## Arsha Gurukulam, Somangalam, Chennai - An Appeal

Arsha Gurukulam is situated in the village Somangalam, 9 Km from Tambram, the southern suburb of Chennai. The Ashram is blessed with the temple of Lord Vidya Dakshinamurthy, consecrated by Pujya Swamiji himself. The Ashram has been created as per the desire of Pujya Swamiji, for the benefit of the Sadhus in Pujya Swamiji's parampara to do their Sadhana and senior students of Vedanta to have advanced studies. For the sake of their studies, a Digital Library has been created in the name of Pujya Swamiji. This library holds thousands of palm leaf manuscripts, many of them are over 2000 years old in digital format as per the wishes of Pujya Swamiji. The Ashram has 14 self contained single rooms, 4 large guest rooms with kitchenette, an open air theatre with stage and dressing rooms, audio equipped large lecture hall for accommodating more than 50 students, yoga hall of the size of the lecture hall, a large kitchen and dining facility for over 30 people in one batch of serving. The Ashram is in its natural surroundings of mango trees, palm trees and coconut trees. All the buildings wear a classical look with brick structure.

There is daily morning Rudra Abhishheka puja and evening arati for Lord Vidya Dakshinamurthy. A few camps have been conducted recently in the Gurukulam for the students of music who wanted to have an introduction to Vedanta. Regular weekend Vedanta classes are being planned. Ashram is a nice place for conducting camps by Acaryas of Vedanta, Yoga, classical music etc that were patronised by Pujya Swamiji. Devotees of Arsha Gurukulam, Somangalam can earn Punya by requesting for special 11 Dravya Abhisheka Pooja to Lord Vidya Dakshinamurthy and one day Sadhu Biksha by transferring ₹3,000 to

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giving details of name, Gotra, Star, Rasi, date of Pooja, details of sankalpa and details of Transaction reference for the Amount transferred to Swami Shiva Swaroopananda Saraswati.

Ashram also maintains a huge Goshala with over 80 cows in a village nearby. The local villagers and around are helped by Goshala when they want to dispose off their cows, by giving them generous financial assistance. Maintaining the cows require large finances.

Donations are welcome from anyone who would like to participate in the activities of ashram that will go mainly to the maintenance of Digital Library and Goshala.

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