

Chariot festival of Sri Mahalingeswara Swami, Thiruvidadaimaruthur

During the annual Brahmotsavam conducted in the Tamil-month of 'THAI', the Chariot festival of Sri Mahalingeswara Swami is organized at Thiruvidadaimaruthur on the tenth day – a day before "THAI-POOSAM. This year, the Rathotsavam was held on the 5th of February 2012.

His Holiness Sri. Swami Omkaranandaji, Founder of Sri Swami Chidbhavananda Ashramam, Theni, represented Pujyasri Swamiji at this festival. His Holiness Sri Guru Maha Sannidhanam of Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam and His Holiness Sri Swami Omkaranandaji inaugurated the Rathotsavam by their initial "pull" of the Maharatham.

Dr, Raya R. Govindarajan, Chairman, Raya Group, Kumbakonam and Trustee of Sri Mahalingaswami Seva Trust and Sri Mahesh Sharma, Secretary of the Trust painstakingly and meticulously organized this Rathotsavam in which two new Chariots carried the Deities of the Lord and Ambal.

The trial run of the new Ambal chariot, which was funded by Jagadguru Sri Sankaracharya Swamigal of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, was held the 12th of January 2012.

His Holiness Sri Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal of Sri Kanchi Sankara Mutt, visited Thiruvidadaimaruthur and inspected the new Ambal chariot on the 23rd of last month and blessed the team of workers and artists who constructed the new Ambal chariot, which is adorned with many beautiful sculptures of Devi.



