

Sri Ahobila Mutt Mysore



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Announcement of Puraskarams

1. Objective:

Make a small contribution to the gigantic efforts taken by Acharyas of our Mutt from Srimad Adivan Satakopan swami onwards to promote and instil interest among next generation of Srivaishnavites in Desika sampradaya.

2. Rationale:

From a time-rich-money poor period in history we have transitioned to money-rich-time-poor period with all its attendant manifestations. Such a transition heralded a science-driven thinking and living. *Vigyanam* (Modern Science) is now considered as the only path to discover ultimate truth with *Pratyaksham* (Perceptibility) being the universally accepted criterion. Little does the present and most-certainly future generations would realize that both Science and Vedanta are looking for the same underlying reality. While Science is broadly trying to understand and discover the universe 'out there', Vedanta is focussed on trying to explain the universe 'inside you' or 'in here'. According to Science, the Universe is same everywhere. The universe exists within a human body and this body exists within a universe with the body being a mere mirror of the universe. Thus there cannot be two independent realities for the same universe. Both our ancient Shruti and Smriti as well as our sampradaya at multiple occasions, point to aspects which modern Science presently seem to be converging on. A good bridging initiative would enable present and future generations that are exposed to heavy dose of Science, to understand what our Acharyans and Rishis of yore have been generously giving away to us in abundance the very same knowledge that Science with its huge commercial slant presents to us now. Such an initiative is the need of the hour and, in all probability, would go a long way in correcting this imbalance between Science and Vedanta. Perhaps it would also ultimately support the relentless efforts of our Acharyans in the survival of our sampradayam in the future.

It is in this context, that as an effort to encourage and recognize authors to bring out any and every information, argument and points of view aligned with the aforesaid approach, an award is proposed to be instituted on behalf of Sri Ahobila Mutt Mysore in the name of Sri Ahobila Mutt Sishyas.

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3. Contributor to the Award:

This award is instituted in honor of Vaikuntavasi Madarantakam Simmakutty Srinivasan and Padmasini Srinivasan, by Dr.M.S.Vijayaraghavan to remember his parents and their adherence to Sri Ahobila Mutt sampradayams during their lifetime.

4. Operational details:

The timing of this award is synchronized with the Birth Centenary year of Sriman M.S.Srinivasan. This award would be announced on 01st September 2021 and the **first award would be presented on 01 September 2022.**

Sri Ahobila Mutt Mysore would seek entries for these two awards from eligible persons atleast 6 months in advance of the date of presentation of these awards. The entries can be either in English or Kannada language. After initial scrutiny, the awards would be placed before the **selection committee comprising of a mix of eminent individuals** accomplished in Sampradayam and Science under the Chairmanship of Srikaryam of Sri Ahobila Mutt.

The selected entry for each of these awards would be announced by Sri Ahobila Mutt Mysore a month in advance of the date of presentation of the award. The copyright for all entry materials, including those not selected for the awards, would be transferred to Sri Ahobila Mutt by authors in advance and this institution would have full rights to utilise any or all of these articles/contents in any which manner that it chooses including publishing them in Sri Nrisimha Priya.

In case if the selection committee does not find any entry selectable for one or both of these awards in any particular year, the prize money for the award(s) would get carried over to the subsequent year. In such an eventuality, the committee is fully empowered to decide on the number of awards that can be given in the year following the one where no award(s) were given.