

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, the 232<sup>nd</sup> Guru MahaSannidhanam Sri La Sri Thiruvambala Desika Gnanaprakasa Swamigal, being the Madathipathy of Thondaimandala Adheenam, Kancheepuram, Meikandar Peedam and having Headquarters at 57, V.C. Paramasivam street, Periya Kancheepuram, Kancheepuram - 631502 do hereby execute this Will at Ramanagara, Karnataka on this the 16th day of March, in the year 2019 AS MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

I affirm that I was crowned as the 232<sup>nd</sup> Guru Maha Sannidhanam of Thondaimandala Adheenam on 21.2.2000 and since then I have been devotedly performing all my duties, obligations and responsibilities in relation to the religious, charitable and other activities as per the settled practices and customs without any blemish to the best of my abilities.

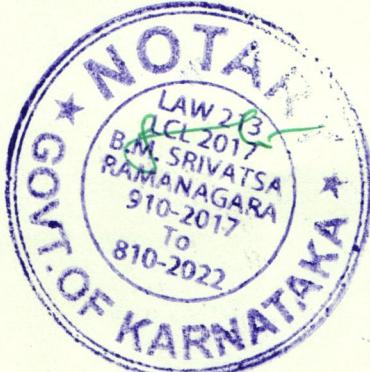
I am now well over 85 years of age and I am not keeping good health for quite some time. I am in a sound and disposing state of mind. I am executing this Will to avoid any future complications, disputes or controversies particularly in relation to the declaration of the appointment of my successor. There is no coercion, threat or undue influence and I am executing this Will on my volition in a good state of mind.

While executing this Will I have in my mind and taken into consideration the following material facts which are based on record and past practices.

1. The Surya Vamsa, or the lineage of the Sun, has existed from time immemorial having been created from the right eye of Lord Paramashiva himself and with recorded history starting with the reign of Ikshvaku, the founder of the dynasty of his name and son of Vaivasvata Manu who in turn was the son of Surya himself and which lineage throughout history has upheld the royal principles of integrity, authenticity, responsibility and enriching and upholding Dharma above all.
2. The Thondaimandala Adheenam is the Guru Peeta of the Suryaa Vamsa Chola Kings who ruled from Kancheepuram.
3. It is the age old practice and custom in all the Shaiva Adheenams in Tamil Nadu that the incumbent Madadipathi appoints his successor based on his spiritual qualifications and divine insight and guidance and this practice cannot at all be interfered with. For thousands of years Madadipathis of the Peetam have identified and coronated their successors. These successors have then taken over the administration of the Mutt when they reach an

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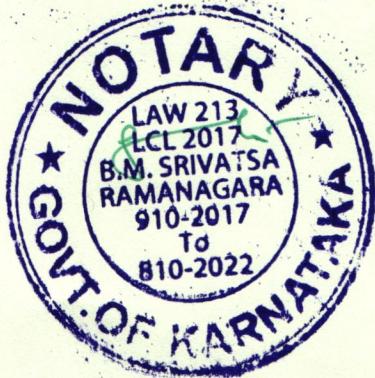


appropriate age or at any time chosen by the Sannidhanam or immediately after the Sannidhanam attains paripoornam.

