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Mission

The people and resources at Sri Ahobila Muth Educational Institution, Madurantakam are dedicated to live by the following mission statements.

Societal

We continuously produce competent human resource for the prosperity of Sri Vaishnava sampradaya

Students

We provide traditional high-quality education in Indian sastras that gives immense value to our students

Economical

We operate the institution on a sound financial basis so as to enjoy self-sufficiency and autonomy

Ethical

We strive to achieve the stated goals through dedication, honesty, passion, values and service

Administration

We, through leadership, innovation, focus and teamwork, are dedicated to continuously improving the worthiness of the inmates with quality-first administration

Call for Sri Vaishnava Gurukula Summer Camp-Level 1

15th May 2005 to 4th June 2005

Please refer to Sri Nrisimhapriya (Tarana Panguni Issue) for more details. To those who have responded to this call earlier, we are in the process of sending further details.

Admission Notification for the Academic Year 2005-2006

- 5 Year Siromani Course of the Madras University (In the 3rd/4th year of the Siromani course, there is an option to additionally appear for the 2-year Diploma in Pancharatra Agama)
- OSLC: 6th, 7th and 8th Standards (TN Govt. Syllabus)
- 7-Year course in Krishna Yajur Vedam
- Divya Prabandam and Desika Prabandam

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Some Significant Events

The **63rd Anniversary** of our educational institution was celebrated with enthusiasm in the college campus, on 27.2.05. Graciously acceding to our request, Srimad Azhagiasingar arrived for the function in advance, along with Sri Sannidhi Aradhaka Swami, kanyakaparas and disciples, despite his indisposition. The festivities went on very well with the Acharya's able guidance and blessings.

The function commenced at 4 pm at the Prayer Hall, with recitation of Shanti Patam by Veda students and slokas from Srimad Injimeedu Azhagiasingar's "Vaibhava Sudha" by school students. Welcome addresses were presented in Sanskrit and English respectively by Asthana Vidwan Tayyar Vankipuram Sri. Lakshminrisimhachar Swamy and the school's Head Master Dr. N. Badri.

Sri Pillaipakkam Sridharachar Swamy, Hon. Secretary of our educational institutions, while presenting the Annual Report, dwelt in detail on the history of our institutions, goals, Vision and

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future plans. The Annual Reports of the other divisions, viz., the College, Veda Patasala, the School and Hostel, were read out respectively by Principal Sri V. Rajagopalan Swamy, Sri. U.Ve. Sri Ramprabhu Swamy, Head Master Sri N. Badri Swamy, and Tayyar Sri Lakshminrisimhachar Swamy.

Sri K.V. Ramani of Mumbai and Sri Natteri M.Parthasarathy Iyengar, known for their accomplishments as well as their devotion to Srimad Azhagiasingar, graced the occasion as Chief Guests. Hon. Secretary Dr. Pillaipakkam Sridharachar Swamy adorned them with shawls and presented mementoes. In his address, Sri Ramani praised the way in which the Patasala, Sri Nrisimhapriya and Malola Vidvat Sadas were conducted exactly according to the desires of Srimad Azhagiasingar. He exhorted the students to feel proud of their institution and to contribute to its betterment in all possible ways.

Natteri Sri Parthasarathy Iyengar, who spoke next, promised to render all possible assistance to enable the students of the Patasala to distinguish themselves. He assured those who desired to pursue higher studies that they would be provided with requisite opportunities in the college under his administration.

The Chief Guests distributed prizes to students who emerged successful in elocution, essay writing and other contests during the year.

Srimad Azhagiasingar, in his benedictory address, recalling with nostalgia his own student days at the Patasala, said that the memories were still green in his heart. He recounted how he used to sit at the fourth window on the northern side of the same Prayer Hall, engaged in contemplation. He spoke with gratitude of his own sincere and efficient teachers and the Vaidika shraddha that pervaded the entire atmosphere. Blessing the students, he pointed out that hard work and sincere efforts put in now would ensure their rising to good positions in their youth. Pointing out that all good efforts encountered problems initially, he assured them that Sri Lakshminrisimha would ensure that the hurdles disappeared as dew before the sun.

