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The light divine...

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The Blossoms Withered And The Withered Blooms!!

The significant power of the universe and the nature's process are strange but amazing. That which needs to be destroyed is completely obliterated. That which needs to be sustained and grown is nourished. That which needs to stay on forever is protected. Human life and its genesis is like that of a plant- a seed germinates into a sapling, takes form, and grows into a tree, blossoms, matures into a fruit and then withers away as the tree dies. Time also is classified into four seasons as summer, spring, autumn and winter; and these seasonal changes take place according to schedule in different parts of the world. Who has created The universe? Isn't it He, the King of dance, the cosmic dancer?

One is reminded of a Tamil composition- "Aaduginranadi Thillaiyile..." (He who dances at Thillai...). The lord along with his consort Shivakama Sundari, performs his cosmic dance at Chidambaram and that's exactly where the genesis of the world begins, according to research. The process of creation, culture, tradition, mores and evolution are all encompassed there. What is the greatness of this divine dancer?

The siddhars have removed the ignorance from human minds by enlightening spirituality through scientific explanation. To see the cosmic dance staged at the Siddha Sabha is an experience in itself and one needs the proverbial thousand eyes to witness the spectacle in all its glory. The dance manifests into culture, devotion and endless joy. One realizes that He is the one who dances as well as the one who calls the shots; he submits and rules; he makes you think and he is the thought; thus he has the universe wrapped within him. He can create a deluge and destroy the existing world and create a new set of beings. Amongst all the creations of god, that of human, is the most spectacular thing. Siddhars and the enlightened souls had deigned that Ponnambalam, otherwise known as Chidambaram, to be the nucleus and centre of this created world centuries ago. Today's scientists are trying to endorse that scientifically. It's a mere validation of the truth propounded earlier by the siddhars.

Vyagrapada, also known as Patanjali, has already stated that science is a byproduct of spirituality. Vyagrapada translates as (one who has) feet of a tiger, Pulippani Siddhar. He is believed to



have stayed in Chidambaram and through his yogic meditation has proved that science stems from spirituality.

"Your soul is a temple that dwells in your body and hence those who understand life will realize it is Shivalingam"- is what Thirumoolar says. The seed becomes a tree and the tree produces the seed. This life cycle is perpetrated from that cosmic dance. When it is considered that the body is an abode for this dance and when all the body parts are functioning efficiently then one can see this divine dance in place. When the focus changes and a random smatter of thoughts tarnishes the focus then atheism sets in and the process goes

awry. The action of life comes to a grinding halt and like the autumnal leaf the soul sheds its body. We do not say the sun rises but that it sets; similarly we do not claim the moon rises but that it sets. The setting sun and moon will rise again but can the shed soul reclaim the same human form is a big question. So if we desire a state where there is neither birth nor death, no rise and fall, no blooming nor withering we should proceed on a pilgrimage towards the empire of Siddhars.

We must surrender ourselves at the 18 siddhars temple at Madambakkam, the abode of the enlightened souls who get to see the joy of cosmic dance every day. It is in this abode that we can realize that there is no like or dislike, no love or hatred, no withering nor blooming! The basis of the philosophy of salvation will be revealed to us here.

The crystal clear luminescence of the enlightenment of the siddhars shall fall on us and undoubtedly unite us and bond us with the power of the universe. This is the absolute truth. So let's pray and be part of this wonderful cosmic dance.

- Gururji KVLN Sharma

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Editor's Desk



Dear Readers, Congratulations to the children and their parents who have successfully passed and have come out in flying colours in the recent X and XII board exams. We are

stepping into the Ashada month which is considered as very auspicious for Pujas and Vrata [fasts]. In my earlier editor's desk, have shared the importance of Guru's grace or Kripa. Very briefly I would like to touch upon the subject on how our own children can imbibe the same; however small the result might seem to us, it's pertinent in today's age and time to get them involved in a manner that is appealing to the youth of today! Like it is said in the management lessons that to sell any product, one should keep on repeating the same like a parrot until it is heard loud and clear for the

customer to buy the product. We need to use the same principle in dealing with our children for them to pick up. This will definitely yield good results when they grow into an adult. We should tell them that how much ever one may be talented or skilled, we cannot achieve anything without Guru's grace.

We can convince to our children saying as to how we seek advice and guidance from our teachers, parents, doctors etc. for simple things. Similarly, Guru's role is also to give proper guidance in bring the human beings to the right path of spirituality and also releases from bondage of life and death. This is the ultimate truth and everyone will have to come to this path one day for liberation. Guru is the one, who can remove ones ignorance of sorrow and suffering and give us the knowledge. So the earlier the better for better living with the grace of Guru. When children start sharing and caring

for people from a very small age, they become very aware when they grow older. They don't become so self-centered and always think, 'What about me!' Instead they will think, 'What can I do? How can I contribute to mankind and society, how can I make this world a better place? We can get the above transformation of the child by sending them to the camps, where they do some service activity. This sort of spirit in a child will always keep them in the right path. If you make them too selfish, all the time thinking only about themselves, they will not even care for their parents.

Our Mumbai chapter is continuously doing serenity activities like drawing class. Stitching and tailoring class is also proposed. We had started Annadhanam from March hashta puja and doing this on every hashta puja day. Readers, who are interested to be a part of this activity and

noble cause can contact our Mumbai Trust office for the details. I would like reiterate that we have our spiritual group in face book called Sri Seshadri Swamigal 18 Siddhars universal worship center, Madambakkam Chennai for all ongoing serenity/spiritual activities of our trust. Also our trust related videos are available in the YouTube as well. Please check out our SSSSBT website for more details about our Sathguru, Gururji, Shakti Peetam Brindavanam temple, serenity activities and its publication at <http://www.seshadri.info/>.

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- Parvathy S Iyer

Dare To Achieve



Hello and Hi my dear little Kutti friends. The schools must have opened everywhere after the summer vacations. Every Child might

be very eager to attend a fresh academic year, learning new subjects and making new friends. Every person is gifted with a certain talent and each one has potential to make mark of his own in this wide world. Every person has an ability to be different from another with immense possibilities available to each one of us. But we have our own beliefs, misgivings and we have a telescopic/tunnel view of everything and always short of self belief, we are unable to realize our own potential as human beings. We follow a set rules set by our peers. But if you realize your own abilities, potential and the possibilities are immense in front of us. Dare to achieve your true and full potential. I will explain the same with a story which I heard from someone long long ago.

Once in the land of Coastal India there was king Vijeyendra who received a gift of two magnificent falcons from a Persian King. They were mountain/coastal cliff breeding or peregrine falcons, the most beautiful birds one had ever seen. King Vijeyendra gave these majestic birds to his head falconer to be trained.

Several months passed, and one day the head falconer informed the king that though one of the falcons was flying majestically, soaring high in the sky, the other bird had not moved from its branch since the day it had arrived. The king summoned soothsayers, healers and sorcerers from all over his vast kingdom to tend to the falcon, but none could make the bird fly.

Then King Vijeyendra presented the task to a senior member of his court, but the next day, the king saw through the palace window that the bird had still not moved from its perch.

Having tried everything else and failed, the king announced anyone making this falcon will be highly rewarded. Many in his land queued up for this job but no one succeeded. A farmer from Kings' countryside approached the Prime minister to help out the king. So the King told the farmer, "Go and get the bird to fly."

Next morning, the king was thrilled to see the falcon soaring high above the palace gardens. He ordered his court, "Get me the doer of this miracle." The court quickly located the farmer, who came and stood before the king. The king asked him, "How did you make the falcon fly?"

With his head bowed, the farmer said to the king, "It was very easy, your highness. I simply cut the branch where the bird was sitting."

The farmer was amply rewarded and made a minister in his court.

Moral of the story: Like the Falcon, We are all made to fly and to realize our incredible potential as human beings. But at times we sit on our branches, clinging to the things that are familiar to us. The possibilities are endless, but for most of us, they remain undiscovered. We conform to the familiar, the comfortable, and the mundane. So for the most part, our lives are mediocre instead of exciting, thrilling and fulfilling. Let

us learn to destroy the branch of fear we cling to and free ourselves to the glory of majestic flight!

