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Srimath SriMushnam Andavan's Sathabisheka Mahotsavam

The Sathabisheka Mahotsavam of Srimath Andavan was celebrated grandly, with utmost devotion in various branches of our Ashramam, on all ThiruvAdhirai Thirunakshatram for the past one year, by our Sishyas. VaikAsi ThiruvAdhirai, the completion of these celebrations, was celebrated as a very grand event, at Srirangam which is also known as Bhulokha Vaikuntam, by the sishyas and abhimanis in a way that no SriVaishnava will ever forget in his life time and will never fade out from the memories of any of the sishyas and abhimanis.

Srimath Andavan reached with Perumal and Acharya Padukais to the Sathabisheka Mandapam, on 16.05.2015 in the evening. This was constructed temporarily for the celebrations. There was a grand stage that was built in front of the Mandapam. A portion of Srimath Andavan Arts College was converted in to a place for the stay of Srimath Andavan and his Kaikaryaparas. There were 2 wells that were newly built, near the mandapam and at the college campus, to be used for the Sathabisheka Mahotsavam. The main Mandapam for the event was built at the college grounds and was shining with all the decorations.

From 17.05.2015 to 21.05.2015 – Sathabisheka Utsavam Parayanam, ThiruvAradhanam were conducted at the Maha mandapam that was constructed for the Satabishekam. Arulicheyal Parayanams (4000 Divya Prabanda parayanam) were conducted at the Hayagreevar temple which is located in the college campus. The cultural events like Bharatha natyam, vocal concerts and other upanyasanams were organized at the Paduka hall in the College auditorium. Ashrama Harikatha Vidhwan Sri U.Ve. Kalayanapuram Aravamudhachar was taking care of all the cultural events.

16.05.2015 – Smt. Subhashini Parthasarathy's Vocal at 6 p.m in Sri Paduka Hall. The Sangeetha vidhwans were then blessed by Srimath Andavan.

The first day of Sathabisheka Mahotsavam – Sunday, 17.05.2015

At 8.30 A.M, Veda pArAyanam and Srimath Ramayana PAdukaA sahasra parayanams were started. Arulicheyal Vinnapam was carried out at the Hayagreevan Sannidhi, in the college Campus. Sishyas have gathered overwhelmingly at the theertha goshti and were blessed by Srimath Andavan.

1. Rig vedam, 2. Sukhla Yajur Vedam – Kanva MAdhyandhina Sakkais, 3. Krishna Yajur Vedam, 4. Sama vedam, Gowthama, Jaimini, RAnAyaneeeya Sakkais, 5. Atharvana Vedam : Sownaka, BippalAtha Sakkais. Were chanted by more than 800 Swamis both in Veda Goshti and Grantha PArAyanams. 130 Swamis were present at the Arulicheyal Goshti.

17.05.2015 – Srimath Thirukkurungudi Jeeyar Mutt- 50th pattam Srimath Paramahamsethyathi Sri PerarulAla Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami along with his sishyas arrived to take part in the Satabisheka mahotsavam in the evening. SrimathyAthi Jeeyar

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Swamy offered the Prasadam of Thirukkurungudi Perumal, along with the Special Sambavani and mangalAsAsanam to our Acharyan for his satabishekam. Srimath Andavan after enquiring about the health and other Sannidhi Kaimkaryam details of the seer honored the seer with the special sambavani by the Satabisheka Committee.

17.05.2015 – noon

Bharathanatyam recital of Kum.Hema Venugopalan, followed by the presentation of Awards to various Musical geniuses, and the Vocal Concert of Sri T.H. Krishanan were held at the event, along with Ashrama Srikaryam Swamy's Upanyasam on "Arangan, Ashramam, and Andavan".

18.05.2015 – 2nd day events at the Sathabisheka Mahotsavam

Morning session – BhagavathArAthanam, PAdukArAdhanam, Veda PArAyanam, Arulicheyal, Theertha ParasAdaha Goshti, IjyArAdhanam, Veda Saatrumurai, and ThadiyArAdhani.

Veda pArAyanam, Arulicheyal Goshti for the evening session.