4. The 225<sup>th</sup> Guru MahaSannidhanam executed a Will on 5.8.1893 which was duly probated in OP No.53 of 1894 by the Madras High Court. As per the said Will the 225<sup>th</sup> Madathipathy appointed Thiru Thirugnanasambanda Murthy who was then eleven years (minor) as his successor Madathipathy. Until he attained majority, zamindar Muthukumarasamy Mudaliar and others were nominated as executors for managing the affairs of the Adheenam after his life time. The 225<sup>th</sup> Guru MahaSannidhanam attained Paripoornam on 11.8.1894 and during the period from 1894 to 1899 the Adheenam was under the management and administration by the Executors appointed. On attaining majority the 226<sup>th</sup> Thiru Thirugnanasambanda Murthy took over as Madathipathy in 1899 and he was the 226<sup>th</sup> Madathipathy.
5. The 226<sup>th</sup> Guru MahaSannidhanam executed a Will dated 11.8.1924 (he was in office from 1894 to 1924) wherein he appointed Thirupandi Kodumudi Ekambaram (minor) as his successor. Until the minor attained majority, the Adheenam was managed by the Executor Thiru K. Viswanatha Mudaliar and others. The 226<sup>th</sup> Maha Sannidhanam attained Paripoornam on 28.9.1924 and from 1924 to 22.11.1932 the administration and management of the Adheenam was under the control of executors as the successor appointed under the Will did not attain majority. On attaining majority on 21.11.1932 the Kodumudi Ekambaram Swamigal took charge and became the Madathipathy till 5.8.1946 as the 227<sup>th</sup> Guru Maha Sannidhanam.
6. During the tenure of the 227<sup>th</sup> Madathipathy, since the Adheenam was not properly managed, a scheme was framed by the HR & CE Department, dated 17.1.1946 under which the management and administration of the Adheenam was controlled by a Manager appointed by the Board, by divesting the powers of Madathipathy. Thereafter, the 227<sup>th</sup> Madathipathy renounced his position on 5.8.1946 and left the Mutt.
7. Since there was no successor appointed by the 227<sup>th</sup> Sannidhanam, as per customs and usage in vogue the HR & CE Board appointed Sri P.K. Srinivasa Mudaliar as interim Trustee by Order No.2723 dated 17.8.1946.
8. On 24.12.1950, Puchampalli Swamigal became the 228<sup>th</sup> Madathipathy. During his period the Endowment Board, as per the Scheme NO.470 dated 17.12.1952 appointed a Manager with whom the management of the Adheenam was entrusted. The 228<sup>th</sup> Madathipathy, while on tour, attained Paripoornam on 20.11.1956. Therefore, the Endowment Board appointed Purasawakkam Sri P. Sadagopa Mudaliar as interim Trustee.
9. As the Adheenam was without the Madathipathy, the disciples approached the HR & CE Commissioner for appointment of a Madathipathy. At that time, there were rival claims

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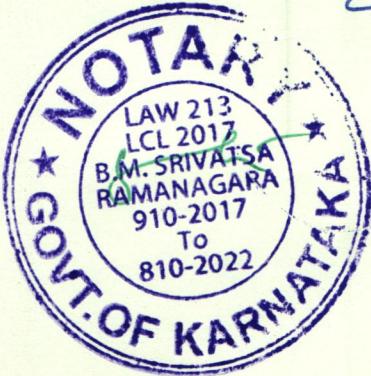


between two groups of disciples which led to controversies with regard to the appointment of Madathipathy by the disciples. Therefore, in such circumstances, the HR & CE Board appointed Sri Manickavasaga Thambiran as Madathipathy in deviation of the established procedure and past practices. The said appointment was challenged before the Madras High Court in W.P.No.261 of 1959 wherein the High Court passed an Order dated 16.11.1959 holding the said appointment by HR & CE as illegal and invalid and cancelled the same.