Now is the time to learn a sloka:

**Annapoorne Sada Poorne,
Shankara Pranavallabhe |
Gyana Vairagya Sidyartham, Bhikshaam
Dehi Cha Parvati ||
Mata Cha Parvati Devi, Pita Devo
Maheswarah
Baandava Shiva Bhaktyascha
Svadeso Bhuvanatrayam.**



Meaning:

O Annapurna, Who art ever full, the beloved life-force of Lord Sankara - Shive, O' Parvathi – grant me alms that I be firmly established in Knowledge and Renunciation. Mother is Shakti, father is Shiva, relatives are the devotees of Shiva and own country is all the three worlds.

Bye now till we meet next.

- Seshadri Mama.

Progress Of Cow Shed - Goshala Construction



Be The Fortunate One



In dire need of Ten thousand rupees, Ragu runs to a moneylender Lalaji for financial help to see his ailing father in the village. Ragu promised to

return the dues within a month on his return from his village but the money lender however wanted some assurance and security for the loan. Ragu had nothing to offer other than his healthy horse. The moneylender took sympathy, gave Ragu the money, and asked him to leave immediately for his village and informed Ragu that his men will secure the horse later from his house. Ragu reached home to get his things packed to leave for the village when he notices his horse was dead. Now the question in Ragu's mind was should he go back to the moneylender and tell him about his horse or should he handle the situation, once back, on his return from the village. He chose to leave immediately and handle the situation later on his return.

The money lenders' men reach Ragu's house only to find the dead horse, Lalaji as a money lender decides not to let go of anything and decides to recover his money with or without Ragu's horse and decides to puts an advertisement in the news paper as under:

Lottery Lottery

"Horse for A Rupee" the winner gets a horse, and if he dislikes, we return his money

In the coming week one lakh people applied for the lottery and Lalaji now had collected one lakh from Ragu's dead horse worth ten thousand Rupees with a clean profit of Ninety thousand. After the lottery, the disappointed lottery winner did not bother to even collect back his one rupee after seeing the dead horse.

Ragu on his return, visits Lalaji to say sorry, but was surprised to hear his loan of ten thousand was waived off.

This is business - Lalaji made ninety thousand rupees from a dead horse. While I Personally would look at it as utter loss, for the following reasons:

- having given Ragu the loan of Ten thousand rupees.
- then realising getting cheated with a dead horse.
- having to recover the money loaned.
- and to handle the dead horse.
- feel unfortunate

However, Lalaji a good businessperson saw there is always value and opportunity in everything and for every service rendered. It is only how you look at it, He was very fortunate. In this, case the moneylenders' gain is tangible as it can be seen and felt. And to say the moneylender was fortunate is intangible as it's neither seen nor felt. Being Fortunate is in our hand.

Service to GOD is intangible. Here the Gains are accumulated and are gifted to you in form of:

- Good Fortune
- Happiness
- Good health
- Good job
- Good marriages
- Good family and wealth

So dare to do service to God and humankind and accumulate rewards. Now a few words about our

Sathguru Sri Seshadri Swamigal Brindivanam Trust:

This Trust under the guidance of Sri Seshadri Swamigal and our Guruji K V L N Sharma ji emphasises on upliftment of children around the vicinity of Madambakkam - The Venue of the Goddess Ambal and the 18 siddhars. Regular Annadhanam, Medical camps and Educational help is provided to the underprivileged children. The Mumbai chapter is open to all who wish to serve for this Noble cause to uplift mankind and kindly do not hesitate to call us if you wish to serve the lord and be the fortunate one, Come join us.

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**- Ravindranath
Mumbai SSSSBT Coordinator**

Important Days

JULY 2015

- 01 Pournami
- 05 Guru Peyarchi / Jupiter Transition Moves to Mithuna Rasi from Kataka Rasi
- 15 Amavasya / New Moon Day
- 17 Aadi Pandighai / Festival
- 22 Sathguru Sri Seshadri Swamigal Hasta Nakshatra Abhishekam
- 31 Pournami

AUGUST 2015

- 03 Aadi Perukku - 18th Day of Aadi month
- 08 Aadi Krittigai
- 14 Aadi Amavasya / New Moon Day
- 16 Aadi Pooram Akanda Lalitha Sahasranama Parayanam / Recitation
- 18 Naaga Chaturthi Sathguru Sri Seshadri Swamigal Hasta Nakshatra Abhishekam
- 28 Varalakshmi Vrutham Aroopa Lakshmi Pratista Day
- 29 Pournami Avani Avittam Onam Pandigai / Festival

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 05 Gokulashtami
- 12 Amavasya / New Moon Day
- 15 Sathguru Sri Seshadri Swamigal Hasta Nakshatra Abhishekam
- 17 Vinayaga Chaturthi
- 27 Pournami

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Elevating Idaikkaadar Siddhar Enlivens Us



Mystery shrouds the lives of the Siddhars and more so their sayings or compositions. It is for us to get cracking to find the mystic meanings in

their sayings or the actions in their lives. One who hoists our intellectual intensity in the quest for the mundane or the profound – Iha and Para soukyam – in this birth itself is none other than Idaikkaader Siddhar, who is adored

at the Madambakkam Padinen Siddhar Shakti Peeda Brindavanam. The worship hereof the Idaikkader Siddhar is manifold due to the omniscience and presence of Sri Lalitha Tripura Sundari and Sathguru Sri Seshadri Swamigal and one is more than assured to get the everlasting blessings of Sri Idaikkaader. He says:

*Manam Vaak Kaayam Enum Vaaittha Porikku Ettaadha
Dinakaranai Nenjathil Sevithu pottreere!*

Which means the eternal wisdom like the perennial Sun can be contained within oneself with the help of instruments of the body like mind word and intellect that leads us to the crucial activity - the quest of the divine. He is easily obtained by love or Bhakti that is beyond the clutches of the three instruments of mind word and action. Idaikkaader says when we look within we find the Master within ourselves and thereby invokes for the path of worship.

Lets take brief look into his life – Born in a shepherd family at Idaikkaadu, he is engaged in the grazing of goats. Once a celestial Siddhar happened to see him and came down to visit him. Apart from his blessings he taught him astrology, spiritualism, medicine, yoga and all possible branches of knowledge. Idakkaader became Siddhar himself with divine and astrological powers to have a peep in to future. He taught his goats to feed on leaves available during famine and built a house for them by mixing grains called 'guruvaragu' and clay.

A famine, as foreseen by the Siddhar affected large areas, so severe that none survived except his goats, living on the greenery while he himself managed life with eating grains on the walls and goat milk. The nine planets were amazed at this and visited Idaikkaader Siddhar, who greeted them and offered them with food made of dried grains along with goat milk. Soon after, the planets fell asleep. Idaikkaader changed their moving positions conducive for good rains that lashed the famine stricken area to restore life, crops, forests and bring cheer to mankind. Planets were so pleased with his intelligence, sharpness and goodness for others, that they blessed Idaikkaader with boons and wishes, empowering him.

Belonging to the Sanga Kaala period, in which Tamil literature flourished, he also composed songs full of mysticism, notable among them being – Idaikkaada gnyaana Soothiram and Idaikkada Kanida Nool covering general knowledge and mathematics. He was deeply devoted to the Avathara of Lord Vishnu, amongst which he considered those of Rama, Krishna and Narasimha as

important for following precepts in our lives.

If we therefore hold Idaikkaader Siddhar as our mentor then we need to properly seek his blessings to attain purpose of our lives. Let us pray unto him thus

Aayanaraay avadarithu Aandiyaa Urudharithu Abalaigalukk Aruliya Konar Perumane!

Oduhindra Grahangalai Kodupottu Padukkavaitha Parandaamanain Avathaaram!

Mann Sirakka Vinn Sirakka Kadaikkann thirandu Kaappeer Idaikkaader Swamiye!

