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Sri Om Pancha Sakthi Peetam



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Sri Om Adisakthiyendra Swamigal - A History -



With the Divine grace of Almighty, a couple in Hindu, Vaishnava Brahmin family gave birth to their second son. The thejus of their child was equal to the thejus of the sun. Hence they named him Ravi. Ravi was a disciplined and well mannered child. While studying Ravi was intelligent in school work as well as in Bhakthi.

The Bhakthi and affection that Ravi had towards God was more than that of the affection Ravi had towards his Parents. This led Ravi to go into Dhyaan; Ravi himself could not recognise what was happening to him.

At the age of 20 Ravi got the Dharshan of Sri Om Adi Sakthi Devi's Lotus feet. By this Dharshan Ravi started doing more Dhyaan on the Lotus feet. This sometimes made him go into a Trance. He did not want to be disturbed in his Dhyaan.

While he was having the Dharshan of Devi, Ravi was instructed by Devi to follow her. While he was following he heard the sound of Devi's anklets. This made him write the Sri Om Adisakthi Stotram.

Sri Om Adisakthi Devi gave him the new Sahasranamam in Sanskrit.(1008 names of Devi). While he was in in his deep dhyaan, he wrote the Aahasranamam in Tamil. The surprise was Ravi did not know Sanskrit since his education was in an Christian English Convent School.

When Swamiji was performing his penance, Devi took the form of fire ball and appeared before him. Since Swamiji had only seen Devi's feet before, when he saw her Dharshan in the form of fire, he was stunned and called her "Mother". Devi immediately changed herself into the form of a Goddess, carrying a Thrishul in one hand, and showing her blessings with the other .

Generously Devi asked Swamiji to ask for anything he wanted. Swamiji received from Devi, a boon, the power to see her (in the same form he had been seeing her) every time Swamiji goes into Dhyaan. His next boon was that he wanted everyone to get the same Dharshan he was getting. Devi said that on the last day of Chitra Poornima function, she will give the Dharshaan of the God they desire to. From that very moment Swamiji took Sanyasam, as per Devi's instructions.

Swamiji was longing to see Devi's thandavam (a type of dance). Devi showed her thandavam in the form of Devi Mahatmiyam. By seeing this Thandavam Swamiji started to write the Devi Mahatmiyam based on the Dharshaans he received during the Thandavaam. In the last sloka, Devi says that those who read the Mahatmiyam "shall be blessed by me to lead a better life towards Bhakthi". In Sanskrit there are 700 slokas in Devi Mahatmiyam, which has now been condensed into 30 slokas by Swamiji. Swamiji has given explanations to Devi Mahatmiyam in Tamil and English.

Sri Om Adisakthiyendra Swamigal Trust

With the blessings of the Divine Mother Sri Om Adi Sakthi Devi, the great Mahan Sri Om Adisakthiyendra Swamigal established Sri Om Pancha Sakthi Peetam and Sri Om Adisakthi Ashram at Avalur, Tamil Nadu.



Sri Om Gnanasakthiyendra Swamigal along with a few disciples decided to implement Swamiji's mission of doing social service to mankind. The result of the implementation is the establishment of a Trust, namely, Sri Om Adisakthiyendra Swamigal Trust.



These Children, all living in the Ashram at Avalur, have a brighter future - through education, thanks to the Sri Om Adisakthiyendra Swamigal Trust. However, it wouldn't be possible without continual financial support.

The Goals of the Trust are:

Annadanam: (feeding the poor) - At present, all those who come to the Ashram are given food and shelter every day. Every year, the Ashram also provides Annadhanam at the Sabri Mala for pilgrims who travel from all over India to visit Lord Ayappa temple.

Children's Home - Many children from poor villages have come to the Ashram to study, and call the Ashram, home. Shelter and food, as well as money for education at schools, are provided by the Ashram.

Free Education - Many children do not have the privilege of going to school due to economic and social difficulties. We are providing free education to them. We wish to build schools and technical institutions.

Old Age homes - Those who have no kids feel isolated in their old age and can stay at the Ashram. Old Age homes are provided by the Ashram to make elderly people feel comfortable.

