



# The Singapore Dakshina Bharatha Brahmana Sabha

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## Newsletter

1. HINDU / TAMIL CALENDAR VIKRAMA VARUSHAM  
AIPASI / TULA MAASYA

<u>AIPASI</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	TUESDAY	17-10-2000	THULA VISHU PUNYAKALAM / JHULA SNANA ARAMBHAM
7	MONDAY	23-10-2000	SARVA EKADASI
8	TUESDAY	24-10-2000	PRADOSHAM
9	WEDNESDAY	25-10-2000	MASA SIVARATHIRI
10	THURSDAY	26-10-2000	<a href="#">DEEPAVALI PANDIGAI</a> / BHODANYA AMAVASYA
11	FRIDAY	27-10-2000	AMAVASYA THARPANAM / KETHARI GOWRI VRATAM
15	TUESDAY	31-10-2000	CHATURTHI VRATAM
17	THURSDAY	02-11-2000	SASHTI VRATAM / SKANDA SASHTI
19	SATURDAY	04-11-2000	SRAVANA VRATAM
22	TUESDAY	07-11-2000	EKADASI
24	THURSDAY	09-11-2000	PRADOSHAM
26	SATURDAY	11-11-2000	<a href="#">POURNAMI VRATAM</a>
27	SUNDAY	12-11-2000	KARTHIGAI VRATAM
29	TUESDAY	14-11-2000	SANKATAHARA CHATURTHI

### DEEPAVALI GREETINGS

The President and Members of the Management Committee would like to wish all members and their families [A VERY HAPPY DEEPAVALI](#)

## 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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	3 – 4.30 pm	Sri G Srinivasan 16 Jalan Tamban Tel: 346-1850	Sloka class

## 2. NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following ordinary member to the Sabha:

- 1 Sri Shridhar M.S. (OS-224)  
Blk 250 Lorong Chuan  
#14-06 Chuan Park  
Singapore 556748  
Tel: 284-3950

## 3. CHANGE OF ADDRESSES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Dr Ranganathan C.S. (OR-16)<br/>5121 MacDade Drive<br/>Austin 78735<br/>Texas, USA</li> <li>3 Sri Arun Krishnaswamy (OA-14)<br/>Blk 2 #03-01<br/>Kensington Park Drive<br/>Singapore 557320<br/>Tel: 287-3644</li> <li>5 Sri Chandrasekaran A (OC-15)<br/>67 Hume Avenue<br/>#05-10 Hillview Green Condo<br/>Singapore 598744<br/>Tel: 764-9370</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sri Jagannathan G (OJ-14)<br/>371 Beach Road<br/>#02-16 Keypoint<br/>Singapore 199597</li> <li>4 Sri Ram Samu (OR-85)<br/>#25-19 Farrer Court<br/>151E King's Road<br/>Singapore 268162<br/>Tel: 464-7944</li> </ol> |
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## 4. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### 4.1 POURNAMI VRATAM FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCT 2000

Pournami Pooja on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2000** will be hosted by Sri G Ramkumar (OR-110). 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 **Revathi Nakshathiram**. Interested persons for sankalpam may contact Sri P S Ramanathan **Tel: 442-7841**. Next Pournami falls on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.2000. Members wishing to host the pooja may kindly contact Sri P.S. Ramanathan.

### 4.2 CHANDI HOMAM – SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2000

Members are reminded that **Chandi Homam** will be conducted on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2000**, for the benefit of one and all, at the **Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple, Serangoon Road from 7.00 am onwards**. Members are requested to participate in the **Sankalapam at \$10/- per person** and receive the blessings of Durga Devi. Tickets can be obtained from the Committee Members or the Sabha purohiths.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENT

### 5.1 KUCIPUDI ON ROLLER SKATES

**Dr Uma Rajan** will be presenting a **A Dynamic Dancing Delight** by 19year old Medical Student **Krishna Sweta** and her **11 year old brother Kaushik**. Sweta started performing Indian Classical dance on roller skates at the age of nine. She has won numerous prestigious award for her extraordinary achievements both in India and abroad. In 1993 she received the prestigious "**Balaratna**" award from the Govt.of Andhra Pradesh and her name has also been listed in the "**GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS**" and the "**LIMCA BOOK OF INDIAN RECORDS**" She has performed widely in India at arts festivals, special events, for visiting dignitaries and in the US, Korea and Malaysia. Her brother Kaushik is a high school student, trained classical dancer and an expert break dancer who skates well and performs regularly with his sister.