This is not merely the dhyana slokam but one that signifies the glory, power and life of idaikkaader Siddhar Himself. This indicates that he was born in a shepherd's family and yet taking to the ways of the pauper, he helped the weak, helpless, and the destitute women with his mercy and grace. He is considered the incarnation of the Divine Lord Mahavishnu or the embodiment of the Super power who could change the paths of the moving powerful planets to his dictates (to produce beneficial results). We only seek his benign glances full of mercy to save us and this world to prosper well. Help us rise higher in spiritual world to earn the pleasant peace. Mercury is the planet representing him and worshipping Idaikkaader Siddhar brings us all the benefits of that planets and restricting all negative influences.

We must begin our worship at a holy place, cleaned and decorated. The Image or portrait of Idaikkaader Siddhar is mounted on a wooden platform smeared with turmeric and adorned with Kolam designs. Idaikkader Swami is decorated with turmeric, Sandal paste and kumkum. Fragrant garlands are placed around the picture with flowers for offering. The lighted oil lamps -Kuthuvilakku - add to the poignant atmosphere to instill the presence of the Siddhar. He is adorned with green cloth. He is offered the famous 16 Potris as archana, along with coconut flowers, jasmine,, jathi flowers and sacred ash for the pooja. Moola mantram of the Siddhar- "Om Shreem Idaikkaader Siddhar Swamiye Potri" - is recited a 108 times to invoke him our hearts.

After the pooja is done the Siddar is offered tender coconut water, milk, fruits and water, apart from other traditional offerings like sweets, rice preparations, puddings and more. The prayers are made completing the pooja with Mangala Aarathi.

One realises that He is the embodiment of compassion, who also shines as the Sun on the earth and is



Sri Idaikkaadar Siddhar

protective of the universe. The Siddhar, who resides in the deep forests that house the natural forces within, is the radiance of the divine light itself. He is found to be within the medicines through which he reaches us. He bestows for us the grace of Shree Mahalakshmi even as he is out to protect the 'Karu' the embryo of life as also the Pasukkal (animal wealth or spiritually the Jeevatmas). He has the Angusham, the instrument to tame the elephants- philosophically to control our minds. Idaikkaader Siddhar, who revels witnessing the cosmic dance of Lord Krishna on the head of the serpent Kaalinga. Also is fond of tender coconut water! He is enshrined in the caves; yet is the in-dweller of the Bheejaakshara Mantra "Shreem." He enlivens with the leelas or the divine shows of the majestic magic of the Master. He, therefore, is ever present for our sake with his Abhaya varada Hastam – the Hand that bestows all goodness and wards off all fears!

At a mundane level, we find impediments to our educational pursuit removed while improving our intelligence quotient, imaginative and cognitive skills. Administration of educational institutes or schools will find problems easing. For those engaged in business or trade there will be progress even as problems are eliminated. Government related issues will be resolved. On the health front, skin dis orders will vanish hile the childless couple will be blessed with their progeny. Prayers to Idaikkaader Siddhar are answered, one cannot but unswervingly bo to his power and prowess.

- V. Narayanan

Teachings of Saints



Sri Seshadri Swamigal

Ignorance lasts as long as one has ego. There can be no liberation so long as the ego remains. "O! God, Thou Art The Doer and Not I"- that is knowledge. The feeling of "Thee and Thine" is the out come of knowledge; "I and mine" comes from ignorance. Knowledge makes one feel, "O! God, Thou Art The Doer And I Am Thy Instrument

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"SATHGURU HAS TAKEN OVER"



Greetings to you all dear patrons and devotees. Sathguru Sri Seshadri Swamigal, who as the Sukshma Mahan has his mesmerising role hidden in the lives of many. What follows is more than an account of a devotee where Sathguru Sri Seshadri Swamigal's miracles were experienced in his life. Before I could explain the miracles of the Mahan involving me, it is necessary to give you the context and background about me, my activities and my business experience in this opening presentation.

I am a graduate Electronics Engineer and after working for about ten years with well known companies, wanted to begin anew.; Since it was not difficult to get finance to manufacture items with Government help, after the Bank Nationalisation, I started my own venture as an electronics manufacturing unit at Dombivili MIDC, in the outskirts of Mumbai with a capital given as Bank Loan in 1968. We had 10, 000 sq.ft area and about 100 people were working with us at the peak of business. We were given enough help by the banks who assured us, as we were truthful and stuck to our words. We touched Rs. One crore turnover during 1993-94. Now this could be equivalent to 50-60 crores, in this since I was then drawing a salary of Rs.65,000/- as a director and was happy that I was also able to save some money.

All ups have downs as per Newton's third law. So during 1993-94, when our Government decided to open up the economy, monopoly of Govt. established manufacturing set-ups upon which we were dependent, went out of business. At the same time, banking laws of the Banks also were changed. Since the Finance Portfolio was handled by the RBI Governor, he knew what the banks were doing to show profits. He removed all those anomalies and made Manager of Banks accountable. He had implemented a rule by which any company that defaults

in payments of their interest or instalment for six months would be classified as NPA and the facilities provided by the bank to the company be withdrawn to foreclose the facility asking for payment. The problem for company would begin that would ultimately end in litigation, if payment is not made. Government companies made heavy losses and when such big companies close, they led to small companies like ours folding up and that's what had happened. During 1998, a suit was filed by the bank for recovery of Rs.60 lacs from us. This claim went on for some time and I could get a compromise proposal for Rs.19lacs.

During the period of earlier success, I had started another company for manufacturing Test & Measuring Instruments. This also went into loss and a suit was filed for recovery of Rs.19 lacs. A compromise proposal for Rs..9.50lacs was received by us from the Bank, after discussions, negotiations etc. Those compromise proposals, given to us by the bank, were only because we did not cheat the bankers.

So many companies, however, defaulted and could not settle. Hence, RBI came out with a proposal that the companies who were not wilful defaulters be asked to pay only the principal amount and forgo the interest, penalty portion. This was in 2000 and we went to the bank, and discussed about this. They have informed us that once a compromise proposal was already given no other mode of settlement was possible. The door was closed for us.

In the meantime, I could arrange funds (Rs.9.50lacs) in 2000 and asked the bankers to clear one company. The manager, fortunately for us, asked us to deposit the money in a No-lien account till the matter got sorted out.

As luck would have it, since I was a Common Director for both the companies, the Bankers told us that both the accounts would be cleared at one go. We explained that for the Dombivili company, unless the land was sold, we

could not close the company and as Income-Tax for both the companies were assessed separately that cannot be coupled. This argument was not acceptable to them. I therefore withdrew the money and paid it back to those who helped. I now prayed and waited for better times and I was not doing anything during that particular period. There was something to happen

In the meanwhile after this, our acquaintance, who was one of the Patrons of the Sathguru Seshadri Swamigal Trust has put pressure on us and pulled us to the trust. I reluctantly went along with my spouse to the South Indian Bhajana Samaj at Matunga, a suburb in Mumbai. We got introduced to our Guruji - Shri KVLN Sharma. From that day my fate, fortune or whatever you call, changed for the better, I should now say! After our introduction, our horoscopes were seen by Guruji and prediction given. There was a Pournami Pooja (function on a full moon day) in the evening on that day in one of the Patron's place. We became anxious whether we would be called to attend or not, since we were not members of the trust.

But around 4pm we received a phone call from the patron to attend the pooja. We were really thrilled!

There we were able to speak to Sathguru Seshadri Samigal through our Guruji, who had blessed us and comforted us by saying that "Mani Maniyaai rendu kuzhandhaigal irukkappa!" After this, why should we worry? is what we felt. We were more than comforted. This happened during January 15th, 2001 or so. We were directed to become members and then we started our Trust work.

Now coming back to my filing the suit relating to the two companies which was pending and staying like a rock without any clue, I went to the bankers to clear up. During the period of relaxation of payment of due amount without interest, I had gone to the Bank and requested settlement, he said he couldn't do

anything since there was no compromise proposal pending. This visit was undertaken by me sometime during August 2000. I had felt helpless at that time.

