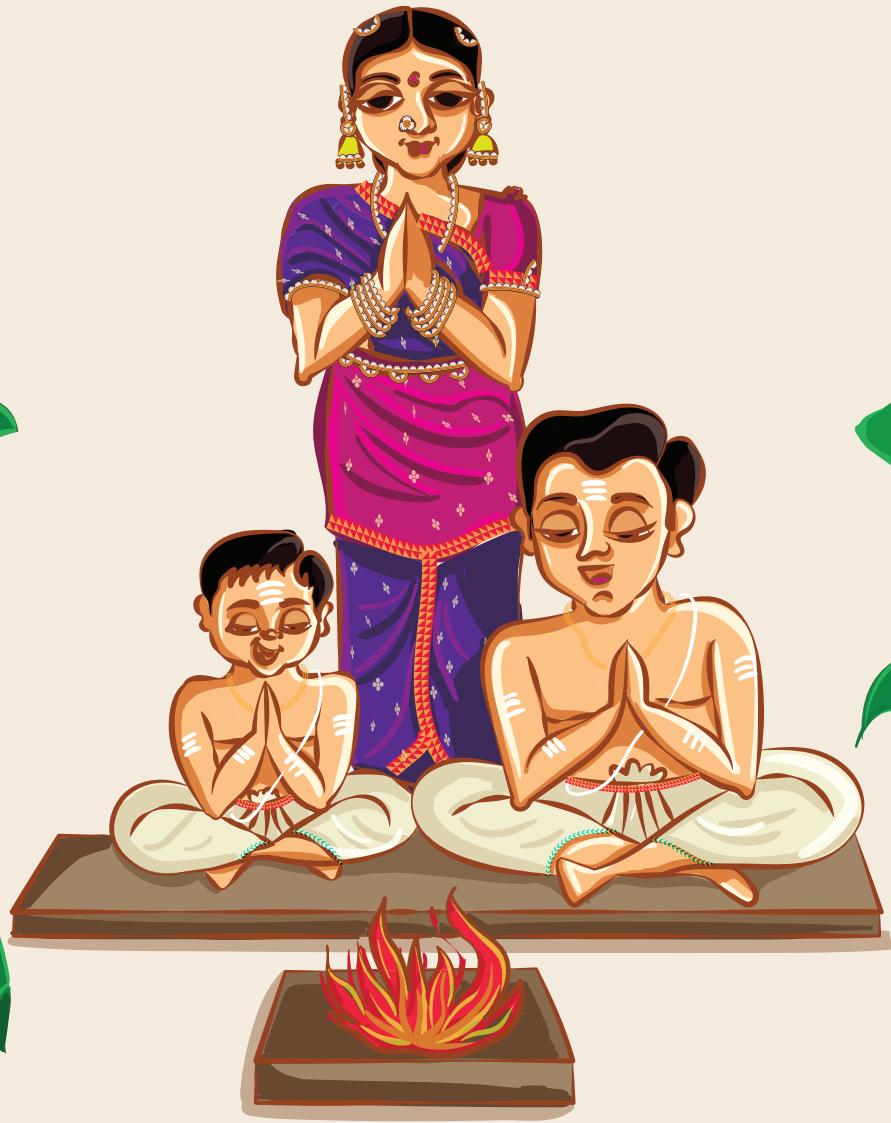


We cordially invite you to  
**Tejas's**  
**Upanayanam**

Friday, 18th April 2025



The 'sacred thread ceremony,' Upanayanam, is a Hindu rite-of-passage ritual that embarks Tejas into the path of learning. Several steps in the ceremony lead Tejas to be welcomed into Knowledge and Brahmacharya.



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**Rathi Priya & Venkat Ragavan**

*Solicit the gracious presence of you and your family  
on this auspicious occasion of*