The show of this two very young and extremely talented artistes will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2000 at the Victoria Theatre**. **Tickets priced at \$10, \$20, \$30 and \$50 are available at SISTIC outlets, hotline and online thru the SISTIC website**. **Part proceeds of this show will be donated to the new Hindu temple being built in Senggang.**

**5.2** Brand new two bed room flat, 950 sq ft, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in Kotturpuram, facing Adayar River is for sale. Wood Work completed. Has exclusive covered car park, lift, telephone connection and plenty of water. Documentation in order. Flexible Payment price of IRS 19 Lakhs. Anyone interested can contact Sri Karthik (S'pore) Tel: 456-5075 or Sri Laxman at Chennai Tel: 491-5978.

**5.3** A book on bhajans, slokas, mantras and namavalis written in English is available at a cost of US\$ 50/ Members desirous of purchasing the book may contact Ms. Gowri Nandakumar **Tel: (US) (719)282-1148** Email : [gowrinan@hotmail.com](mailto:gowrinan@hotmail.com) . Profit on sale of this book will go towards the building of a temple at Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA.

## 6. A GET TOGETHER AT PASIR RIS

Sabha has proposed to organise a get-together of members and their families at **Pasir Ris on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2000.**

**Venue: Pasir Ris Holiday Camp, 97 Elias Road (Street Directory Map No 142- B2)**  
**Time : 5.00 to 8.00 pm**

It will be an evening filled with fun activities for both children & adults. Members will be charged just a nominal sum of **\$5/- per person**. It is free for children below the age of 6 years. Interested members are kindly requested to contact **Sri S Pattabiraman (Tel: 289-7645), Sri G Srinivasan (Tel.346-1850) or Sri P S Somasekharan (Tel: 344-1694)** as early as possible as arrangements have to be made for the dinner.

## 7. MANDALA VEDA PARAYANAM

Mandala Veda Parayanam will be held this year from **16<sup>th</sup> Nov to 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2000**. Members wishing to host the event are kindly requested to contact **Sri D Ramesh (OR-123) Tel: 565-4506 or Sri S Pattabiraman (OP-15) Tel: 289-7645** well in advance so as to enable us to finalise the dates and inform the members accordingly in our next newsletter.

## 8. APPEAL

Sri Savithri Trust in Ambattur has embarked on a project to build "Brahma Theertham" (Utharakriya Mandapam) in a ¼ grounds in Saraswathi Nagar, Ambattur. The Bhoomi pooja was performed on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2000 and the estimated cost of construction is Rs.25 Lakhs.

The trust appeals to you to contribute liberally for this noble and humanitarian cause. The donations are Exempted under 80G of the Income Tax Act.

The names of the donors who contribute Rs.5000/- and above will be displayed in the building. Cheques/ DDs may be drawn A/C payee in favour of "Sri Savithri Trust" and sent to **71 (44B) Murugappa Reddy Street, Venkatapuram, Ambattur, Chennai 600 053.**

## 9. MARRIAGE BUREAU

Alliance sought for Tamil Iyer boy, 27 years, Hastham Nakshathiram, Suddha Jathakam, Srivatsa Gothram, Vadamal, 180 cm, Enginner at Chennai. For further details please contact Mrs.Sankar (S'pore) Tel: 756-4541 or Mr Nagasamy (Trichy) Tel: 420-504 or email [sanjay01@mbox3.singet.com.sg](mailto:sanjay01@mbox3.singet.com.sg).