After coming to the trust during Jan. 2001, I just took a chance and went to the bank to inquire about the settlement, since all bankers wanted to close problem accounts by March end in 2001. Here the compromise amount was Rs.9.50 lacs. So when I visited bank in March 2001, I found fortunately the same Manager seated in the chair. I hesitatingly asked him about the settlement of my principal without interest.

Here comes the Miracle. After initial talks, the bank Manager asked me how much I could pay. I told him without warning Rs. 4.5 lacs. He thought for a while about that and told me to get Rs.5.5 lacs, a lac more. I agreed and told him that I would close the account by March 2001 I had agreed without any money in my hand nor had any idea how I could get that Rs.5.5lacs, a huge sum in those days.

Around 20th March or so, my relative from abroad called me up to find out about our well-being. He asked me what I was thinking about. I told him the facts about the fund requirement by 31st March 2001. He listened to me and kept the phone down by just telling OK.

MY JOB IS DONE; SATHGURU HAS TAKEN OVER! I got a call from my relative on March 26, to inform me that cash would be delivered to me in a couple of days. On 28th March I received the cash and settled the matter with the Bank and obtained the 'NO DUES' letter by 31st March 2001. What is this supposed to be other than a miracle? When it was least expected. Suit was filed for Rs.19lacs in which a compromise formula was Rs.9.5 lacs while the out of court settlement ended with just Rs.5.5lacs!

I realised an avalanche merely skidded off without a scratch! More follows.

To be continued...

- Raman Iyer, Mumbai

SATHUGURU - EPITOME OF KINDNESS

II "Karuna Saagaram Shantam, Arunachalavasinam Sri Seshadri Gurum Vaande Brahme bootam Taponitim" II

We patrons, in Sesha family chant the above sloka before we start our day's activity, or puja etc. The meaning is Seshadri Swamigal who had his abode at Tiruvannamalai, who is epitome for kindness onto him we surrender and take a bow.

Through a recent experience of mine, I would like to narrate a very recent episode right in front of my eyes & all in my family were also present! What transpired, we consider nothing short of a miracle by the grace of Sathguru. This one was really overwhelming and humbling.

My parents were visiting me in Mumbai after the gap of four and half years and I was to spend quality time with them which I have been yearning for. Being a perfectionist, I had planned their tickets well in advance of four months and kept their entire itinerary for 3 weeks planned well in advance, so that there are no hiccups or inconvenience, which will disrupt their comfort. Everything went in clock precision and as per planned. Finally their departure day arrived and my husband, my younger son and I accompanied them to the airport see them off with a heavy heart. After dropping them off my husband had to proceed to his office, as he had taken a half day as informed in the office. My son and I waited until they completed the security check. Within 5 minutes, my father came to the entrance with the e-

Ticket and told me that ticket is Null and Void as per the ground staff as the flight had already taken off!! Upon inspection, I realised to my shock that I had booked for 02.55AM flight from one of the leading Airlines four month back assuming it was an afternoon 2.55PM flight. I remained very calm and composed and told my father that we shall try and do something quickly. Firstly, I called my husband immediately back who was on still on the way to his office and told him everything. In the meanwhile, me & my son immediately checked in the ticketing counter and asked them the alternative step. They very clearly said that firstly the eTicket is NON Refundable and to top it, it's now a "NO SHOW" status. Hence it is Null and Void and we need to purchase totally new tickets. My parents had some back to back other schedules lined up back in Chennai and they could not afford to postpone more than one day. My parents were tensed up after hearing the new ticket cost (it was 6 times the price which it was booked at- being peak holiday season). If we had to calculate 3 tickets for my parents and my nephew, it was a huge sum that was involved. My parents started telling that they would like to go by train if possible and to avoid spending so much money. Even though I was very calm and composed from outside, from inside I had lots of questions going on as to how come I had made such a blunder and only I need to sort out. Also what went wrong or what I had

done wrong that we are put up to this situation. One day prior to my parent's departure, I was expressing with my husband that in the 3 weeks of parents stay, I have not been able to perform my Sathguru weekly Abhishekam puja due to hectic schedules with them. My husband consoled me saying that you are doing excellent seva to your parents and that is very important. As the sloka goes, Mata, Pita, Guru Daivam. So Sathguru would have been definitely pleased with your seva to your parents. This thought also came to my mind and feeling for a moment, may be Sathguru is not happy with me as after all I am also a normal human being to think this way.

My husband reached the airport and in the meanwhile he had spoken to his relative; who was a very senior Engineer with the airline for help; but since he did not have a direct access to Operations / Commercial department- this case was an extremely difficult one to resolve. However he knew a childhood friend, who was working with the same airline and said he will try his luck & take his advice; if he could provide some alternative way out. The friend asked him to wait for half an hour as it was lunch time & many staff would be on lunch break. In the meanwhile my husband made a tentative booking at the next alternate day -3 days later. Those 30 minutes seemed like 30 days & while we were discussing how this turn of fate after 3 good weeks turned out, that too at time of departure, that it

could be "Drishiti" or various other factors; we increased our prayers to the Sathguru. My husband got the call and told me that his friend managed to get tickets for the same night at no extra cost!! That meant we got the benefit of not paying 6 times for the current tickets. Additionally he told me that he also managed to give the ticket without giving any single penny as he had managed to convert the NULL & VOID ticket into the night ticket. This means that a possible loss of those tickets was also avoided [as they were being treated as null & void]. Additionally all charges were also waived out (cancellation / no-show + deduction on taxes ...etc.) After hearing this, I broken down with tears and probably I had cried after a long time. Sathguru has made me so strong that I forgot to cry and even if I wanted to was not able to. I was so touched and overwhelmed his Karunai that he had showered upon us. Then I realised what my husband told was cent percent correct. Parent's seva should be first and right thing I had done. I consider my first Guru as my beloved father because of whom I have found my beloved Guruji and Sathguru. This incidence only shows that how a Guru's grace helps us in all our crisis and our good times.

Must make an indirect mention that our Shirdi visit was profoundly blessed through this friend of my husband as he derives his name from that guru who also happens to be our Sathguru's contemporary in Shirdi!

- Parvathy S Iyer



July
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in hiding. You have Raja yoga. The beneficial effects that were impeded will now start falling in place. Marital compatibility will be satisfactory. Employees are warned not to take hasty decisions. Industrialists and traders will rake in profit through sea trade. Women may face some confusion within the family but they will be soon resolved. Students will be reasonably satisfied with the progress of their education. Artists will benefit through foreign contacts. Politicians will have unexpected gain of positions. Farmers will have a reasonably good yield. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings. You need to be absolutely careful while travelling.

Lucky no: 5; colour: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Lord Anjaneya on Saturdays; Siddhars: Karuvloor and Kapliar siddhar on Saturdays; Chandrashtamam: 25th-28th; avoid making important decisions.

August
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in decline. You are facing the effects of Ashtama sani. You may face some tensions but they will soon fade away. Marital compatibility will be troubled by small issues. Employees are warned to maintain patience. Industrialists and businessmen are warned not to invest in real estate. Women need to be careful when they travel. Students will be satisfied with the progress of their education. Artists will benefit through foreign travels. Politicians will have property disputes but they will be resolved. Farmers will have a reasonably good yield. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 6; colour: grey; day: Friday; Direction: South east; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Maha Bogar and Pulipani on Tuesdays; Chandrashtamam: 22nd-24th; avoid making important decisions.

September
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in decline. You are facing the effects of Ashtama sani. As Jupiter is in the 5th house he will reduce the mal-effects. Love marriages will take place. Your financial state will be satisfactory. Employees will gain salary hikes. Industrialists and businessmen will enjoy good profits. Women need to be careful with their health. Students will be satisfied with the progress of their education. Artists will be honored. Politicians will have an unexpected windfall of money. Farmers will be relieved of their debts. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 3; color: yellow; day: Thursday; Direction: North; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Maha Bogar and Pulipani on Tuesdays; Chandrashtamam: 18th-20th ; avoid making important decisions.