Sri PAduka Auditorium

3 P.M - Dance ballet by Trivandrum Smt. Deepa and Party.

4.30 to 6.00 P.M – Music Genius Sri T.N Sankara Narayanan's Concert

7 to 9 P.M – Ashrama Ashthana Vidhwan, Editor Sri Ranganatha Paduka – Natteri Kidambi Sri U.Ve Rajagopalachariyar's Upanyasam on " SriMushnam Andavan's Divya Vaibavam"

Tirumala- Tirupathi Chinna Jeeyar Swamy's Visit.

18.05.2015 - at noon, Srimath Paramahamsethyathi, Tirumala Tirupathi Ilaya koil Kelviappan Sri Govinda Ramanuja Chinna Jeeyar Swamy, along with his Sishyas arrived to participate in the Satabishekam of our Acharyan. Sri Jeeyar Swamy Performed MangalAsAsanam of our Acharyan at the Srimath Andavan Arts College. Srimath Andavan was later honored by Sri Jeeyar Swamy with Special Sambavanai with due respects by his sishyas. After the usual enquiries, both the swamis blessed the gatherings. The committee offered the special sambavani with due respects to Sri Jeeyar swamy on behalf of our Ashramam. Later Chinna Jeeyar Swamy visited the ThiruvArAdhana Mandapam for the MangalAsAsanam of Sri Venugopalan. Poorna kumbam was offered as a respect from the Ashram to the Jeeyar.

19.05.2015 Day 3 of Sathabisheka Mahotsavam - Tuesday.

Morning session – BhagavathArAthanam, PAdukArAdhanam, Veda PArAyanam, Theertha ParasAdaha Goshti, IjyArAdhanam, Veda Saatrumurai, and ThadiyArAdhani
Evening: Veda PArAyanam, Aruli cheyal Goshti at Parimugan Sannidhi for both the sessions.

Sri PAduka Auditorium

3 P.M – Vocal by Kum.Shreya and party

4 P.M – Smt. Janaki Ramanujam Vocal

7 to 9 P.M - Sri U.Ve. Damal Ramakrishnamachariyar's Upanyasam on "Srimath Andavan's Pravabhavam" and on "Sri Krishna Vaibavam"

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Sri VAnamAmalai Mutt is considered as one among the important mutts in Sri Vaishnava Sampradhayam. On 19.05.2015 VAnamAmalai Jeeyar Swamy Srimath Paramahamsethyathi PruthAlankruthar (Now adorning the Peetam) Madhurakavi VAnamAmalai Ramanuja jeeyar Swamy arrived to take part in the Sathabisheka Mahotsavam. Poorna kumbam was offered to the Jeeyar from the Asramam. Prasadams and Garlands from Varagunamangai Sametha Sri Sirivaramangalanagarurai Deivanayaga Perumal koil which is under the management of Sri VAnamAalai Mutt were offered to Srimath Andavan with the ArulapAdu. In turn Sri Jeeyar swamy was offered Theertham and SatAri prasadam at Sri Venugopalan Sannidhi with the ArulapAdu. Later Srimath Andavan and Sri Jeeyar Swamy came back to the college campus and were enquiring about their day today activities at the mutts. Sathabisheka Sambavanai to Srimath Andavan was later offered on behalf of Srimath VAnamAmalai Jeeyar Swamy. As per the divine order of Srimath Andavan , Jeeyar was offered a special Sambavanai by the committee and later Srimath VAnamAmalai Jeeyar Swamy, reached his Srimutt located at East Chithirai Street. 19.05.2015 Srimath Paramahamsethyathi SriRanga Narayana Jeeyar visited the College campus to take part in the Sathabishekam, where Srimath Andavan was camping. The Sathabisheka Sambavanai was offered to Srimath Andavan on behalf of the Jeeyar Swamy. After the formal enquiries, Sri Jeeyar swamy was offered with the special sambavanai from the Ashramam, after which Srimath Paramahamsethyathi Sri Ranganarayana Jeeyar left to his Mutt.

20.05.2015 Day 4 of Sathabisheka Mahotsavam - Wednesday.

Morning Session: ThiruvArAdhanam, Veda PArAyanam, IjyArAdhanam, Veda Sattrumurai, ThadiyArAdhanai, and Veda PArAynam for the Evening Session. Arulicheyal Goshti for both the sessions were conducted at Pari Mugan Sannidhi.

