

Maha Kumbhabhishekam

At Theni, Ishvara is Adiguru and Guru - Ishvara. Parabrahma svarupa with constant Akhandakara vritti lived here showing the path of dharma & upasana and taught here the Truth of Brahman. This avatara Mahapurusha was, is and will be worshipped as Pujyasri Swami Omkarananda. To facilitate this, has been consecrated an adhishtanam along with a dhyana mandapam as per the sastras (scriptural injunctions).

The Adhishtanam of a great jnani is an abode, radiating serenity, holiness and spiritual splendour. Sadhakas who reverentially offer worship and meditate be-



come recipients of the Jnani's blessings and there are instances where such seekers have been blessed with directions, guidance, etc pertaining to their sadhana. With this purport conveyed by Sri Sharada Peetham Sringeri and under the divine direction of Sri Acharyals of Sringeri, the Vedic rituals were conducted com-

mencing from Mahasamadhi of Pujyasri Swami Omkarananda, monthly and annual Aradhana and the Adhishtanam activities upto Mahakumbhabhishekam.

23rd April 7 am in Guru Horai assembled the Vedic pundits and devotees in the sannidhi of Adiguru Sri Prajna Dakshinamurthy seeking His blessings. Gomatru puja for auspiciousness, Sri Ganapati homam to avert hurdles, Sri Mahalakshmi puja for resources, Sri Navagraha homam invoking devatas and Vastu shanti to prepare and sanctify the place for the conduct of the yajnas were conducted.

Everything we start should flourish as the seeds germinate and grow – Germination of seeds in small mud containers is a ritual integrated in every one of our functions to bring out this attitude. Every element of nature is worshipped in our culture and is evident in our puja practice. In Mrisangrahanam, we pray to Sri Bhudevi as we dig to fill mud in the containers to sow the seeds. (Swamiji's lessons on patience echoed as we were under the shade of the banyan tree in the Sri Bharati Tirtha Vidyarthi Vilasaha)

23rd April 4 pm along the banks we offered worship to Surabhi Saraswati River followed by Ganga stotram and carried water in kalasams to the yajnashala. After taking the Sankalp to dedicate to the conduct of the activities of Mahakumbhabhishekam pledging to set aside personal pursuits, the protective holy thread kankanam was wound round the wrists of all the ritviks and the key people involved in organizing the function in the Rakshabandhanam ritual led by Executive trustee, Sri Parasuraman.

Yagashala Pravesham was done with Mandapa dvara puja inviting and offering



puja to devatas of all directions and Indradi devatas. Agni pravesha was followed by Hamsa Gayatri mantra and Shiva Taraka Mantra japa homam with offerings culminating with the Purnahuti. Chaturveda parayanam (Rig, Shukla Yajur, Krishna Yajur, Sama, Jaimini Sama and Atarvana), Shiva puranam, Namavali with Vadya gosham, Vedanta sravanam including Sri Guru Gita and Sri-

mad Bhagavad Gita Shankara Bhashya portion chantings reverberated filling the air with divinity. Four kaala (times) yagashala pujas were conducted including the morning and evening of 24th April and the morning of 25th April. PujyaSri Swami Omkaranandaji was invoked and prarthanas for all vidyarthi and devotees offered.



Sri Swami Samananda and many other sanyasis participated fully in the celebrations. Pudukottai Sri Swami Pravananda rendered an anugraha bhashanam elucidating the importance of shraddha bhakti towards Guru after Sri Ganesha Ganapadigal explained how all devatas reside in Agni, Apah and Brahmana, who are important in a yajna.

24th morning 11 am yantra pratishtha, rajata bandhanam (fixing of silver ring outside the shiv ling) and ashta bandhanam (mixing the eight ingredients and applying the binding material) for the mandap kalas were done at the adhishtanam. Pratishtha of PujyaSri Swami Omkaranandaji's vigraham in dhyana posture was done. This faces the 9 feet tall edifice of Adiguru Sri Prajna Dakshinamurty Swami.



25th morning 10 am a ritual of absorbing the worship in the havan to the kalash and that to the adhishtana mandap kalash with mantras was done. Devotees flunged in large numbers to have a darshan, witness the events, offer their shraddha purvaka bhakti at the adhishtanam.

Mahabhishekam was done with Sri Rudram chanting. Ritviks were honoured.

26th and 27th April morning – Sri Rudra Gayatri Pallava Sri Prajna Dakshinamurty Moola mantra homam and Sri Hamsa Gayatri Pallava Navachandi homam were done.

28th morning – Sri Rudra Ekadashi homam was done and in the evening being pradosham day, Sri Rudra Ganaparayanam at the adhishtanam for about three hours was a feast to everyone's ears.

29th morning – Taitriyopanishad parayanam, Brahmana Aradhana and Tirtha Narayana puja were done and that marked the conclusion of the week-long events.

Avar arulale avar taal vanangi - By His grace, we worship Him. In the words of Sri Kanchi Mahaswami – When a great person attains siddhi, a ray of their power of Grace will remain in their body, even after the life energy has left it. The place of samadhi of a Mahaan will serve as a place for this blessing ray to take root and flow to the bhaktas. Come one and all for Pujyasri Swamiji so full of love is here to shower His grace and protect us with Knowledge at this Vidya stanam Theni.

Om Tat Sat

“There are many people who propound positive thinking as a means of overcoming sadness. But this cannot solve the problem of human sadness for good, because where there is positive thinking, there must be a fact that makes it a factual positive thinking. If this is so, there is going to be another fact forming the basis for negative thinking. Positive thinking cannot erase the conclusion, ‘I am sad’ .”

- Swami Dayananda Saraswati