July
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in the third house.

You need to be careful in your communication. Do not give room to unnecessary arguments. Marital compatibility will be as usual. Employees are warned not to take hasty decisions. Industrialists and traders should avoid borrowing money. Women may acquire things during the second half of the month. Students will progress well in their education. Television artistes will have a change of professional opportunities. Politicians should avoid miscommunication. Farmers should not entertain guarantee signatures for anyone. This will be an ordinary month.

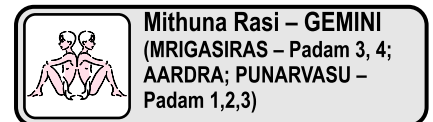
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August
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in the Kendra position. You will find relief from the troubles that you were facing so far. Love marriages will happen. Husband and wife must have a give and take policy. Employees will enjoy salary hikes. Industrialists and traders will yield profits through sea trade. Women may acquire new properties. Students will travel abroad for studies. Television artistes will have a sudden change of professional opportunities. Politicians will be troubled by their siblings. Farmers will have reasonable profits. This will be a good month in general.

Lucky no: 2; color: White; day: Monday; Direction: South West; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: MahaBogar and Pulipani siddhars on Tuesdays; Chandrashtamam: 24th-26th ; avoid making important decisions.

September
The beginning of the month finds the lord of in the third house. You shall be affected by kandaga sani. Employees may have some small troubles but shall be relieved soon. Husband and wife must have a give and take policy. Industrialists and traders will yield good profits. Women will experience joy. Students must study well. Artists will have to take care of their health. Politicians will be careful while travelling. Farmers will have reasonable profits. This will be a good month in general.

Lucky no: 5; color: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Rajakaliamman on Fridays; Siddhars: Siva vakiya and Kailaya kambali sattai muni on Mondays; Chandrashtamam: 20th-25th ; avoid making important decisions.



July
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in a spending position. Fortunately Jupiter is in an exalted position and is in the family house. You will find joy in the family. Employees will have a sudden windfall. Industrialists and traders will rake in unexpected profits. Women will acquire clothes and ornaments. Students will have a chance to study abroad. Artists will benefit through new contacts. Politicians will acquire properties. Farmers will have a good yield. The first half of the month will bring in good tidings but the second will be an ordinary one.

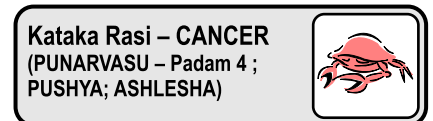
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August
The beginning of the month finds the lord in the second house. Mars is in decline and is along with the sun. There will be some confusion in the family but it will get dispelled right away. Do not rush into love marriages. Employees should not attempt new ventures. Industrialists and traders should avoid borrowing money for business. Women may face a financial crunch and they may need to do propitiations for that. Students should be careful and not get distracted. Artists may have a professional low. Politicians may be punished by the government. Farmers will have a reasonable yield. The first half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 3; color: yellow; day: Thursday; Direction: North; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: MahaBogar and Pulipani on Tuesdays; Chandrashtamam: 26th-28th; avoid making important decisions.

September
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in an exalted position. Jupiter is in the third house. There will be some confusion in the family but it will get dispelled right away. Employees can expect a sudden windfall. Industrialists and traders will gain reasonably. Women may face some mental agony worrying about their mothers. Students should be careful and not get distracted. Artists may have a financial crunch. Politicians may gain reasonably. Farmers will find relief. This will be an average month.

Lucky no: 5; color: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Rajakaliamman on Tuesdays; Siddhars: azhagani and pambatti on Sundays at Rahukalam; Chandrashtamam: 22nd-25th ; avoid making important decisions.



July
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house is in declining position. As you have Jupiter's blessing you will face anxieties but they will be dispelled soon. Husband and wife should have a give and take policy. Love marriages are in the air. Employees will feel rejuvenated. Industrialists and businessmen will rake in profits. Women will find joy in the family. Students will do well in their education. Musicians will do very well for themselves. Politicians should be careful in money transactions. Farmers will have a reasonably good yield through new acquaintances. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings.

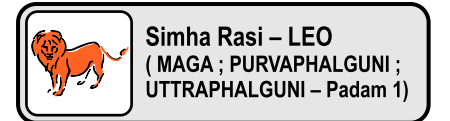
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August

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in the Kendra position. You have Raja Yoga and Vibareetha Raja Yoga. You will have sudden windfall of money and you may end up spending it right away. Obstacles in the way of getting married will be cleared. Employees will feel happy with their financial status. Industrialists and businessmen will rake in profits. Women will find joy in the family. Students will go abroad for their education. Artists will gain professionally through new contacts. Politicians will be honored. Farmers will be relieved of their debts. In general this will be a good month.

Lucky no: 6; colour: grey; day: Friday; Direction: South east; Deity: Rajakaliamman on Fridays; Siddhars: pattinathar and Kaduvelli siddhar on Sundays; Chandrashtamam: 28th-30th; avoid making important decisions.

September
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in a beneficial position. You will find joy in the family. You need to be careful with your words when you communicate. There will be a good compatibility between married couples. Employees, Industrialists and businessmen will rake in profits. Women will find joy in the family. Students will find a new positive turn. Artists will gain professionally through travels abroad. Politicians will acquire new properties. Farmers will celebrate happy occasions at home. In general this will be a good month.

Lucky no: 3; colour: yellow; day: Thursday; Direction: North; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Siva vakiya and Kailaya Kambali sattai muni on Mondays; Chandrashtamam: 25th-27th ; avoid making important decisions.



July
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house is in a beneficial position. You shall be troubled by Arthashtama Sani. You need to be careful with every step you take. There may be a financial crunch. Employees should not get into new ventures. Industrialists and businessmen should avoid borrowing money for business. Women may face mental pressure and tension. They need to do propitiations for that. Artists will be troubled because of women. Politicians will be troubled by policemen and should be careful. Farmers will have a reasonably good yield. The first half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no:1; colour: rose; day: Sunday; Direction: East; Deity: Lord Anjaneya on Saturdays; Siddhars: Karuvloor and Kapliar siddhar on Saturdays; Chandrashtamam: 7th-9th ; avoid making important decisions.

August
The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house is in a spending spree. You are faced with Janma Guru and Arthashtama sani and so you are cautioned to be patient and calm with all your dealings. Do not rush into marriage proposals. Employees should not get into new ventures. Industrialists and businessmen are warned that they will face acute financial crunch. Women may gain by travelling foreign seas. Students should pay extra attention to their studies. Artists will gain from new

acquaintances. Politicians should not invest in new properties. Farmers should hold their tongue and not make sharp remarks. The month will be an average one.

Lucky no:5; colour: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North East; Deity: Lord Anjaneya on Saturdays; Siddhars: Karuvoor and Kapliar siddhar on Saturdays; Chandrashtamam: 3rd-5th August and 30th August to 2nd september ; avoid making important decisions.

September

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in an exalted position. You are cautioned to be patient and calm with all your dealings. Employees would receive unexpected windfall of money. Industrialists and businessmen are warned that they need to be careful when spending money. Women may have some health issues because of excess heat. Students will progress well in their studies. Artistes will have to borrow from one place and repay another debt. Politicians should be careful in what they speak. Farmers will be relieved of their debts. The month will be an average one.

Lucky no: 2; colour: white; day: Monday; Direction: South West; Deity: Lord Dakshinamoorthy on Thursdays; Siddhars: Karuvoor and Kapliar siddhar on Saturdays; Chandrashtamam: 27th-29th; avoid making important decisions.

Kanya Rasi- VIRGO (UTTRA PHALGUNI – Padam 2,3,4; HASTA; CHITRA- Padam1,2)



July

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in a beneficial position. There will be joyous occasions at home. Marital obstacles will be removed. Love will fructify. Employees will get salary hikes. Industrialists and traders will rake in expected profits. Women will feel energized. Students will do well in their studies. Artistes will be honored. Politicians will gain by travelling abroad. Farmers will have a good yield. This will be a good month in general.

