

GOD Canada newsletter – February 2021

Cherished Memories - The Guardian Against Evil Spells

This series chronicles interesting experiences recounted by the devotees of HH Maharanyam Sri Sri Muralidhara Swamiji. These articles are from the series, “Cherished Memoirs” that is published Namadwaar.org

Ambur is a lively town located in the Vellore district., about 3 hours drive from Chennai city. This town is full of steadfast devotees of our Guru Maharaj. They are all simple people with simple minds, simple life-styles and steadfast faith on the Maha Mantra. For them Sri Sri Swamiji’s word is the divine command and the Maha Mantra is the only worship. All events- be it personal or social in the lives these devotees are marked by Mahamantra Kirtan.

At the request of the devotees, Sri Swamiji consented to visit the famous Muruga Temple located in the Ambur Sugar Mills campus.

To give a brief background about this temple, it was once thronged by devotees. Suddenly the number of visitors to the temple started dwindling rapidly and the activities in the temple too came to a standstill. Nobody could figure out the reason for this unexpected turn of events.

The representatives of the Sugar mills had heard about our Guru Maharaj through their friends in Ambur and made up their minds that Sri Swamiji alone could help them solve this problem . They invited Sri Swamiji to the temple and Sri Swamiji too visited the temple a couple of months ago.

Even as He entered the temple, Sri Swamiji asked those around if there had been any unnatural death in the campus. The locals were taken aback totally. They could not believe their ears. 'Yes Swamiji', they said in a coy yet perplexed tone, 'You are absolutely correct. A person was murdered here . In fact, we were too embarrassed to disclose this matter to you.'

Sri Swamiji told them that all this undesirable things were happening in the temple because of that only and suggested some remedial measures and Mahamantra Kirtan. The temple authorities implemented it immediately and organized Maha Mantra Kirtan.

Very recently, Swamiji visited the temple again. the sadness that was seen in the faces of the temple representatives last time around was not there. They were no more gloomy. All faces wore a broad smile. They had followed the words of Swamiji and things were getting back to normalcy. Devotees had once again begun visiting the temple as before and everything was beginning to look up and positive like before .

They profusely thanked Sri Sri Swamiji for his goodwill and compassion in rejuvenating the temple and bringing back its lost glory.

Sri Sri Swamiji just gave a gentle smile, which expressed the motherly affection and love that a million words cannot express.

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Fond Memories Of Bliss – Part 4

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Let me now travel down the memory lane. This was about a good twenty years ago.

My eldest brother Swaminathan is known among family circles as Babu. He was the first in our family to come into the fold of Sri Swamiji. Then came my other brother Sundar.

Those times were golden periods for us, as Sri Swamiji was not known to the world and we had a very good opportunity to stay in His divine presence for long hours. There used to be just five or six aides with him.

My brother clearly remembers the initial days of his association with His Holiness.

During that time, Sri Swamiji used to ever be in deep consciousness of His Holiness Sri Chandrasekerendra Saraswati Swamigal of Kanchi alone. Any word that came from his mouth would be about the Saint. Even if He tried to talk something else, He wouldn't be able to.

Whenever He heard someone with the name ‘Chandrasekar’, His eyes would start watering like a perpetual fall. Hearing that very name would horripilate Sri Swamiji. The same would happen when He saw the Maha Swamigal's photograph or even a bus that went to Kanchipuram.

Looking at these, I could cognize that some divine transformation was happening within Sri Swamiji. I couldn't understand anything beyond that.

During those days, Sri Sri Swamiji used to stay in a small room. This small room had no bathroom or toilet nor did it have any sophistication or facilities for communication. It used to contain only a mat and a photograph of the Kanchi Maha Swamigal. Those were the only belongings of Sri Swamiji.

Then Sri Swamiji would never touch money. He wouldn't take bath nor brush his teeth for long periods. His diet was very restrictive. It was devoid of rice. His only intake was some buttermilk and fruit juice.

He used to meditate for long hours without any break. He would get lost in His meditative world for hours together. Often, He would sit in the room and ask us to lock it up from outside. He would sit in His posture for meditation at 8:00 am. He would go deep into this state. We would open the room at 2:00 pm only to see Him in exactly the same posture as He was that morning.

