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Newsletter

1. IINDU / TAMIL CALENDAR

VIKRAMA VARUSHAM

KARTHIGAI / URUSCHIGA MAASYA

<u>KARTHIGAI</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	THURSDAY	16-11-2000	KRITHIKA MANDALA VEDA PARAYANA ARAMBHAM
6	TUESDAY	21-11-2000	EKADASI
8	THURSDAY	23-11-2000	PRADOSHAM
9	FRIDAY	24-11-2000	MASA SIVARATHIRI
10	SATURDAY	25-11-2000	SARVA AMAVASYA
10	TUESDAY	26-09-2000	MASA SIVARATHIRI
14	WEDNESDAY	29-11-2000	CHATURTHI VRATAM
17	SATURDAY	02-12-2000	SASHTI VRATAM
22	THURSDAY	07-12-2000	SARVA EKADASI
23	FRIDAY	08-12-2000	BHARANI DEEPAM
24	SATURDAY	09-12-2000	<u>KRITHIGAI VRATAM / ANNAMALAI DEEPAM / SANI PRADOSHAM</u>
25	SUNDAY	10-12-2000	<u>POURNAMI VRATAM</u>
28	WEDNESDAY	13-12-2000	PARASURAMA JAYANTHI
29	THURSDAY	14-12-2000	SANKATAHARA CHATHURTHI

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. CHANGE OF ADDRESSES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| <p>1 Sri Kumar R (OK-53)
12 Tai Hwan Grove
Singapore 555470
Tel: 289-5187</p> | <p>2 Sri Krishna Kumar (OK-63)
11 Tanjong Rhu Road #02-03
Singapore 436896
Tel: 348-0512</p> |
| <p>3. Sri Seshadri M.P. (OS-04)
520 East Coast Road
#02-06 Oranda Block
Ocean Park
Singapore 458965</p> | <p>4 Dr Chandrasekharan M (OC-14)
Blk 103 #02-235
Bukit Batok Central
Singapore 650103
Tel: 896-1784</p> |
| <p>5. Sri Sivasubramaniam K (OS-198)
5 Jalan Rengas
Singapore 808525
Tel: 483-4967</p> | |

3. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3.1 POURNAMI VRATAM SATURDAY 11 Nov 2000

Pournami Pooja (Bharani Nakshathiram) on Saturday 11TH Nov 2000 will be hosted by group of well wishers. 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 **Bharani Nakshathiram**. Interested persons for sankalpam may contact Sri P S Ramanathan **Tel: 442-7841**. Next Pournami falls on **10th Dec 2000** (Rohini Nakshathiram). Members wishing to host the pooja may kindly contact Sri P S Ramanathan.

3.2 MANDALA VEDA PARAYANAM

With the support from members we have come with a schedule for the mandalam commencing 16th November 2000. However there are still some dates available and members wishing to host the parayanam are requested to contact **Sri D Ramesh at Tel: 565-4506 or Sri S Pattabiraman Tel:289-7645**. We hope more members would come forward in booking the available dates.

We also wish to Thank all members who have kindly agreed to host the parayanam in their residences. **(A list of the schedule upto 10th Dec 2000 is enclosed).**

3.3 SASTHA PREETHI – 1ST JANUARY 2001

The function will be held at Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, Ceylon Road on 1st January 2001. The next newsletter will carry the detailed programme of the event. Members who wish to join the Bhajan practice session are requested to kindly contact **Sri V Hariharan at 344-7814**.

We look forward to members participation in greater numbers in the Bhajan session and in the Sahasranamam recitation.

We appeal to members for their kind and liberal contributions to defray the cost of the event.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT

4.1 SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER AT PASIR RIS ON SUNDAY 12TH NOV 2000

The above event has been cancelled due to poor response from members.

4.2 HOUSE FOR RENT

“Fully furnished 4 room flat (3 bedrooms + hall) available at Jurong East for immediate occupation. Near MRT and amenities. Able to rent rooms or the whole house. For further details please contact Mr.Suresh at 538-9986 / HP 9815-9056”

4.3. ALAPANA HERITAGE SERIES

This year's last session of the Alapana Heritage Series is **DIKSHITAR DAY**. This session will be held on **Sunday, 12th Nov 2000 at the Glass Hall, Singapore Arts Museum, 71 Bras Basah Road between 3.00 and 5.30 pm. Entrance is Free. All are Welcome. For any further details please contact Alapana Tel : 838-0210**

4.4. GITA JAYANTHI

This year Gita Jayanthi celebrations will be held on **Sunday 17th Dec 2000 between 7.30am and 12 noon at the PGP Kalayana Mandapam (Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple)**. In conjunction with the celebrations, a competition is being held on **Saturday 16th Dec 2000 at 5.00pm at the PGP Mandapam**. Members are encouraged to take part/participate in the events.