10. Thereafter, Thiru Muthu Manickavasaga Mudaliar became the Madathipathy as 229<sup>th</sup> Guru Maha Sannidhanam on 31.10.1963, through disciples. However, the properties were managed by the Manager appointed by the Endowment Board.
11. Even during the tenure of the 229<sup>th</sup> Madathipathy, the DMK Government issued a Notification mandating archanas to be performed in Tamil only. Therefore, the HR & CE Commissioner modified the Scheme in OA No.2 of 1973 dated 10.10.1975 appointing executive officer in the place of Manager by entrusting all powers to executive officer. In this connection it is relevant to point out that earlier the Board framed a scheme by Order dated 17.1.1946 pursuant to OA No.368 of 1943 filed under Section 63 of the HR & CE Act, under which the administration of the affairs of the Adheenam was to be vested with the Madathipathy for the time being and a Manager was appointed, entrusting to him with all powers including the right to sue and be sued. The said Scheme was modified by the HR & CE Commissioner by order dated 10.10.1975 as aforesaid by suomoto proceedings in OA No.2 of 1973. In terms of the said scheme dated 10.10.1975, the Executive Officer was appointed to function and perform various acts with the approval of the Madathipathy which was pursuant to the policy of the Government mandating Tamil Archanas.
12. On 24.7.1977 the 229<sup>th</sup> Guru MahaSannidhanam attained Paripoornam and thereafter the 230<sup>th</sup> Guru Maha Sannidhanam was crowned by the disciples on 12.2.1978.
13. Subsequently, in deference to the wishes of the disciples, the HR & CE Commissioner having only supervisory control over all Mutts, modified the earlier scheme in OA No.2 of 1973 by Order dated 20.1.1979 passed in OA No.1 of 1978, directing the Executive Officer to handover charge to Madathipathy or his nominees, but however appointed an Advisory Committee to assist the Madathipathy in the secular affairs of the Mutt and the members of the advisory committee are to be nominated in consultation with the disciples of the Mutt namely Thondaimandala Mudaliar Community. In the said scheme though the administration of the affairs of the Adheenam was to vest with the Madathipathy for the time being, the office of Madathipathy and successor to the said office was to be only by election by the disciples of the Mutt according to usage and custom. This is a serious intrusion into the age long practices followed by the Madathipathis selecting the successors by themselves. Even various other Adheenam or mutt in TamilNadu are following the procedure of the

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existing Madathipaths nominating his successors namely

- a. Madurai Adheenam
- b. Dharmapuram Adheenam
- c. Sankara Mutt
- d. Thiruvaduthurai Adheenam
- e. Thirupanandhal Adheenam
- f. Kovilur Adheenam
- g. Senkol Adheenam etc.

as per the age long customs and practices

14. The 230th Madathipathy accordingly took charge on 26.7.1979 from the Executive Officer by virtue of the above scheme.

15. The 230th Guru Maha Sannidhanam, Sri La Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal had identified Bhagawan Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashivam, then known as A. Rajashekaran a young boy of less than 10 years born in Thiruvannamalai and hailing from the Thondai mandala Adi Saiva Vellalar community also known as the Thondaimandala Saiva Vellalars as the very incarnation of lord Shiva and initiated, proclaimed, declared and coronated him as the future Guru Maha Sannidhanam after performing all the initiations as per the customs and traditions of the Adheenam. He had further declared that the boy would take over the administration and full responsibility of the Guru Maha Sannidhanam when He reached the age of majority.

16. In the meanwhile. the 231st pontiff was crowned as Madathipathy by the disciples. And I, The present Madathipathy was crowned on 21.2.2000 by the disciples of the Mutt as per the scheme dated 20.1.1979.

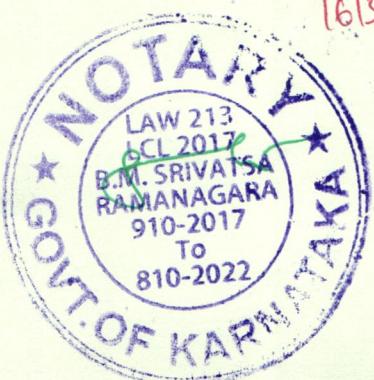
17. On 9th January 2009, HR& CE Commissioner , according to Modified scheme , approved 5 members Advisory committee as follows:

- a. G.R. Thiagasundara Mudaliyar
- b. S.Swaminathan
- c. J.Sugumaran
- d. P.V.Sambandan
- e. N.Kumaresan

18. They had misused the powers by enjoying the properties of the Mutt for their personal use and wanted to swindle the properties. On coming to know of the same I took strong objections and advised them which infuriated them to go against me as the 232nd Madathipathy. Therefore, they started making allegations against me based on which the HR

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& CE Commissioner proceeded suomoto to modify the existing scheme in OA No.1 of 2010 (RC No.3972 / 2010 D-2) and issued notice dated 31.7.2010. Under the modified scheme the HR & CE Commissioner again provided for appointment of Executive Officer by the Board only, preferably in consultation with the Madathipathy and Advisory Committee, for day-to-day administration and The Executive officer was also to work as manager of the Mutt to perform duties with the approval of Madathipathy.

