

SHAKTHI SANGAMAM

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108 Shakthi Peet Temple, Mangalapuri, Kannanthangal

Glory of Bhagavan Naama: Graced by Shri Maha Periyavaa

To develop devotion towards God, it is important that we sing God's names and praises through Bhajans. When we use very easy names of Gods like Hare Rama, Shiva, Krishna, Amba and sing in their praise we are easily able to recall the Almighty. Each and every one along with his/her family members should at least do bhajans for at least 10 minutes every day. If this is done, prosperity and joy would be derived at every home for sure.

Hail Shakthi (Shakthiyai Potruvom)!!

In this new series, Hail Shakthi, let us see how great Mahaan and Seers talk about the superiority of the Divine Mother. This week we take the first verse from Sri Soundarya Lahari penned by the great Shri Aadi Shankaracharya as below:

"Sivasakthya yuktho yati bhavathi saktha: prabavidum na sedevam devo na kalu kuchala: spundithumapi...."

Meaning:

"Oh, Divine Mother! Sarveshwara can establish the world only while He is in your midst. If not, He cannot even move. And therefore Vishnu, Shiva, Brahma- all propitiate you. How can an innocent person like me praise your greatness?" says Adhi Shankara.

From this we learn two aspects: (1) Shiva without Shakthi is lifeless as Shakthi is the base of lives' existence. (2) Both Shivam and Shakthi constitute "Ammaiyapar" the Universal Mother and Father.

Shakthi Peet 26: Rudhra Koti Shakthi Devi: Rudhra Devi

The 26th Shakthi Peet Temple as cited by Bhagavan Veda Vyasa is Rudra Koti. The ancient Shakthi Peet location is identified as Rudra Prayagai Kshethram in Uttarakhand State of India which is the confluence of holy rivers Mandagini and Alakananda. But the ancient temple is not found.

At our Mangalapuri temple, the deity of this Devi has been carved out based on Shilpa Sastra. Rudrani Devi is carved with four hands. With her two upper hands she holds a Kettle drum and unique Snake headed weapon and her two lower hands holds a trident and skull.

This Ambal, who kills the evils also removes impurities from our minds and raises the self-awareness for the spiritual seekers.

Guruji's Amaravati — What is Sanathana Dharma?

A very ancient way of life and is designed as a path to keep the human mind under control. This path specifies various tenets let us see few of the important ones:

- ❖ We should follow non-violence. Mind and the word should follow truth in the same manner.
- ❖ None should resort to stealing others property keeping in mind stealing is an offence.
- ❖ For purification of body one should take bath in holy rivers and ponds by performing theertha yatra.
- ❖ Follow and practice the principles of righteousness, wealth, joy, and liberation to achieve the four ultimate goals of life (four Purusharthaas). (to be continued.)

Know Spiritualist- Kuzhandaiyaananda Swamigal.

Sri Swamigal, who had the divine grace of Meenakshi Amman, besides curing diseases of his devotees, also gave boons longed for through sheer power of Sankalp (will). Once a young man who was the son of retired postmaster fell unconscious. The doctors who examined him declared him dead. Swamigal, who heard this news, came, and advised people to move the body to a room and close it for three days. On the end of the third day, the Swamigal called that young man by his name. To everyone's surprise, the person came out of the room alive. There were many experiences of the devotees with the Swamigal. At the same time only a very few people knew about the Swamigal's intense worship of Ambal and very high level of bhakthi. (To be continued)