Sri PAduKA Auditorium

3 P.M Kum. Rajalakshmi Madhavan – Bharatha Natyam.
4.30 – 6.30 P.M - Dr.K. Vageesh - Vocal.

Sri Krishna Premi Swamy completed his MangalAsAsanam of Srimath Andavan in the morning. Srimath Andavan and Sri Krishna Premi Swamy were conversing happily. Sri Krishna Premi Swamy submitted the Sambavanai to Srimath Andavan. 7 to 8.30 in the evening, there was an Upanyasam on “Sri PadukA prabAvam” by Sri Krishna Premi Swamigal. Srimath Andavan offered a special Sambavanai to Sri Krishna Premi Swamigal.

20.05.2015 – Srimath Paramahamsethyathi Azhwar Thirunagari – BavishyadAchAryan Sannidhi - EmperumAnAr Jeeyar – Rangaramanuja Jeeyar Swamy paid his visit to take part in the Sathabishekam. He was welcomed with Poorna kumbam. Srimath Andavan and Sri Jeeyar Swamy completed their MangalAsAsanams mutually. Sri Jeeyar Swamy offered the Sambavanai to Srimath Andavan and in turn Srimath Andavan gave instructions to the committee to offer a special Sambavanai ti Sri Jeeyar Swamy. Later the Jeeyar reached his camp at Srirangam

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The following awards for Music were presented by Srimath Andavan during the Sathabisheka Vaibavam.

SuNatha KalA nidhi : Sri. T.N.Krishnan, Violin
Dr.N.Ramani, Flute.
SuLaya KalAnidhi: Madras A.Kannan, Dr.T.K.Murthy.
Gayaka KalAnidhi : J.Venkatraman, T.V Sankara Narayanan.

Godha Goshti Kaimkaryam by the Ladies.

PAdukA Sahasra PArayanam was carried out completely on May 17, 18, and 19th by more than 150 Ladies at the Sathabisheka Mandapam under the leadership of Srirangam Babu Mami. This was performed for the well being of Srimath Andavan.

Eka dina PAdukA Sahasram was conducted by more than 100 ladies from in and around Chennai on 20.05.2015.

21.05.2015 the Grand Day – Sathabishekam – Thursday.

Srimath paramahamsethyathi, Srimath Andavan reached the sathabisheka mandapam at around 7.30 in the morning. The live telecast of the event was arranged from 10.30 to 1 in the afternoon in Podigai Channel. The Voice over for the live telecast was given by Damal Ramkrishnan and PAdur Puranam Rangarajachariyar who is the Asthana Vidhwan of Ahobila mutt. Wide screens were set up in various places of the large Mandapam, for the better view of the events by the gatherings. Sri Venkateswars Bhakthi channel and Shankara T.V recorded the event which was telecasted on a different date. Chennai Stream Web channel was yet another source, which telecasted the event.

People from various parts of the world enjoyed these telecasts and were blessed. The information says that, the people who viewed these telecasts felt very happy that these telecasts were so clear and felt the same happiness of those people who enjoyed the event in person. They felt very happy and thankful for all these arrangements as they did not miss even a bit of the event. We are very thankful to the channels for such telecasts
Bhagavatha Smrithi

The Sathabisheka Mandapam was filled with lots of Sishyas, Abhimanis, Asthikas and Bhagavathas to get the blessings of our Acharyan and to enjoy the grand event and it was a delight for the eyes.

Madurai Adhinam's Visit.

Srimath Andavan never discriminates people based on their religion and he also has a very extensive knowledge on Saiva Literatures. Madurai Adhinam swamy who also has a very high respect and regards to Srimath Andavan's extensive knowledge, visited on the day of Sathabishekam and had a very friendly conversation with Srimath Andavan and paid his samarpanams. He was honored on behalf of the Ashramam.

Acharyan's Exitement

Acharyan took keen interest in all arrangements and even orders frequently, so that the people gathered could enjoy the event without any hassles and can have a very pleasant experience. He completed his AnushtAnams and PAdukAradhanam much earlier on the

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day. The completion of Veda, Upanishads PArAyanams were started at 7 in the morning and were concluded.

