanskrit, Tamil and Philosophy. A Ph.D. in Sanskrit, he has undergone grantha-chatushtaya (the four works Sribhashyam, Gita Bhashyam, Bhagavad-vishaya and Rahasyatrayasaram) Tarka Sastra and Vedanta Kalakshepam under Srimath Villivalam Azhagiyasingar, 45th Jeer of Sri Ahobila Mutt in his poorvasramam. He studied Meemamsa under Brahasri K Balasubramania Sastrigal.

A prolific speaker, he takes special efforts to reach the teachings of Visishtadvaita granthas in the traditional manner. His books "Sribhashyamrutha" and "Maha Vidya Lagu Vivaranam", are to be released shortly.

Swami has been honoured as “Vedanta Visarada” from the 45th Jeer of Sri Ahobila Mutt. “Ubhaya Mimamsa Vallabha” from Srimath Andavan Ashram. “Poorvottara tantra vachaspathi” from Vedantha Desika Sampradaya Sabha. “Desika Darsana Chudamani” from Srimath Poundarikapuram Andavan.

We are indeed blessed to have Dr.Rajagopalachariar Swami amidst us to present an overview of “Ramanujarin Gadya Triyam and Saranagathi Margam”.

U. Ve. Dr. M. VENKATESH

April 5, 2017.

Dr.Venkatesh. 26. Professional Doctor and MBA. The new star of Upanyasam in Vaishnava sampradayam. Created a huge fan following in twin cities when he was amidst us for three days in 2015.

Debut Upanyasam at 20, during Kal Garuda Seva in Nachiyarkoil. Considers meeting Sri Karunakarachariar Swamy in 2013 as a turning point, as Swamy was able to channelise and give a direction to Dr.Venkatesh. Presently learning Sri Bhashyam, Gita Bhashyam and Bhagavada vishayam with Swami.

Sama Veda adhyayanam under Sri Subramanya Sastrigal Kumbakonam. Got Samasrayanam done at the lotus feet of Sirupuliyur Swami of Srirangam. Familiar face on TVs. Authored a book “Aadhi Varaha Vaibhavam”. Compiled Stutis from Srimad Bhagavatam. Provided Tamil translation of Sri Ashu kavi Villur Swami’s Mandasmitha Ramayana (entire Ramayana describing Vaduvur Rama’s smile and relating it to various events in His life).

Dr.Venkatesh concludes the first five-day phase of celebrating 1000 years of Swami Ramanujar, with his eloquent presentation on “Ramanuja Nootrandhadhi”.



- Everyday Laksharchana to Lord Rama at 8.30 am and 7.00 pm.
- Vishnu Sahasranamam Parayanam, by students of Veda Bhavan- Every evening on stage before commencement of programme.
- Donations gratefully accepted. Cheques/Drafts to be made favouring “Sri Rama Navami Cultural Festival”. Contributions to festival enjoy benefits u/s 80G(5)(vi) of IT Act 1961.

ANNADHANAM

Please participate in Annadhanam being held every Sunday at 9.00 am throughout the year, at Ganesh Temple, near Secunderabad Station. Annadhanam as a part of Festival on Sunday April 9, 2017, at Keyes High school.

U. Ve. Dr. M. V. Anantha Padmanabhachariar Swami.

April 2-6

Vachaspathy U. Ve. Dr. Mukundagiri Vankeepuram Anantha Padmanabhachariar Swami, thought and deed, are always about improvement of our society, through spread of Sanathana Dharma. Apart from Upanyasams, Swami leverages the print and the electronic media, to positively influence members across all age groups. He backs this with strong social Interaction programmes on the ground.

Gurukulam style learning from scholars like Sri Purasai Nadadur Krishnamachariar and Sri O. R. Rajagopalachariar Swamy, gave Swami the initial knowledge and proficiency in Vedas, Shastras, Divya Prabantham and Visistadvaita Siddantham. Over the years, Swami's delivery style of combining his Upanyasams with enjoyable anecdotes and current affairs, was imbibed from his close association with Sri Mukkur Lakshminarasimhachariar, Thirukallam Sri Narasimha Raghavachariar and Sri K. V. Santhanagoplachariar. Swami's M.A., M. Phil and Ph.D. in Sanskrit, raises his Upanyasams to new heights.

Seeing his zeal and enthusiasm in our Sampradhaya Srimad Azhagiya Singar Jeer of Ahobila Mutt appointed Swami as Editor of "Sri Narasimhapriya". The magazine underwent changes in style and presentation, resulting in broad-based audience interest, and increased circulation. Swami also writes religious articles for other magazines. Between 2013 and 2015 Swami went on a prolific book writing spree, and published over 15 books, on rare subjects like Sri Ahobhila Kshetra Mahatmiyam, and Bharatha Savithri. The well researched books, bring out Swami's deep understanding and knowledge, and are available in Tamil, Telugu, Sanskrit, Kannada and English.

To carry the message across the globe, Swami presented "Dinam oru Divya Namam" from Vishnu Sahasranamam, a daily capsule TV programme. Audience began to look forward to delightful virtual tours to ancient temples which was part of the programme. Swami's "Tapovanam" covering great Rishies, brought the risky to reach mountains, caves and forests in the comfort of our drawing rooms. The ongoing programme of "Nadhi Moolam" is not only a visual experience, but also reminds us of our cultural origins. "Sri Ramanuja Vaibhavam" on Podhigai reflects his quest for research and in-depth knowledge.

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Sundara Kandam, Dance Drama.

April 7



Smt. Anitha Guha, with God's gift of grace and elegance, natural talent for choreography, and passion to teach youngsters, founded Bharathanjali in 1989. Sri Rama Navami rasikas still recall her unique, appealing and inspiring "Koodiyirundhu Kulimdhelore Empaavai" of 2009.

Rated as the foremost ballet producer of her generation, Smt. Anitha in her inimitable style presents her creative interpretation of Sundara Kandam, with utmost devotional fervor and intensity, through 22 member strong dance drama. Chennai still recalls in glowing terms the Vaali-Sugreeva battle, for the quality of dancing and emoting. Hanuman crossing the sea, the poignant moment of presenting Rama's ring, Lanka on fire, Rama seeing the choodamani – the dramatic elements stand out, through a sensitive journey of rasa and bhava, supported by musical brilliance, and crisp choreography. Lyrics are penned by Sri Neyveli Santhanagopalan, and rendered by Ms. Sriranjani, Smt. Gayathri Venkataraghavan and Smt. Nisha Rajagopal.

Titles like Acharya Rathnakara, Madura Kalamani, Nritya Ratna, Acharya Kalabharathi, all sit lightly on the shoulders of Smt. Anitha, even while she humbly dedicates her works at the lotus feet of Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

Sri Rama Navami presents Magnum Opus Sundara Kandam on April 7th.

U. Ve. Dr. M. V. Anantha Padmanabharier Swami. (Contd)

Swami established a satsang called SARAN (Sampradaya Anushtana Rakshana AbhimaN) for propagation of Ramanuja Sampradhaya. Swami's Chennaiyil Srivilliputhur and Elainyar Ezhuchi Manaadu, are aimed at creating awareness of Sampradaya in youth.

We are all blessed as Swami will be amidst us for five days, to take us through the depths of Purana Rathinam VISHNU PURANAM. A not to miss rare opportunity.