Once, it was about midnight, and I went to see Him. The room was locked from inside and I noticed that a queer and wonderful fragrance emanated from the room through the door aperture. The fragrance was just divine and unexplainable. I knew for fact that the room did not contain any flowers, incense sticks or any other artificial fragrances whatsoever. I was astounded by this strange experience. Confused, I went back to sleep.

The phenomenon was ringing in my mind all through the night and the next morning, I knocked the door. As soon as Sri Swamiji opened the door, I narrated to Him my earlier night's experience. Sri Swamiji gently replied, 'Yes! that happens at times, when I am in meditation.'

Sometimes, in the nights, when I go to His room, I would not find Sri Swamiji. However, He would be back the next morning. He would avoid answering our questions about his absence. When compelled, out of love for us, he would reveal that He was meditating in the burial ground!

I have heard similar stories about great Mahans like Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Seshadri Swamigal etc. The boundaries of my intellect were limited in that I could relate these experiences of Sri Swamiji to those of such great Mahans. I never comprehended beyond that.

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Govindapuram

As we continue to explore Sri Swamiji's compositions on various deities and kshetras, let us travel to Govindapuram.

Govindapuram is a village in Thanjavur district in Tamil Nadu, India. It is situated at a distance of 7 kilometres from Kumbakonam and 27 kilometres from Mayiladuthurai and 1 kilometre from Thiruvudaimarudur. It is said this is named after the minister Govinda Dikhita of Raghunatha Nayaka who ruled Thanjavur in 17/18th century. Govindapuram is the final abode of Kanchi Shankaracharya Bodhendra Saraswathi whose samadhi is located here. The samadhi is maintained by the Kanchi mutt.

ராகம் : கானடா தாளம்: ஆதி

01) பக்திம் தேஹி ஸ்ரீ குரோ

பகவந்நாம போதேந்த்ர குரோ

02) காவேரீ தீர வாஸ குரோ

காஷாய கமண்டலுதர குரோ

03) நாமாம்ருத ரஸிக குரோ - நர

நாராயண ஸ்வரூப குரோ

04) ஸர்வ சாஸ்த்ர பாரங்கத குரோ

ஸதாசார ஸம்பன்ன குரோ

05) பக்த மண்டல பூஜித குரோ

பாகவத படன பராயண குரோ

06) கலி ஜ்வர கண்டன குரோ

கருணாரஸ பரிபூர்ண குரோ

07) நாமான்ய ஸாதன விமுக குரோ

நாம முரளிதரஸ்ய மம குரோ

English Transliteration

Raga: Kanada Tala: Adi

01. bhakthim dEhi shrI gurO
bhagavannAma bOdhEndra gurO
02. kAvEri thIra vAsa gurO
kAShAya kamaNDaludhara gurO
03. nAmAmritha rasika gurO - nara
nArAyaNa svarUpa gurO
04. sarva shAstra pArangatha gurO
sadAchAra sampanna gurO
05. bhaktha maNDala pUjitha gurO
bhAgavatha paThana parAyaNa gurO
06. kali jvara khaNDana gurO
karuNArasa paripUrNa gurO
07. nAmAnyA sAdhana vimukha gurO
nAma muraLIdharasya mama gurO

Toronto Monthly Sathsang Report for Jan 2021

With the Blessings of our beloved Guruji and Sri Madhuri Sakhi Sametha Premika Varadha Takurji, GODToronto Sathsang families continued to have weekly E-sathsangs in Jan 2021. We also had the following special e-sathsangs.

Dec 17 - Jan 14, 2020 - 5.00 am to 12 noon and 3 pm to 5 pm - Akanda Nama for Margazhi Month

Jan 01, 2021 - Kalpatharu Day Akanda nama (Part of Global Nama Relay)

Jan 08 / 09, 2021 - on the occasion of Hamunath Jayanthi, we did Sundara Kanda Parayanam.

All the Toronto Satsang Family members, including kids, participated in the

Parayanam

Upcoming Events

Feb 07 - Feb 20, 2021 - Akanda Nama