Sattrumurai – Theertha Goshti

The Veda PArayanam that was conducted during the past five days came to a conclusion on the grand day. The SAttrumurai for all the sakkais were conducted grandly. Following which SAttrumurai and PoorvachArya Sambavanai were carried out and Perumal Theertham, Sri SatAri and Prakrutham Srimath Andavan's Sripada Theertham were distributed to the gatherings. Various Maha Vidhwans like Sri N.S.R Swamy, ThaiyyAr Vinjimore LakshmanAchariyar, Vaduvur Lakshmi Narasimhachariyar who is the Aradhakar of Sri Ahobila mutt, Samavedam Devanathachariyar, Aradhakar of Sri Parakala mutt were Present at the grand event. Theertha Prasadam was offered to all who have gathered by the Ashrama kaimkaryaparass without any hesitation.

Srimath Azhagiyasingar's Visit

Srimath Paramahansa parivrajakAchAryathyathi 46th Pontiff Srimath Azhagiyasingar Srivan Satagopa Sriranganatha Yathindra mahadesikan visited on the grand day to the grand dais.

Paramahamsethyathi Srimath Azhagiya singar was welcomed with the Poorna kumbam. Srimath Azhagiyasingar accepted the respects from the Ashramam and completed his MangalAsasanam of Venugopala Perumal. Sri U.Ve NSR Swamy spoke the celebrating characteristics of Srimath Andavan, like his encouragement and interests in publishing various Srivaishnava books that are being extinct in the day today life.

Special event- Release of the Special Postal stamp on the Day of Satabishekam.

A Special postal stamp was released by the postal department to commemorate the Satabishekam of Srimath Andavan. As per the rule, Superintendent of the Postal department released the postal stamp in the holy presence of Srimath Andavan. A special postal cover containing the photograph of Srimath Andavan Arts College was also released at the event. The Postal stamp and the postal cover were then blessed by Srimath Andavan and Srimath Azhagiyasingar and were later obtained by (1) T.V.S Venu Srinivasan, (2) Hindu – Ravi (3) Ex. Chief Election Commissioner Gopal Swamy, and few other VIPs

The initiative by Kalyanapuram Sriman Kannan, Ex. Postal officer for the arrangements of release of the special Postal cover and stamp needs to be appreciated.

Book release –

In connection with the Satabishekam celebrations

1. Srimath Andavan MangalAsasana MALikA
2. PAtta Thanthra Rahasyam
3. Satha dhooshani – Nrusimha Rajyam
4. Vyasa pushpa manjari alias Souvenir of the Sathabishekam
5. Paramahamsavani
6. PArAsharya Vijayaha

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7. SArika Adhikarana Malika
8. Srimath Andavan Arul Thondu
9. Kannada Archakar Thunaivan
10. Paraman pottrum Paramaguru
11. Musings on the Magnificent

The above were the 11 books that were released by Srimath Andavan.

Two Great Acharyas:

Sri U.Ve. Paruthipattu, Padmanabachariyar, the Srikaryam of Sri Ahobila mutt, delivered an upanyasam on Srimath Andavan's Prabavams. Later Srimathyathi Sri Azhagiyasingar's Anugrahabashanam was deleivered. Srimath Azhagiyasingar was overwhelmed with joy and submitted Sri Malolan's Prasadams and a Special Sambavanai to Srimath Andavan. Srimath Azhagiyasingar was offered a special Sambavanai on behalf of Ashramam as directed by Srimath Andavan.

Garlands from Divyadesams

Garlands from more than 200 Divyadesams and Abhimanasthalams like Koil, Perumal koil, Tirumala, Thirukkudanthai, Thirunarayanapuram were brought by the Srivaishnavas who are living in those places to be presented to Srimath Andavan on the Sathabishekam day. Srimath Andavan accepted them with smiling face and this was very much delightful to watch the event. We pay our respects and thanks to all those Archakas.

Srimath Andavan's Anugrahabashanam

Srimath Andavan quoted "jik'hvē kīrattaya" a sloka from the Mukuntha Mala of Sri Kulasekara Perumal and explained the sloka in his anugrahabashanam, and blessed every one gathered at the event that they should get the ultimate blessings of Srirangam Divya Dhampathis, Sri ranganatha Divya mani Padukais and Sri Poorvacharya Padukais and completed the anugrahabashanam.

Mangala Harathi

In connection with the Satabishekam celebrations 80 Mangala Harathis were offered to Srimath Andavan by Sumangalis.

Andavan blessed all the thousands of Sishyas, with his Mantharakshathai forgetting all his ailments due to age.

News regarding the Sathabishekam Celebrations to be continued in our next issue.

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