19. The Modified scheme in the matter of sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Swamigal Math, Kancheepuram, town and taluk, Chengalpattu district as proposed By the HR & CE Commissioner ( Ec.O.A.1/78 D2.), inter alia provides as follows:

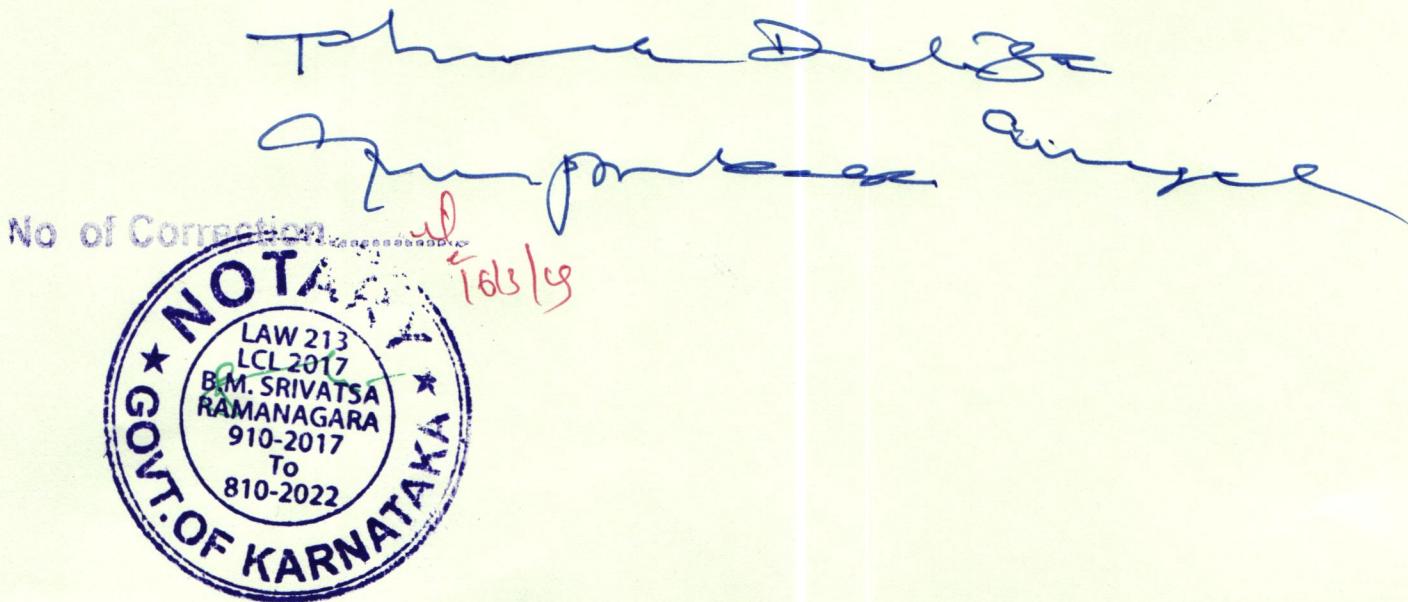
“4. The Commissioner shall in consultation with the disciples of the Math, namely the Thondaimandala Vellala community , constitute an Advisory Body consisting of not less than three and not more than five members from among the disciples of the Math to assist the Madathipathi in secular affairs of the Math. The membership is purely honorary. The members of the advisory body shall hold office for a term of three years. They are eligible for renomination. The Commissioner shall have power to remove any member of the Advisory Body so constituted for good and sufficient cause”

20. I also affirm and declare that the Advisory Committee earlier nominated under the scheme is now ceased to function and there is no advisory committee at all as of today and the last of such members of the advisory committee were appointed on 2009 and their term expired in 2012.