Medical Assistance - Many people are affected due to the lack of proper medical assistance. Even basic life saving Medicine can be beyond their reach. Swamiji's aim is to help those poor victims. He intends to establish a hospital to provide this facility, free of cost. We are also looking into creating a small clinic at the Ashram which will provide medical help to villagers in the local area.

We invite all those who are interested in contributing to our Ashram activities, to come forward. Any help, not just financial help, but also help in the form of time, materials and any other way you may be able to contribute is most welcome. Please contact our Ashram in India or Australia.

Basar Project

With the grace of the divine mother Devi, we have started buying land for a proposed temple complex for Sri Om Devi at Basar, Andhra Pradesh. The Sri Om Devi Temple is to be our Swamiji's Brindhavana (Last resting place). At present, designs for the temple complex are being finalised and after consultation with engineers, a small miniature model will soon be constructed. The complex will consist of a temple, a school, a college and a medical facility. The entire project is expected to cost roughly Rs 5 crores after subsidies. We wish to purchase more land as soon as possible.



Plans for the school in the local village, Yamcha, have begun, however, funds need to be collected if it is to become a reality. We are currently looking for help in this area, as a school will provide a base for further community projects. The area around Nizamabad, and Yamcha as well, is considered a backward area. We hope to change that situation.

Please think generously about donating to this valuable cause. Any help from those who wish to donate is valued greatly. If you wish to donate, please contact the Ashram.



A drama being performed by children at the Ashram during Chitra Pournima Celebrations, 2004.

What does my donation buy?

The Ashram runs solely on donations. All money received goes straight to where it is needed. Community projects are managed by the Sri Om Adiakthiyendra Swamigal Trust, which manages the education of the children at the Ashram, as well as all other community projects run by the Ashram, while donations made to Sri Om Adisakthi Ashram are used for various projects. A specific donation can be made for a particular project, such as the construction of the Sri Om Devi Temple at Yamcha. For more information, please contact the Ashram.



Land, bought through donations, provides vital food and a source of employment for local villagers and Ashram volunteers.

Ashram Activities

At our Ashram, we have two main festivals each year.

Navarathri



A grand havan is held every morning during the festivals, and a smaller one each day at the Ashram.

The Navarathri Festival is celebrated for Sri Om Maha Sakthi and it lasts a total of 9 days. It celebrates the Devi Mahathmiyam. The Mahathmiyam originally contained 700 slokas (stanzas), however, Sri Om Adisakthiyendra Swamigal, with the grace of the Sri Om Adisakthi Devi, has condensed it to only 30 slokas. During the festival, the anankarams inside the temple doors represent different scenes from the Devi Mahathmiyam.

Each morning a great Havan is conducted. After the Havan, Sahasranama Archana on Sri Om Adisakthi Devi is performed. An Alankar on the Trishul is done inside the Temple.

During both these festivals, Annadhaanam (feeding the poor) is provided daily. Many villagers come to enjoy the festival and eat the food that is served. During the festivals, arrangements are made for devotees to stay at the Ashram.

Chitra Poornima

Swamiji had the darshan of Devi in the form of a fire thus, during this function all the Alankars are done on the lamp. In order to realise the presence of soul, one has to get rid of his bad habits and realise one's self. This particular festival lasts for a total of seven days. During the Chitra Poornima Festival, Three Holy Lamp Decorations, One Joola Decoration (done on the Trishul), and one Procession decoration (also done on the Trishul). Every day a grand Havan is also performed at dawn.

On the last day of this function, Sri Om Adisakthi Devi gives her Darshan and Blessings. To witness this, all the devotees and shishiyas fast for several days before the festival and also carry out sincere Japas and meditation.

The seven days are symbolic of the seven phases in life in the Spiritual path. The festival begins 3 days before the "Poornima" (full moon) in the Tamil month of "Chitra" (April/May) and concludes three days after.

Those who fast during Chitra Poornami and say japa will receive the Darshan of God, and they pray on the last of day of Chitra Poornami festival to receive the Darshan.

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