**Upanayanam Ceremony**

*of*

**Chi. Tejas Venkat Ragavan**

*Grandson of*

**Smt. Saradhambal & Sri. Swaminathan**

**Smt. Revathi & Late Sri. Ramanathan**

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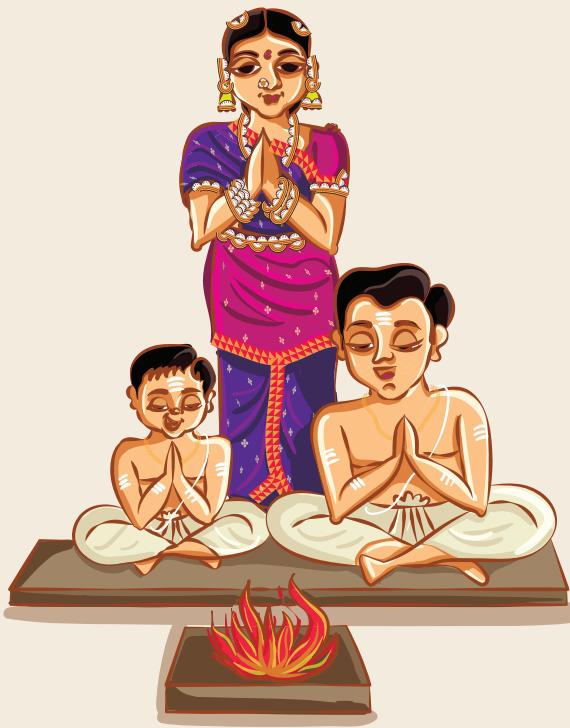
**Muhurtham :  
10.00 am -10.30 am**

*at*

**Madras Shri Kashi Math.  
23/26, Kuppiah Chetty Street,  
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# The Sacred Upanayanam

## Journey from Childhood to Brahmacharya



### Naandhi

The ceremony is performed to obtain the blessings of Tejas's ancestors prior to the Upanayanam.



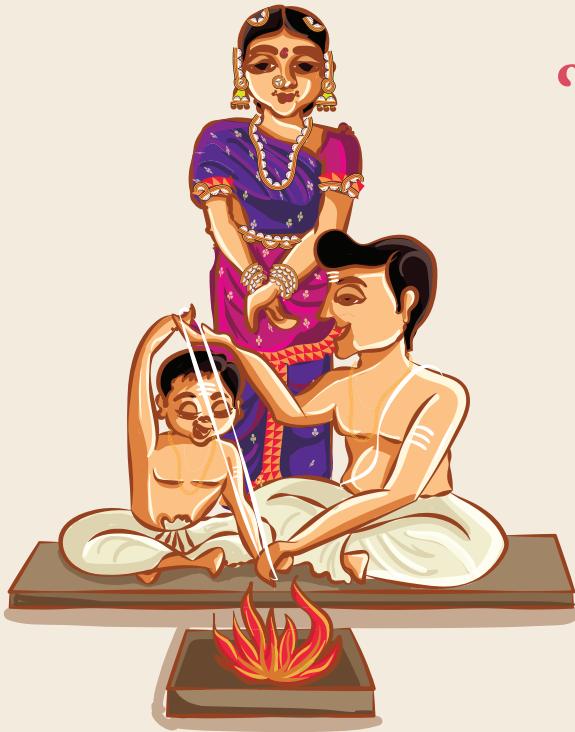
### Uthaga Shanthi

For the purification of the mind, body and protection of Tejas, all the deities are invoked in water through chanting of mantras. This water, collected in a pot, "kalasha" is then poured over Tejas to cleanse and protect him from evil.



### Kumaara Bhojanam

During Kumarabhojanam, Kumaras will sit with Tejas and are served food. It is a ritual which marks the beginning of a child's formal educational journey into Vedas.



## **Yagnopaveetha Dhaaranam**

**Venkat places the sacred thread containing three strands across Tejas's left shoulder. The strands signify Brahma, Vishnu & Shiva.**

**Tejas is expected to wear the thread always to protect him & remind him of its sanctity.**



## **Brahmopadesham**

**Venkat, who is considered the first spiritual Guru of Tejas, teaches him the “Gayatri Mantra” with Agni, the fire god as witness. To signify the sanctity of the ritual, it is performed under the cover of a cloth.**



## **Surya Darshanam**

**Tejas seeks the blessings from the Sun God, by looking at the Sun through a peep hole between his palms.**

## Peepal Twig

A twig from the peepal tree is placed into Tejas's right hand, signifying his entry into Brahmacharya. Brahma, Vishnu & Rudra, the three Devas are considered to reside in the Peepal tree.



## Bhikshakaranam

Tejas symbolically asks for alms of rice from his mother, Rathi and other women, teaching him to be humble and control his ego.



## Abhivadhanam

Tejas seeks the blessings of the elders present by saluting them on their feet with sashtaanga namaskaram. He introduces himself to the elders by identifying his lineage (Rishi, Parampara, Gothram, Suthram & Name).

Your love and  
support mean the  
world to us, and we  
look forward to  
creating cherished  
memories together

*With best compliments from*

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