21. The Members of the Advisory Committee challenged the modified scheme for appointment of Executive Officer in WP No.21665 of 2010 seeking for quashing the modified scheme and the same is pending. In the said writ petition the High Court passed an order dated 22.9.2010 granting injunction restraining the HR & CE Board from effecting gazette publications of the draft scheme and in the meantime, directed the enquiry in the OA to go on.

22. The members of the Advisory Committee, at this stage moved OA No.1 of 2010 (Rc No.70371 / 2010 D-2) before the Commissioner HR & CE under Section 59(1) of the Act for permission to institute a suit for the removal of the present Madathipathy. After notice the commissioner passed an Order dated 26.4.2011 in M.P.No.1 of 2011 granting permission to file a suit against the present Madathipathy on the ground that his continuance would be detrimental to the interest of the Mutt.

23. Thereupon, the members of the Advisory Board filed OS No.307 of 2011 before the Sub Judge, Kancheepuram for removal of the present Madathipathy and for permanent injunction. Written Statement had been filed by the Madathipathy and there is no interim order. The suit



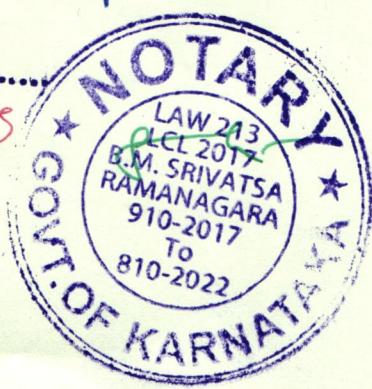
was however decreed ex parte on 16.4.2015 and the ex parte decree has now been set aside and the suit is pending.

24. From the above it is clear that the administration of the Mutt / Adheenam was interfered with by the HR & CE Commissioner, despite he having only supervisory control, only in view of the fact that certain Madathipathis did not function properly. However, the age old practice and custom of Madathipathis appointing successor cannot at all be interfered with at all. This said procedure is followed by all the mutts in TamilNadu.
25. In the year 2000, in keeping with the declaration of the 230th Guru Maha Sannidhanam mentioned hereinabove, Bhagawan Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashivam also known as Sri Nithyananda Swami became my successor and assumed the responsibility as the 233rd Guru Maha Sannidhanam of the Thondai Mandala Adheenam and was recognized as **Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal**.
26. After the coronation I continued to work with and support Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal to start the first Adheenam in Erode, Avathipalayam and on April 2001 I inaugurated Erode Adheenam, Nithyananda Peetham and publicly declared the coronation of Bhagawan Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashivam as the 233rd Guru Maha Sannidhanam of the Thondai Mandala Adheenam.
27. From that beginning, Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal has been successful in fulfilling my vision and that of my paramaguru the 230th Guru Maha Sannidhanam of spreading Shaivism worldwide and has expanded branches of the Adheenam in more than a thousand places worldwide. He has initiated hundreds of sannyasis and brahmacharis as Thambirans into the highest lifestyle of sanyas.
28. On 1st of January 2005, in addition to being the Spiritual head of the Surya Vamsa Lineage represented by the Chola Kings of Thondaimandalam, Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal, was coronated and took over the responsibility as the King of the ancient Surya Vamsa lineage after the last King Raja HRUDAYA CHANDRA Deo Harishchandra Jagadev, Raja of Surangi, died on 13th September 2004
29. Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal has been impressively guiding the world with his infinite knowledge, new and clear activism, broad vision, ability to inspire people and execute, and the powers of an incarnation and enlightenment he expresses and awakens in others visibly. Sri Nithyananda Swami is reviving the Vedagamic principles of the Thondaimandala Aadheenam.