Lucky no: 6; colour: grey; day: Friday; Direction: South east; Deity: Shakthi Peeta Ganapathy on Thursdays; Siddhars: Sivavakiya siddhar and Kailaya kambali sattai muni siddhar on Mondays; Chandrashtamam: 9th-11th; avoid making important decisions.

August

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in a beneficial position. There will be joyous occasions at home. But still at times you may have some anxieties but you will soon be relieved of that. Love will fructify and love marriage is in the air. Employees will be able to celebrate house warming ceremonies. Industrialists and traders will find opportunities to invest in new business. Women will feel energized and find joy. Students will travel abroad for their studies. Artistes will acquire properties. Politicians will be troubled by their siblings. Farmers will have a reasonable yield. This month will give 75% benefits.

Lucky no: 5; colour: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Shakthi Peeta Ganapathy on Thursdays; Siddhars: Kudambai and sattai muni siddhar on Fridays; Chandrashtamam: 5th-7th; avoid making important decisions.

September

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in an exalted position. You should not rush into

impulsive decisions. There will be joyous occasions at home. Employees will be able to celebrate house warming ceremonies. Industrialists and traders will find opportunities to invest in new business. Women may face health problems related to the kidney. Students should focus on their studies. Politicians should not get into property disputes. Farmers will have an unexpected windfall. This month will give good benefit in the second half.

Lucky no: 5; colour: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Srichakra Mahameru on Fridays; Siddhars: Mahabogar and pulipani on Tuesdays; Chandrashtamam: 2nd-4th and 29th-1st October; avoid making important decisions.



Thula Rasi - LIBRA (CHITRA - Padam 3,4; SWATI; VISAKA - Padam 1,2,3)

July

The beginning of the month finds your lord in the tenth house. The Moon is on the decline and is found in the family house with Saturn. There would be small skirmishes in the house but they will be resolved on their own. Finances will be satisfactory. Marital compatibility will be as usual. Marriage obstacles will be removed. Employees will gain salary hikes towards the second half of the month. Industrialists and businessmen will make reasonably good profits. Women will acquire new things. Students will have a happy month. Artistes will benefit by travelling abroad. Politicians will be honored. Farmers will be relieved of their debts. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 3; color: yellow; day: Thursday; Direction: North; Deity: Sri chakra Mahameru on Fridays; Siddhars: Karuvoor and Kapliar siddhar on Saturdays; Chandrashtamam: 11th-13th ; avoid making important decisions.

August

The beginning of the month finds your lord is in a beneficial position. 71/2 effects are gradually waning off. All the impediments will be removed and things will start falling in place. Love marriages will take place. Those searching for jobs will be placed. Employees will get an unexpected windfall. Industrialists and businessmen will make great profits. Women will acquire new clothes and ornaments. Students will progress well in their studies. Artistes will benefit by foreign contacts. Politicians will be honored. Farmers will enjoy a grand yield. The month will bring in good tidings like a light out of darkness.

Lucky no: 6; color: grey; day: Friday; Direction: South east; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Maha Bogar and Pulipani siddhar on Tuesdays; Chandrashtamam: 7th-9th ; avoid making important decisions.

September

The beginning of the month finds your lord is in the Kendra position. Things will start falling in place gradually. Love marriages will take place. Marriage obstacles shall be removed. Employees will get a salary hike and promotions. Industrialists and businessmen will make great profits. Women will acquire new properties. Students will progress well in their studies. Artistes will benefit by unexpected foreign travels. Politicians should not invest in properties. Farmers will enjoy a reasonable yield.

The month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 1; color: rose; day: Sunday; Direction: East; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Siva vakiyar and Kailaya kambali sattai muni on Mondays; Chandrashtamam: 4th-6th ; avoid making important decisions.

Vrischika Rasi - SCORPIO (VISHAKA - Padam 4; ANURADHA; JYESHTA)



July

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in the eighth house. You will be plagued by Janma sani. The altered position of Jupiter (Guru Peyarchi) is not satisfactory. You need to be careful with everything that you do. Employees are warned to take extra care and attention at work. Industrialists and traders should practice patience. Women should not give room to confusion. Students will progress in their education. Film artistes will have unexpected money gains. Politicians may get into property disputes. Farmers will benefit through government grants. The first half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 5; colour: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Rajakaliannan on Fridays; Siddhars: Sivavakiya siddhar and kailaya kambali sattai muni siddhar on Mondays; Chandrashtamam: 13th-15th; avoid making important decisions.

August

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in the ninth house in a declining position. You will be plagued by Janma sani. Your family will face some confusions and anxieties. You need to get into some religious activity to retrieve faith. Employees are warned to take extra care and attention at work. Industrialists and traders should be careful when they dispatch products. Women should not jump into hasty decisions. Students will progress in their education. Artistes will have to be careful with their friends. Politicians may get into troubles because of their friends. Farmers will benefit reasonably well. This month will be average.

Lucky no: 5; colour: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Maha Bogar and Puli pani siddhar on Tuesdays; Chandrashtamam: 9th-12th; avoid making important decisions.

September

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in a declining position. You will be plagued by 71/2 sani. You need to be careful when you travel. You should not attempt new ventures. Employees may suddenly find themselves relocated. Industrialists and traders should be careful. Women may face medical expenses. Students will progress in their education. Artistes will have some troubles at home but it will soon be resolved. Politicians may get into troubles because of paternal properties. Farmers will benefit an average yield. This month will be average.

Lucky no: 6; colour: grey; day: Friday; Direction: South east; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Maha Bogar and Puli pani siddhar on Tuesdays; Chandrashtamam: 6th-8th; avoid making important decisions.



Dhanur Rasi - SAGITTARIUS (MOOLA; PURVASHADA; UTTRASHADA - Padam 1)

July

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in an exalted position. You are still affected by the 7 1/2 period of Saturn. You need to be careful when you travel. Some of you may face transfer or relocations. Industrialists and businessmen will gain profits during the second half of the month. Women may travel abroad. Students will find assistance from friends. Artistes will be relieved of debts. Politicians will face troubles created by their wives. Farmers will have a reasonably good yield. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 6; colour: grey; day: Friday; Direction: South east; Deity: Lord Anjaneya on Saturdays; Siddhars: Karuvoor and Kapliar siddhar on Saturdays; Chandrashtamam: 15th-18th; avoid making important decisions.

August

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in a beneficial position. You shall enjoy Raja yoga and Vibareetha Raja yoga. You will have a financially satisfactory month. Marriage obstacles shall be removed. Love is in the air. Employees may undertake a pilgrimage. Industrialists and businessmen will gain profits. Women may gain acquisitions. Students will be relieved of their mental pressures. Artistes will gain by travelling abroad. Politicians will be honored. Farmers will have a reasonably good yield. This month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 3; colour: yellow; day: Thursday; Direction: North; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Sivavakiya and kailaya kambali sattai muni siddhar on Mondays; Chandrashtamam: 12th-14th ; avoid making important decisions.

September

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in a beneficial position. You will find that your impediments are removed and things start moving in your favor. Marriage obstacles shall be removed. Marital compatibility will be satisfactory. Employees will get a promotion. Industrialists and businessmen will gain profits. Women may gain paternal property. Students should study carefully. Artistes will be troubled by their siblings. Politicians will be honored with some honorary designation. Farmers will have a reasonably good yield. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 1; colour: rose; day: Sunday; Direction: East; Deity: Shakthi peeta Ganapathy on Thursdays; Siddhars: Sattai muni and Kudambai on Fridays; Chandrashtamam: 8th-10th ; avoid making important decisions.

