



The Singapore Dakshina Bharatha Brahma Sabha

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Newsletter

1. HINDU / TAMIL CALENDAR

VIKRAMA VARUSHAM

MASI / KUMBA MAASYA

<u>MASI</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	TUESDAY	13-02-2001	MASI MASA PIRAPPU
2	WEDNESDAY	14-02-2001	TISROSHTAKA
3	THURSDAY	15-02-2001	ASHTAKA
4	FRIDAY	16-02-2001	ANVASHTAKA
6	SUNDAY	18-02-2001	SMARTHA EKADASI
7	MONDAY	19-02-2001	VAISHNAVA EKADASI
8	TUESDAY	20-02-2001	PRADOSHAM
9	WEDNESDAY	21-02-2001	MAHA SIVARATHIRI
10	THURSDAY	22-02-2001	SARVA AMAVASYA
15	TUESDAY	27-02-2001	CHATURTHI VRATAM
17	THURSDAY	01-03-2001	SHASHTI VRATAM / KRITHIGAI VRATAM
21	MONDAY	05-03-2001	SMARTHA EKADASI
22	TUESDAY	06-03-2001	VAISHNAVA EKADASI
23	WEDNESDAY	07-03-2001	PRADOSHAM
24	THURSDAY	08-03-2001	MASI MAKAM
25	FRIDAY	09-03-2001	POURNAMI VRATAM (POORAM NAKSHATHRAM)
28	MONDAY	12-03-2001	SANKATAHARA CHATURTHI

Vedas ordain 96 Shraddas which include Amavasya Tharpanam, Mahalayapaksha Tharpanam Masa Pirappu Tharpanam, Shraddam etc. Of the 96, offering oblations on the days of Tisroshtaka, Ashtaka and Anvashtaka are considered very sacred. It is said that of the 7 Pakayagnas, Ashtaka is one. The Masi Masa Krishnapaksha Ashtami is known as Ashtaka. In fact for Ashtaka Annasraddha is ordained. If the same is not possible, Tharpanam is done.

VEDA & SLOKA CLASSES
COME & JOIN OUR VEDA & SLOKA CLASSES

For the benefit of members we are conducting Veda & Sloka classes at the following members houses at various districts:

DAYS	TIME	RESIDENCE OF	TOPIC
Wednesdays	7.30 – 8.30pm	Sri D. Ramesh Blk 112 #05-146 Bukit Batok West Ave 6 Tel: 565-4506	Devi Mahadmiyam Veda class
Wednesdays	7.30 – 8.30pm	Sri R Venkateshwaran Blk 125 #09-405 Pasir Ris Street 11 Tel: 583-3544	Veda Class
Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30pm	Sri V.S. Gururajan Blk 572 #04-3375 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3 Tel: 454-0607	Veda class
Tuesdays/ Saturdays	7.30 - 8.30pm 3.30 - 5.00pm	Sri Muralidhara Sastrigal Blk 668 #09-04 Chander Road Tel: 297-8134	Veda class
2 nd & 4 th Sundays	3 – 4.30 pm	Sri G Srinivasan 16 Jalan Tamban Tel: 346-1850	Sloka class

2. NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following ordinary members to the Sabha.

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| <p>1 Sri Ravi S (OR-170)
Blk 151 Woodlands Street 13
#12-813
Singapore 730151
Tel: 365-5658</p> | <p>2 Sri Subramanian C.K. (OS-234)
19 Amber Gardens
#14-25
Singapore 439962
Tel: 440-1513</p> |
| <p>3 Sri Arunachalam K (OA-32)
Blk 512 #10-281
Bedok North Avenue 2
Singapore 460512
Tel: 445-4536</p> | |

3. CHANGE OF ADDRESSES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| <p>1 Sri Srinivasan Parthasarathy (OS-207)
144 Holland Road
#04-146 Holland Court
Singapore 278576
Tel: 469-6747</p> | <p>2. Sri Anant S (OA-25)
Blk 307 #11-97
Bukit Batok Street 31
Singapore 650307
Tel: 425-1409</p> |
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4. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

4.1 POURNAMI VRATAM FRIDAY 9th MAR 2001

Pournami Pooja (Pooram Nakshathiram) on Friday 9th Mar 2001 is being hosted by a group of well wishers and pooja will be held at the Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, Ceylon Road. Programme is as follows:

7.15 pm	Veda Parayanam
7.40 pm	Lalitha Sahasranama Archanai/Lakshmi Ashtothram
8.30 pm	Deeparadhanai
8.40 pm	Devotional songs
9.00 pm	Prasadam distribution

This month Pournami falls on **Pooram Nakshathiram**. Interested persons for sankalpam may contact Sri P S Ramanathan Tel: 442-7841.

4.2. THAI VELLI POOJAS

Thai Velli Pooja on 2nd & 9th February will be hosted by the following members at their residences on the respective days. Pooja will commence at 7.30pm with the recitation of Lalitha Sahasranama Archanai followed by devotional songs and bhajans. Deeparadhanai will be held at 8.45pm and prasadam will be distributed thereafter.

DATE	AT THE RESIDENCE OF
2 nd Feb 2001	Smt & Sri R Sankar (LS-05) 14 Jalan Binchang Tel: 353-1949
9 th Feb 2001	Smt & Sri V. S. Gururajan (OG-23) Blk 572 #04-3375 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3 Tel: 454-0607

4.3 MAHA SIVRATHIRI – WEDNESDAY 21ST FEB 2001

Maha Sivarathiri on **Wednesday 21st Feb 2001** will be held at the residence of **Sri. P.S. Ramanathan (LR-27) 7 Marine Vista #13-15 Neptune Court, Tel: 442-7841.**

Pooja will **commence at 6.30 pm** with Rudrabhishegam, followed by Rudra Trisathi. **Deeparadhanai will be held at 8.00 pm** and prasadam distributed thereafter. We invite all members and their families to attend the pooja and obtain the blessings of Lord Shiva.