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30. Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal along with his thambirans has been involved in all the activities in the Thondaimandala Adheenam by conducting classes, religious activities, performance of daily poojas etc. He has also sent many of his thambirans to Kancheepuram Thondaimandala Adheenam to learn the teachings and ideals of the Thondaimandala Aadheenam directly from me and his disciples have also been assisting me in my personal care like cooking, serving food, medical care etc. I had further appointed Sri K.P. Gnanamurthy S/O K.N.Palani Mudaliyar, Kanchipuram, hailing from Thondai Mandala Saiva vellalar community, an initiated disciple of Thondaimandala Adheenam of Kancheepuram, as my power agent for attending to all legal cases concerning Thondaimandala Adheenam.

I hence want to reiterate by this WILL that the appointment of Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal @ Sri Nithyananda Swami hailing from the Thondai Mandala Adi Saiva Vellalar community also known as the Thondai Mandala Saiva Vellalar community of Thiruvannamalai as the 233rd Guru Maha Sannidhanam of the Thondai Mandala Adheenam is permanent and irrevocable. He is therefore the only lawful Successor, descendant and inheritor of the Thondaimandala Aadheenam, Kanchipuram Meykandarpeedam, having all the powers, duties, obligations, ritual and customary rights that is being performed, enjoyed, vested in the Thondaimandala Aadheenam.

I further declare that Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal @ Sri Nithyananda Swami, as my lawful Successor, is competent to deal with all movable and immovable properties of the Thondaimandala Aadheenam situated anywhere, including the properties in India and abroad, including temples owned by the Thondaimandala Aadheenam, and the properties attached to those Temples, as well as all the spiritual heritage of Thondaimandala Aadheenam.

My successor Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal @ Sri Nithyananda Swami would have absolute control and right over the said properties and continue to function as the 233rd Madathipathy as was being discharged by me during my period with powers to appoint Archakas, Parijarkas, Managers, Administrators and other staff to the temples, endowments etc. belonging to the Adheenam.

If for any reason Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal @ Sri Nithyananda Swami is not able to physically function and administer as my successor, I also wanted that Sri Nithya Sundareswarananda (also known as K G Sandeep), son of Sri K.P. Gnanamoorthy, aged about 18 years, shall hold and function in that role temporarily until such situation is settled and resolved. Therefore, I had Sri La Sri Nithyananda Paramashiva Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal @ Sri Nithyananda Swami also appoint Sri Nithya Sundareswarananda (also known as K G Sandeep), son of Sri K.P. Gnanamoorthy, aged

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about 18 years, as his lawful successor also solemnizing him with Samaya Deeksha, Vishesha Dheeksha, Mantra Kaashayam, Nirvana Dheeksha and Acharya Abhishekam and also conferred on him the Dheeksha Naamam as 234th Guru Maha Sannidhanam, Sri La Sri Nithya Sundareshwarananda Sri Gnanaprakasa Desika Paramacharya Swamigal. This appointment is also permanent and irrevocable.

It is my desire that on my attaining paripoornam, my last rites, rituals, and obsequies and erection of my Samadhi shall be performed / done in the premises of the Adheenam in accordance with the customary right and traditions of Thondaimandala Adheenam by Sri Nithya Sundareshwarananda @ K G Sandeep.

**This WILL shall come into effect after my life time and I have every power to modify, alter, vary the terms of the WILL during my lifetime.**

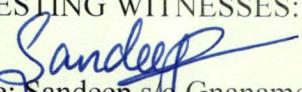
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, 232nd GURU MAHA SANNITHANAM SRI LA SRI THIRUVAMBALA DESIKA GNANAPRAKASA SWAMIGAL DO HEREBY EXECUTE THIS WILL AT RAMANAGARA, KARNATAKA ON THIS THE 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2019**



**SIGNATURE**

**(232<sup>nd</sup> Guru Maha Sannidhanam Sri la Sri Thiruvambala Desika Gnanaprakasa Swamigal)**

**ATTESTING WITNESSES:**

1. 