Makara Rasi - CAPRICORN (UTTRASHADA - Padam 2,3,4; SHRAVANA; DHANISHTA - Padam 2,3)



July

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in a beneficial position. There shall be new twists and turns in the family. Be careful when you invest in money. Some of you may gain by travelling foreign lands. Be careful and take good care of your health. Employees will travel abroad. Sea traders and export, import business people will do very well for themselves. Women will be energized and find joy in their hearts. Students will have an opportunity to study abroad. Artistes will benefit through new contacts. Politicians will have tangles in money transactions and hence should be careful. Farmers

will be relieved of debts. The first half of the month will bring in good tidings. **Lucky no: 5; colour: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Lord Dakshinamoorthy on Thursdays; Siddhars: Kakabujandar and Agapei siddhars on Thursdays; Chandrashtamam: 18th-20th ; avoid making important decisions.**

August

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in a beneficial position. There shall be new and unexpected windfall of money. Be careful when you invest in money and in your expenses. Employees should not invest in real estate. Industrialists and businessmen should be careful with their income and expense statements. Women will take up sudden trips. Students will have an unexpected opportunity to study abroad. Artistes will have a better financial state. Politicians will gain new designations and roles. Farmers will be relieved of debts. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 5; colour: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Maha Bogar and pulipani on Tuesdays; Chandrashtamam: 14th-17th; avoid making important decisions.

September

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in a beneficial position. There may be minor skirmishes in the family but they will soon be resolved. Husband and wife must adapt a give and take policy. Some of you might find unexpected marriage proposals fructifying. Employees will be satisfied at the work place. Industrialists and businessmen can get a sudden windfall. Women may face some gynecological issues and must pay attention. Students will do well in their studies. Politicians will be troubled by their enemies. Farmers will stand to gain. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 5; colour: green; day:

Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Rajakali amman on Fridays; Siddhars: Maha Bogar and pulipani on Tuesdays; Chandrashtamam: 10th-13th ; avoid making important decisions.



Kumbha Rasi – AQUARIUS (DHANISHTA – Padam 3,4; SATHABHISHAK; PURVABHADRA – Padam 1,2,3)

July

The beginning of the month finds the lord in the tenth house. Marriage obstacles will be removed. You will enjoy a great financial gain. Love is in the air. Employees will enjoy promotions and salary hikes. Industrialists and businessmen will rake in unexpected profits. Women will find joy. Students will do well in their studies. Artistes will benefit through foreign travels. Politicians will acquire property. Farmers will gain through new friends. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 1; colour: rose; day: Sunday; Direction: east; Deity: Lord Anjaneya on Saturdays; Siddhars: Sivavakiyar siddhar and Kailaya kambali chattaimuni siddhar on Mondays; Chandrashtamam: 20th-23rd; avoid making important decisions.

August

The beginning of the month finds the lord in the tenth house. Your enemies are likely to conspire against you. Employees should work with caution. Love marriages are likely to happen. Industrialists and businessmen will have a satisfactory financial position. Women will find joy and take up pleasure tours. Students will receive sudden good news. Artistes will benefit through foreign travels. Politicians will be plagued by their enemies. Farmers will gain through new friends. The second half of the month will bring in good tidings.

Lucky no: 6; color: grey; day: Friday; Direction: South east; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Azhugani and pambatti

siddhar on Fridays; Chandrashtamam: 17th-19th; avoid making important decisions.

September

The beginning of the month finds the lord in the tenth house. Hard work will yield results. You need to pay attention to your health. Love marriages will happen. Employees would find joy at work. Industrialists and businessmen will gain by investing in new ventures. Women will face medical expenses. Students should give up their indifference towards studies. Artistes may have to spend on medical expenses. Politicians will be plagued by debts. Farmers will find relief. The month will bring in average benefits in general.

Lucky no:1; color: rose; day: Sunday; Direction: East; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Maha Bogar and Puli pani on Tuesdays ; Chandrashtamam: 13th-15th ; avoid making important decisions.

Meena Rasi – PISCES (PURVA BHADRA – Padam 4; UTTRABHADRA; REVATHI)



July

The beginning of the month finds the lord of your house in an exalted position. Avoid unnecessary arguments at home. Husband and wife should indulge in give and take policy. Employees should practice patience. Industrialists and traders will have an ordinary month. Women may face some medical expenses. Students should be careful when moving with friends. Artistes will be troubled by debts. Politicians will have to incur medical expenses. Farmers will face troubled because of delays caused by the government. The first half of the month will be good.

Lucky no: 6; colour: grey; day: Friday; Direction: South east; Deity: Lord Dakshinamoorthy on Thursdays; Siddhars: kakabujandar and Agapei siddhars on Thursdays; Chandrashtamam:

23rd-25th; avoid making important decisions.

August

The beginning of the month finds the lord is in the sixth house. Avoid unnecessary arguments at home. Husband and wife may face medical expenses. Employees should not rush into hasty and impulsive decisions. Industrialists and traders should avoid borrowing money for business. Women may face some troubles related to the uterus. They need medical attention. Students should be careful when moving with friends. Artistes should avoid borrowing money. Politicians may be punished by the government. Farmers will gain reasonably good yield. This will be an average month in general.

Lucky no: 5; color: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Lord Muruga on Tuesdays; Siddhars: Azhagani and Pambatti siddhars on Fridays at Rahu Kalam; Chandrashtamam: 17th-19th ; avoid making important decisions.

September

The beginning of the month finds the lord in the sixth house. You have Sagada Yogam. You may be betrayed by the ones you trust so be warned. You need to be careful and patient with everything. Employees should not rush into hasty and impulsive decisions. Industrialists and traders should avoid borrowing money for business. Women may face some health issues and need to take good care. Students may have to travel abroad unexpectedly. Artistes would gain through their children. Politicians should move with caution. Farmers will gain average yield. The second half of the month will be beneficial.

Lucky no: 5; color: green; day: Wednesday; Direction: North east; Deity: Rajakali amman on Fridays; Siddhars: Sattai muni and Kudambai on Fridays; Chandrashtamam: 15th-18th ; avoid making important decisions.

SSSBT Practices Precept of Service at Arubathu Moovar Festival

In the month of early April this year, a spectacle beyond belief unfolded at Mylapore in Chennai during the Arubathu Moovar Festival when the 63 Saivaite Saints were adored, worshipped and brought out in chariots and palanquins for the devoted to pay their respects and in the process learn about the glory of Lord Shiva, His minstrels and his divine interlude in the lives of his devotees.

Arubathu Moovar Festival has many leads to its legend – that of devotion, of festivities of temple, of enactment of Periya Puranam episodes and that of service which entwines the society with examples of virtue, sterling character and lofty ideals. These elevate man to the human and the divine with the seeds of spiritual fervour taking roots for cultural and traditional life.

The Panguni festival of which the Arubathu Moovar procession is a part, began on March 25, 2015 at the Kapaleeswarar temple with the flag hoisting amidst Agama principles with the pooja for the deities, grama devata salutation including that of kolavizhiamman. Vedic chanting, Nadaswaram recital, music sessions added to the delight of the multitude



assembled there. Lord Shiva as Kapaleeswarar, Devi Karpagambal, Lord Ganapathi and Valli devasena sametha Muruga came out on their chariots. Other deities of the temple, Samayakkuravergal and the tamil Nalvar, on their mountings along with Arubathu Moovar mounted on palanquins and set to different decorations and adorned with fragrant flowers and festoons marked the day and piety among the devotees. The festival ended on April 3, 2015 setting the trend for the next year's activities.

In the past the quest for release from bondage of many kinds led to seeking the eternal release from the cycle of life and death. And, what better way than to surrender unto the lord for one's Moksha or liberation? The first step for this was shown as Bhakti which culminates into Saranagati - the surrender. This is the yearning for the lord from the heart's core and the

belief that he saves us from the mundane while bestowing his final grace of uplift.

But is it enough with devotion that one man saves himself? Should he not strive for the betterment of the society? Can he not bestow the benefits he gained for other people too? The answer is yes and has been exemplified in the lives of spiritual Masters like Aadi Shankara, Ramanuja, Madhava Charya, Meerabai, Sabari, Avvaiyar, Karaikkal Ammaiyar and many more. The Avatara Purusha and Maha Siddhars like Seshadri Swamigal strove to lead the devotees to rise high in their lives. They turned their preaching for individual uplift into service that made the lives of multitude worth living. This is called 'Thondu' the service that sublimated over Bhakti. That means the wants of simple people be met and they too have the opportunity to think of the divine, who now comes in to their midst from the precincts of the temple in all their livery and glory. This is the message of the Arubathu Moovar Thiruvizha – Glory of the Saints and their 'Siddhis.'