4.4. FORTHCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tentatively the next AGM will be held on Sunday 18th Mar 2001. Members are requested to attend in large numbers. AGM documents will be sent shortly.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT

5.1 MAHA SIVARATHIRI – RUTHRA JAPAM 19TH FEB 2001

Sri Sivan Temple, Geylang East Avenue 2 will be observing the Annual Maha Sivarathiri festival **from 18th to 22nd Feb 2001**. There will be a Yegathasa Ruthra Japam and Homam **on Monday 19th Feb from 7.30 am to 12 noon**. Temple authorities have sought the assistance of Sabha priests/members for the Japam. Members willing to participate in the Japam are kindly requested to be at the temple by **7.30 am on 19th Feb 2001**.

5.2 BHARATHA NATYA ARANGETRAM

The Bharatha Natya Arangetram of Sow. Shyla Ganesan do Smt & Sri V Ganesan (OG-04) will be held on **Saturday 3rd Feb 2001 at 8.00 pm at the DRAMA CENTRE.** All are welcome. Please contact Sri Ganesan at 289-5119 or email gani2638@pacific.net.sg

6. REMINDER - SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR YEAR 2001

Ordinary membership fees for the year 2001 fell due on 1st Jan 2001 and we request members who have still not paid their subscriptions to do so immediately. The applicable rates are as follows:

For members residing in Singapore / Malaysia	S\$50.00
For members residing in other countries	S\$70.00

Please note that the subscription is on a calendar basis and all ordinary members are requested to send in their subscription cheques for the year 2001 immediately. Cheques should be made payable to **“SINGAPORE DAKSHINA BHARATHA BRAHMANA SABHA”** and sent to **No 2 Jalan Tenggara, Singapore 428248.**

The rates for Life Membership is as follows:

For members residing in Singapore/Malaysia	S\$ 750.00
For members residing in other countries	S\$1,000.00

Members are reminded that the address booklet for the year 2001 will only include the names of the members who are current in their subscription for year 2001. Hence please send in your subscription cheques as early as possible to ensure that your name is included in the booklet. Please also let us know if there is any change in your residential addresses. We would also like to include the email addresses of members in the new booklet. So those of you who wish to have the same included kindly let us have the same by 28th Feb 2001. Email your addresses to kasyap@pacific.net.sg

7. APPEAL

VEDIC LOVERS: Generous donations are sought for Cherukumilli Kamavadhani Vedasastra Parishat Trust, a trust dedicated to propagating and promoting the treasures of Vedic knowledge in India. The trust was established in 1974 with support of Rs.1.20 lacs from Bhagwan Sri Satya Sai Baba. Every year the trust organizes Veda Sabhas in different places to honour Vedic scholars. Over the past 25 years, a total of 3,000 Ghanapatis have been honoured in these Sabhas. In addition, the Trust provides financial support to a number of Vedic schools and clothes to the poor people. The trust appeals for generous contributions. Please contact **Sri D Ramesh at 867-1584 / 565-4506** or **Sri Murali Krishna at 792-3676** for your donations.

EARTHQUAKE IN GUJARAT: We regret for this sad calamity and Sabha would like to contribute to the earthquake victims. Donations in cash and kind will be collected by the Sabha and sent to the India High Commission in Singapore. As a further measure a concert is being organized in April (details of which will be in our next circular) and collections from this will also be channelled towards the earthquake victims. We sincerely hope and are very sure our members will donate generously towards this worthy cause. We therefore appeal to all our members to contribute liberally towards this cause. Those who wish to donate in cash may issue a cheque favouring **“SDBBS”** noting behind (Earthquake Relief). Those of you wishing to donate clothings, food stuff etc are kindly requested to kindly contact the Sabha Secretariate at Tel: 2988892 and arrangements will be made to collect them and forwarded to the Indian High Commission or Red Cross Society.

8. MARRIAGE BUREAU

Alliance sought from Tamil Iyer grooms with clean habits below 35 years with M.S. or Ph.D working in Singapore or abroad for Tamil Iyer girl, 30 years, 5' 4", Sadamarshana Gothram, Ph.D working as a lecturer in Singapore. For further details please contact Sri Kuppuswamy Iyer at 476-8344 or email skuppuswamy@hotmail.com.

P.S. Somasekharan
Hon. Secretary

THE THREE DEBTS

In the vedic scripture '**Thaithreeya Samhitha**' it is said that right from the time of his birth, a Brahmin is born with three debts namely **Rishirunam**, **Devarunam** and **Pithrunam**. Through vedic chants and prayers the debt to **Rishis** is discharged. Through yagas and poojas and in particular through daily **Sandyavadhana upasana** the Brahmin clears his debt to Devas. Through performance of Tharpana and Sraadha his debt to his **Pithrukai** (forefathers) is discharged.

It is true that we are not aware of these three debts; but the Vedas tell us what we have not been aware of. It is the duty of every Brahmin with faith and belief in the Vedas to follow the ways given in Thraithreeya Samhitha to clear the three debts he is born with.

(Excerpts of the discourses of Kanchi Kamakoti Paramachrya Swamigal - Translation)