Name: Sandeep s/o Gnanamoorthy

Address: Thondaimandala Adheena Ilavarasu  
Plot No 29, No 202, Vijaya teja Residency,  
East Anand Bagh, Malkajgiri,  
Medchal, Telangana – 500047

2. 

Name: Ma Nithya Kalyanananda d/o Asogan

Address: Personal Secretary to Sri La Sri Thiruvambala Desika Gnanaprakasa Swamigal, 232<sup>nd</sup> Guru Maha Sannidhanam of Thondaimandala Aadheenam, with permanent address at Nithyananda Peetam, Kallugopahalli, Bidadi - 562019

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Achalananda

Name: Ma Nithya Achalananda

Address: Nithyananda Peetham, Kallugopahalli,  
Off Mysore Road, Bidadi – 562109, Karnataka

I have examined 232nd Guru Maha Sannidhanam Sri La Sri Thiruvambala Desika Gnanaprakasa Swamigal on the date of this will and he appears to be of sound mind and sound mental health at the time of making the above will.

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(TNReg No 42110)

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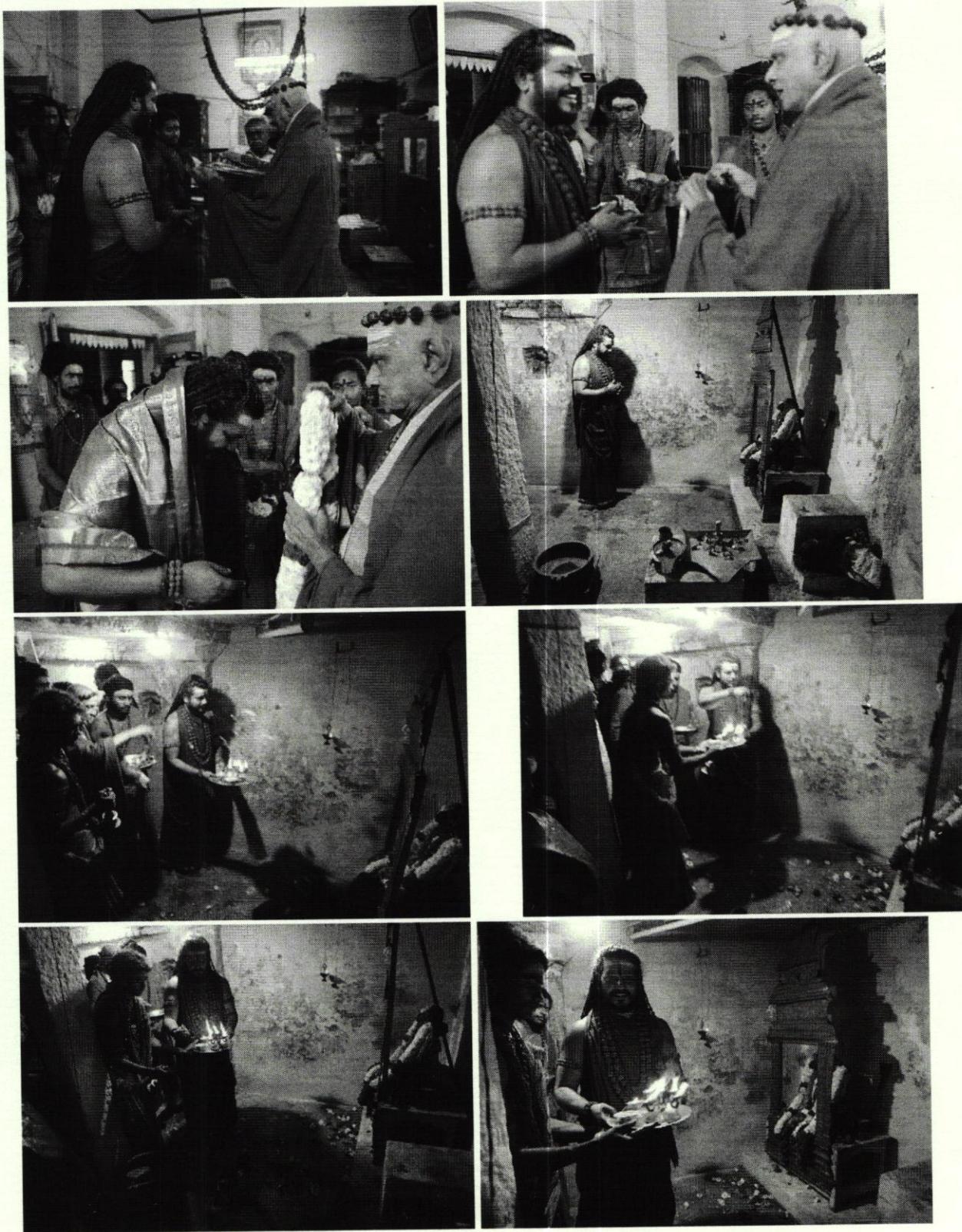