Recitation of Gita

Pri 1 – 3 students	-	3 stanzas
Pri 4 – 6 students	-	6 stanzas
Sec 1 – 4 students	-	8 stanzas
JC/College & Others	-	Essay writing on Gita in not more than 1000 words

For enrolment and further details please contact Ms.Lata at Hindu Centre Tel: 291-8540 or Mrs. Soundarya Sukumar at Tel: 352-4505

4.5. Sri VIDHWAN LAKSHMANAN

Sri Vidwan Lakshmanan, a renowned astrologer will be in Singapore between **4th & 7th Dec 2000**. He will be staying at the residence of Sri Ram Ramachandran (OR-103). Interested members may kindly contact Mrs. Gayathri Ramachandran at **Tel:487-8694** for appointments.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR YEAR 2001

Ordinary members of the Sabha are kindly reminded that their annual subscriptions will fall due on 1st Jan 2001. The applicable rates are as follows:

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

Members are requested to send in their subscription cheques for the year 2001 promptly. Cheques should be made payable to **“SINGAPORE DAKSHINA BHARATHA BRAHMANA SABHA”** and sent to **No 2 Jalan Tenggara, Singapore 428248**. Subscriptions can also be made by Cash during the **Sastha Preethi Function on 1st January 2001**.

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 advised 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.

6. THANKS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CHANDI HOMAM: Chandi Homam conducted on 8th October 2000 at the Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple, Kalyana Mandapam, Serangoon Road was well attended. We would like to thank each and everyone who attended the function and also the donors/volunteers, priests for all their invaluable contributions for the success of the function.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU.
MAY GODDESS DURGA DEVI SHOWER US WITH HER BLESSINGS.**

7. MARRIAGE BUREAU

Suitable alliance (preferably Keralite Brahmin girls) sought for boy, aged 29 years, Vadhoola Gothram, Hastham Nakshathiram, Ashtasahasram, B.Com, ICWA, currently pursuing ACCA, and working as an Accountant . Singapore PR. For further details please contact Mr. H Parameswaran, Chennai Tel: 91-44-491-2570 or email aravind@md5.vsnl.net.in

Suitable alliance sought for Tamil Iyer girl 26 years, Pusham Nakshathiram, Chagunaga Gothram, 5"5", BE electronics, working as a computer Engineer in Singapore. For further details please contact Sri K.R. Sharma Tel: 757-1871

8. CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Lakshmi Shankar mother of Sri Raj Shankar (OR-134) passed away peacefully on 19th August 2000 in Chennai.

Sri V.S. Krishna, aged 93 years, father of Dr K.S.Kannan, President, Kuala Lumpur Brahmana Samajam and brother in law of Sri K.S.S.Mani (LM-02) passed away peacefully on 20th Oct 2000 in Kuala Lumpur.

Our deepest condolences to the bereaved families.

P.S. Somasekharan
Hon. Secretary

EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECHES OF HIS HOLINESS JAGADGURU SRI CHANDRASEKHARANDRA SARASWATI SWAMIGAL:

YAGJNA:

Ritualism as such is not found in other faiths. Since it is based on Vedas, our faith is called "Vaideeka Matham". Christianity, Islam and such faiths stress that there is only one God whom all should worship. The Vedas also say that what exists is a single God who includes all souls. But this concept of one God can only be experienced by introspection through knowledge. To reach such a stage of realisation calls for a high degree of mental discipline. Living as now, we should follow the path of Dharma, do the rituals which lead to cleansing of the mind and its maturity. At this stage, worldly ties will be snapped. The Vedas has given us innumerable ways and means towards such an end. Of these the most important karma is Yagjna. Yagjna is offering oblations to different divinities instead of to one God, but ultimately surrendering the fruits of the action to one God. This Yagjna is peculiar to our faith and is not found elsewhere. To regulate the management of the Universe, He has created many divinities. The elements and other forces of nature are contained and regulated by Devas (divinities) as ordained by the Paramatma. Therefore, if we and the world around are to get the beneficial effects of natural forces we have to please the respective Devas individually. The Vedas say that Devas can be pleased by Yagjnas. When spiritual awakening occurs and when one has direct experiences of the Paramatma, the need to propitiate the Devas separately ceases to exist. But so long as we remain at the level where the subject and object are separately recognised, we have to offer worship to individual Devas. This is what the Vedas ordain.

Yagjna has threefold advantages. One is to ensure well-being for ourselves and those around us through the grace of Devas whilst living in this world. The second is to live happily after death in the world of the Devas., where we can live as long as our Punya last. Sri Adi Sankaracharya in his Manisha Panchagam, has categorically affirmed that the happiness of Indra is not even a small fraction of the real bliss of the realised soul. Therefore, the third is the most important, as stated in Gita; the performance of Yagjna without desiring any results or reward would lead to purification of mind. This in turn takes us on the path of knowledge, whose destination is Moksha-the state of total bliss. In short we merge with the Infinite.