It is this kind of religious, social and spiritual experience or odyssey that

the Festivals impart and impact. The people throng from the break of dawn to visit the temples and the associated areas to peep in to the legends, Puranas that dot the literatures of the land and they partake in the devotional and social activities until late into the night. So, who caters to their hunger and thirst while they are going around the corridors of festivities, prayers, offerings at the altars of the deities and the congregation of devotees along the chariots, palanquins and mounted deities? It is the large-hearted, service minded people amongst us in the society who rise to the occasion to feed the needy and devoted. Many organizations took upon themselves this service. As a silent participant for very many years Sathguru Sri Seshadri Swamigal Brindavanam Trust offered water and butter-milk for the devotees who attended the Arubathu Moovar Festival at their 'Thanneerpandal' apart from Annadanam. This effort was coordinated by the volunteers under the guidance of Guruji Shri KVLN Sharma and patrons of the Trust. This made precept more meaningful at this festival and explained selfless services is more pleasing to the lord than mere devotion that goes beyond the individual self.

- from Vena

Sri Tripura Rahasyam



Preface:
12,000 verses across 3 sections viz., Mahatmyakhanda(6,687), Jnanakhanda(2,163) and Caryakhanda (3,150) form the full

version of Tripurarahasya. While Caryakhanda, dealing with the conduct of the worshipper is not traceable yet, Jnanakhanda, dealing with knowledge is the most interpreted and translated section with the oldest remaining transcript dating back to 1831 AD. Mahatmyakhanda, dealing with the greatness of Goddess Tripura remains less read. The original author of Tripurarahasya is the sage Haritayana, who was ordained to provide this treatise to the human kind as an explanation on the purpose of creation to Sage Narada, mainly as Questions & Answers between sage Dattatreya and Parashurama.

The series of articles or features that I am planning to write for Sesa Oli is limited to Jnanakhanda only. I have interpreted these from three different sources; and all the copyrights for these interpretations solely rests with Ramanasramam in Tiruvannamalai, a small town from where I grew up and having spent my first formative 20 years of my life there. I am truly blessed to having lived there. I found the first version of Tripurarahasyam (the one only book that was there at the Bangalore airport) on my flight back from my official trip to Mumbai. I treat that occasion as a blessing, for it happened by default and not by design.

There are totally 22 Chapters in the Jnanakhanda and my intention is to provide an updated interpretation of these 22 Chapters as a series of 10 features, with inputs from the authors of the books written in the same name viz., Shri Samvid, Shri Mungala Venkataramaiyya and Shri V R Subbramanya Iyer (tamil interpretation) since 1938. Bhagwan Sri Ramana Maharishi (often called as Chinna Seshadri) considered this as a definitive treatise for salvation and strongly recommended that everybody should read it. Personally I have been reading this book since 2000 for almost 15 years and every time, I read it, I find a much deeper interpretation and strange sense of relief from the mundane world. I am deeply honoured, blessed and delighted to be doing this feature. Sometimes, I feel I am doing this for my own understanding and forcing myself to find a reason to read the same book all over again, but alternatively, there is a sense of completion by immensely contributing to this work, only to attract and motivate more people to read the original for their own personal journey. Many thanks to Guruji for giving me this honour of writing this article.

Om Sri Sathuguru Seshadri Swamigal Thiruvadikke Saranam.
Introduction
Importance of Investigation (Vichara):

Parashurama after slaying the Kshatriyas for 21 generations, and after having pleased his forefathers, at their behest, decides to put his axe down. The oath he took to eradicate all the Kshatriyas from this planet, completed he begins to think that he has met his goal in life, with a lot of pride. This pride of his was brought

down to dust, when after a few years, he picks up his axe to wage a war against Lord Rama, another Kshatriya, who defeats him outright, but also lets him live.

Crestfallen, when Parashurama was wandering in the forest, trying to seek answers to what and why this happened, he meets Sage Samvarta, who answers gives him answers to all the questions and directs him to Sage Dattatreya for further answers. Upon meeting the sage Dattatreya, first advises him to worship the great Goddess Tripura. Parashurama gets totally indoctrinated into the Tripura lore with all the meditative techniques on mantras and yantras. He goes and settles down at the Mahendra Mountain and performs rituals for 12 long years.

Twelve years go past Parashurama like 12 minutes and at the end of it, he has more questions than answers! He finds the world totally uncertain and inconsistent. Upon deeper introspection on his own self, he finds that he had little memory of his childhood, boyhood or even youth. And his current state of mind totally different from how it was across all his earlier stages in life! At every stage in his life, when he finds a result to his effort he seemed to have moved on to another stage in life looking for new efforts and new results.

Parashurama gets puzzled with this state – "When a result is obtained, how can I again be the one possessed of desire for another result? When there is the remainder of tasks to be done, how can there be happiness? There is neither the disappearance of sorrow nor happiness. Isn't this like anointing sandal on the legs of a person whose entire body is burnt? Isn't both the emperor of the state and the beggar on the street strive towards happiness constantly? How are these two states of happiness different from each other?"

Absence of happiness, cannot be sorrow. A little of happiness is considered sorrow, since on the passing away of that happiness, there would indeed be greater sorrow! Happy are those who remain in the state of having no obligatory tasks, who are noble souls with fulfilled hearts. Why am I not in that state even after performing these rituals for 12 long years? Whatever is done by me in the Upasana (rituals and worship) appears to be like child's play and mental. Moreover, this Upasana is to be done every day. Is there a limit (or conclusion) to this somewhere?

Parashurama then decides to go back to Dattatreya for more questions and clarifications, falling at his feet, prostrating like a stick asks Dattatreya to liberate him from these burning questions. Dattatreya is totally pleased by this behavior from Parashurama and tells him first that it is indeed the auspiciousness of associating with the rites and rituals that has raised him to a purified state and made him mentally ready to receive the answers to the questions.

Dattatreya first describes the form of Goddess Tripura, who is of the nature of the space of the heart (since she manifests as consciousness inside) of everyone. Her manifestation is of the form of discriminating

perception (or buddhi) in a devotee who has taken refuge in her and without any other recourse. This discriminating perception in turn results in a conscious investigation in the devotee's mind thus giving balance to his actions.

Investigation (Vichara) is the root cause for everything. Absence of investigation is the final death. Having acquired the obligatory tasks (kartavya) due to absence of investigation, people are bewildered everywhere. Some have gone insane and are torturing themselves, while others are stupefied by this poison and are not able to discriminate good from the bad. There can be no cool water in a sandy desert and so will there be no cool touch investigation when a garland of flames of fire surrounds some one, since time immemorial. There is need for (proper) means without which it is impossible to come out of this vortex.

The best means, which is greater than all the means is the supreme compassion and grace of Goddess Tripura residing in the heart-lotus of everyone. The sum of investigation is the destroyer of the great darkness of ignorance. The basis for that would be the worship of Tripura with devotion and when duly worshipped, she takes the form of investigation in the space of the heart of the devotee. One should worship Tripura without wickedness in a traditional manner obtained through a worthy guru (a Sathguru).

Dattatreya ends his first discourse by telling Parashurama his first Mahatmya; Investigation is the basis of supreme good on account of which there is no fear for anyone from this world. When Investigation takes root, the highest good has, for all practical purposes, been reached in life. Those who are bereft of investigation are like frogs in a well. As a frog born in a well does not know anything good or bad and perishes in the well alone, so too, men, born in vain in the well of the universe, do not know their good or evil anywhere. Not knowing dispassion (vairagya) with misery, and the pleasures of the world with happiness (sukha), a man suffers in the cycle of births and deaths, while ignorance prevails.

To be continued...

- Gowthaman Ragothaman

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Panchanga Patanam



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