Alliance sought from professionally qualified, well settled, Iyer boys, below 31 years, for 26 years old Vadamal, Kausika Gothram, Ketai Nakshathiram, 5' 3" girl, software professional (NIIT 2 YR Diploma Course in Software Devt. And MCSD) BA (Hons) ECO, educated in Delhi. Parents settled in Delhi. For further details please contact Mr.Satyanarayan (S'pore) Tel: 786-7428 email [prsat@cyberway.com.sg](mailto:prsat@cyberway.com.sg) or Mr.Narayan (Delhi) Tel: 011-572-0296 email [prishvik@vsnl.net.in](mailto:prishvik@vsnl.net.in).

Alliance invited for Iyer boy, Vadamal, Srivatsa Gothram, Anusham Nakshathiram aged 36 years, 5' 9", B.Tech. MBA, ICWA, Teetotaller, working as All India Marketing Manager with an MNC at Bangalore.

Alliance invited for Iyer girl, Vadamal, Srivatsa Gothram, Chithirai Nakshathiram, aged 29 years, 5' tall, B.E. working as an IT analyst in TCS, India. Has lived in USA on job assignments.

For further details on above two alliances please contact Mrs.Geetha or Mr Mouly Raman at Tel: 243-9243.

## 10. CONDOLENCE

Sri K S Gopalan (OG-07) passed away peacefully on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2000 in Singapore, leaving behind his family.

Our condolences to the bereaved family and pray that they all be given the strength to withstand this irreparable loss.

***P.S. Somasekharan***  
***Hon. Secretary***

### **SKANDA SHASTI**

The Skanda Shasti is celebrated in honour of Lord Subrahmanya in the month of Aipisi. The Shanmuga – six faced god of war was nursed by the six Krithikas during his childhood and hence he is also known as Karthikeya. The following places associated with him are considered very sacred and the Skanda Shasti festival is celebrated in these places with great fervour:

1. Tirupparankundram - He married Devasena
2. Tiruchendur – Lord killed the demon Surapadma
3. Pazhani – He appeared as a youth to Idumban
4. Swamimalai – He declared himself as the Gurunathan
5. Tiruttani – He married Valli
6. Pazhamuthircholai – This is the temple of Muruga who is flanked by Valli & Deyvayanai

People worship Him for his Grace and success in difficult tasks.

# ***Guidelines for Veda Parayanam***

The Sabha thanks you for hosting the Veda Parayanam at your house during the forthcoming Mandalam.

Pooja will commence at 7.30 pm on week days and at 4.00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. Basic things like manjal, kumkum, flowers, camphor, betel leaves, nuts, sandal paste (chandan), fruits, agarbathi, deepam etc. will be required for Archana. Please check with Purohiths in advance if you need further clarification. Where required Purohiths may help you in purchasing some pooja items and the cost may be reimbursed to them.

The telephone numbers of Purohiths are:

Sri Rajarama Sastrigal : 298-4840  
Sri Muralidhara Sastrigal : 297-8134

Pooja will be done by the host under the guidance of Purohit for Lord Vinayaka and other Devathas kept in the pooja area. This will take about 15 to 20 minutes. Thereafter, Purohiths will recite Vedas for about half an hour. This duration is subject to variation since the length of each Prasnam (chapter) is different.

After that, Purohit will explain briefly about the Prasnam. Then “Deeparadhanai” followed by “Mantra Pushpam” will be done. All this will be over in about 1.30 hours. Thereafter, devotional songs will be rendered by any of the participants, if they wish to. Prasadam will be distributed thereafter.

Based on past experience, you can expect about 4-8 persons to come voluntarily and the attendance by others will depend upon your inviting them like your friends, neighbours etc. There may be additional participants on weekends and holidays.

Dakshina to each purohit will be \$11.00 and the transport charges will be extra. The rate is kept as a standard so that there are no variations between hosts.

Prasadam can be simple and minimum of one naivedyam will be required. Hence, if you wish to order extra foods from outside you could do so. Please avoid onion, garlic etc. Keep the prasadam simple and preparations can be made based on above indication of participants.

***Once again thank you for kindly agreeing to host the Veda Parayanam and keeping one of the rare traditions alive.***