



Role of Shrī Kānchī Kamakoti Jagadguru Shankarāchārya Peetam in Shrī Rāma Janma Bhūmi Punah Pratishthā

Shobhana year Pausha Shukla Dvādashī (2024 Jan 22) Monday

The pratishthā of the divya vigraha of Bhagavān Shrī Rāma at the Rāma Janma Bhūmi at Ayodhyā was looked forward to by crores of Sanātana Vaidika Hindu Dharma abhimānī-s. It took place as a grand celebration on Shobhana year Makara month 8th day, Pausha Shukla Dvādashī, Somavāra, Mrigashīrsha nakshatra, Amrita Siddhi Yoga Punya Kāla (2024 Jan 22). It was a punah (repeated) pratishthā after almost 500 years!

The 68th Jagadguru Shankarāchārya of our Shrī Kānchī Kāmakoti Mūlāmnāya Sarvajna Pītam Shrī Chandrashekharendra Sarasvatī Mahāswami used to always tell children to write Rāma Nāma and encouraged by giving silver coins. On Kalyabda 5091 Shukla year Kataka month Mrigashīrsha (1989 Jul 29), as the very first “shilā pūjana” for the foundation of this temple, it was He who did pūjā unto bricks inscribed with “Shrī Rāma”. He had also offered chatra and chāmara (umbrella and fans) for Bhagavān. The punah pratishthā also occurred on Mrigashīrsha.

Next, it is known to all that our 69th Jagadguru Shankarāchārya Shrī Jayendra Sarasvatī Mahāswami took a leading role in speaking to all parties so that everything is achieved amicably and toiled in many ways for Rāma Janma Bhūmi. It is the Will of Bhagavān Shrī Rāma that recently the bhūmi pūjā of this temple also happened to be on His annual jayantī (Kataka month Shravishtā, 2020 Aug 05).

Next, the punah pratishthā happened with the guidance of our 70th Jagadguru Shankarāchārya Shrī Shankara Vijayendra Sarasvatī Mahāswami and the efforts and cooperation of many other sādhu-s, dharma sthāpana-s, government officials and devotees. The Jagadguru Himself did the important anga-nyāsa on the day prior to the formal pratishthā. Later He did pūjā to the Rāma Mālā Mantra Chakra to be installed at Ayodhyā.

This most auspicious task which has crossed many hurdles and come this far should spell an era of renewed strength for Sanātana Dharma. Around the mūla

sthānam, the larger temple campus should develop and be set up well. The innumerable devotees should be able to go to Ayodhyā and happily have darshana of Bhagavān Shrī Rāma in His rājadhānī.

The Kāmakoti Āchārya had instructed both on the occasion of Bhūmi Pūjā and Punah Pratishthā that all devotees should pray for unhindered proceedings and daily chant Shrī Shankara Bhagavatpāda's Ganesha Pancharatna, and do japa of “shrīrāma jaya rāma jaya jaya rāma”, the 13-syllable mahāmantra of Bhagavān Shrī Rāma at least 108 times. On the occasion of Punah Pratishthā, devotees were also exhorted to celebrate by coming together in homes, local temples etc, lighting lamps, having special pūjā-s conducted to all the devatā forms of our Sanātana Dharma, distributing prasāda, involving common people and encouraging them to say Rāma Nāma!

The annual occasion of both Shrī Rāma Navamī and Punah Pratishthā are occasions for us to pray that our Sanatana Vaidika Hindu **Dharma should evermore flourish with glory!**

Hara Hara Shankara! Jaya Jaya Shankara!

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Jagadguru Kāmakōti Shankarāchārya Swami performing pūjā to Rāma Lallā at Ayodhyā on Shobhana year Tulā month Ekādashī (2023 Oct 25) Budha Vāra