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EXECUTION  
ADMITTED BEFORE ME

B. M. SRIVATSA  
ADVOCATE & NOTARY  
KAR 1663/98  
NO. 127, Panchavati Nilaya.  
H. M. Doddli, M. G. Palya Post  
Panch Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk

**Pictures of coronation of successors:**



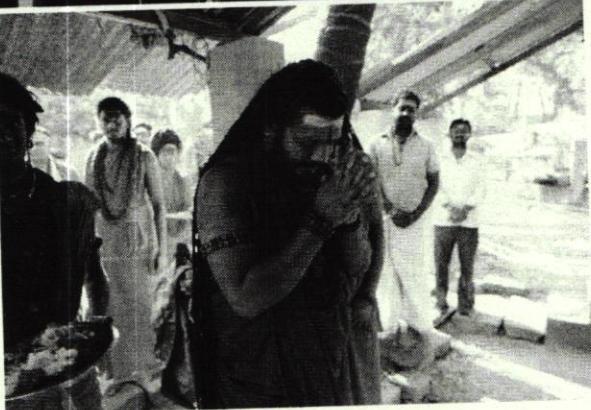
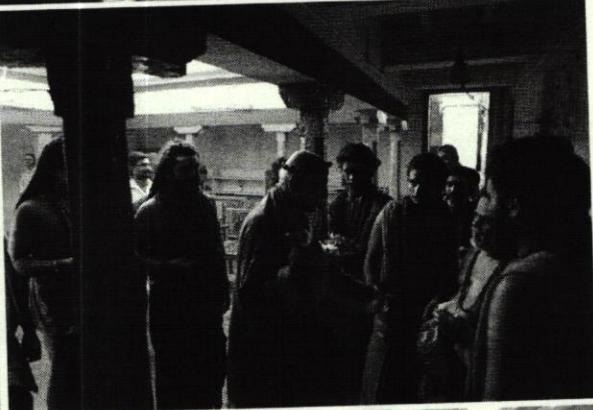
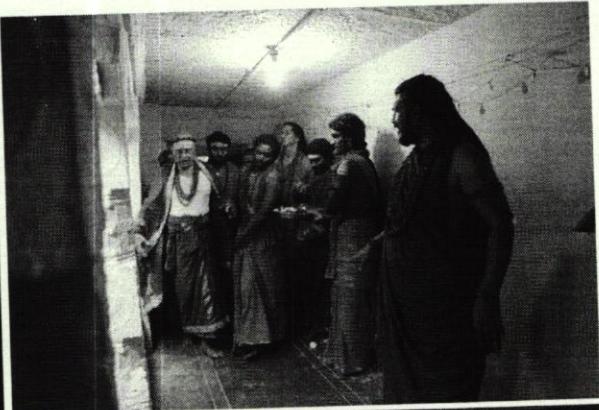
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