If Srimad Injimeedu Azhagiasingar, as the founder, was the real mother ("Mudal Thaa") of the Patasala, the present Azhagiasingar was indeed the foster mother ("Idat Taai"), with all his thoughts focussed all the time on the Patasala and its welfare, remarked Sri U.Ve.Pudukkottai Seshadriyachar Swami, paying glorious tribute to the Acharya. He pointed out that even exalted deities would be unable to compensate in full measure the Guru who imparted Brahma Vidya. The function came to an end with recitation of Mangala slokam.

Vaibhava Sudha Contest "Vaibhava Sudha" is a work portraying the glorious life and times of the unparalleled Acharya, Srimad Injimeedu Azhagiasingar. Authored by Mahavidvan Padur Saralakavi Sri Raghavachar Swami, (known for his erudition in Vyakarana Shastram), this work has the distinction of having been rendered in the presence of and being appreciated by Srimad Injimeedu Azhagiasingar, just as Sri Rama's story was sung in the Prince's presence, by His sons Lava and Kusa. The great Azhagiasingar's disciples, in grateful memory of their glorious preceptor, are rewarding students who memorise and recite this beautiful work. This year, three students of the school and three from the Siromani section were awarded cash prizes totalling Rs. 2000, by Smt Kamala Jagannathan.



Sri Pancharatra Deeksha. As per the agreement between our Patashala and the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (Deemed University) at Tirupati, a two-year Diploma course is offered at our Patasala in Pancharatra Agama. Asthana Vidvan Sri Tayyar Vankeepuram U.Ve.Sri Lakshminrisimachar Swamy has been appointed Hony. Instructor for this discipline. Though through classroom studies, students may obtain diplomas from the Govt. as "Pancharatra Agama Vidvan", distinguishing themselves is possible only when the studies are conducted in the traditional, Vaidika fashion with appropriate initiation. With this in mind, Srimad Azhagiasingar personally visited the Patasala on 27.2.05 and arranged for proper Deeksha for the students through Sri. U.Ve. Rajam Bhattar Swamy, priest of the Devapperumal Sannidhi, Kanchipuram, with Anugya, Mrit Sangrahanam and Yagasala rituals. After elaborate Aradhanas thrice that day, Poornahuti was performed on 28.2.05, with twenty students being conferred Pancharatra Deeksha. Astana Vidvan Pudukkottai Sri U.Ve. Seshadriyacharya Swami blessed the students and thanked Sri Rajam Bhattar Swami. A sumptuous feast followed the event for the Bhagavatas. As per the instructions of Srimad Azhagiasingar, the Bhattar Swami and his assistant were presented with honoraria of Rs. 4000 and Rs.1000 respectively.

Sri Rajam Bhattar conveyed his gratitude to Srimad Azhagiasingar, for affording him the opportunity of conferring Deeksha in a traditional manner simultaneously on so many bright students proficient in Sanskrit. Certificates were awarded to the students who received Deeksha. All arrangements for this great event were made by the Hony. Instructor and PRO, Sri.Muralidharan, with the cooperation of one and all.

Elders recalled that Deeksha was conferred on nine Swamis during Srimad Injimeedu Azhagiasingar's time. A similar event involving twenty Swamis has been arranged during the reign of the present Azhagiasingar, who was himself a distinguished student of the Patasala. History does repeat itself!

Extramural Lecture for this academic year was delivered on 22.2.05. Head Master Sri Badri welcomed everyone on the occasion. Smt. Chitralekha Gurumoorthy, Asst. Commissioner, CBSE, Southern Region, in her address, dwelt on the glory of the Sanskrit language, its hoary past and the availability of research works in the language which are invaluable to other fields too. Describing it as a harbinger of good thoughts in us, she declared her intention to train Sanskrit teachers of CBSE system through our Patasala adhyapakas. She expressed gratification at finding the traditional system of Gurukula education being preserved and practiced at the Patasala.

Delivering his lecture in Sanskrit, Dr. Vasudevachar, Professor, Newcastle University of Australia, described the magnificence of our Vedas, Itihasas, Puranas, etc. Attributing the unchanging and immutable tradition and culture of Bharata Varsham to its Vedic roots, he compared it favourably with the constantly changing conventions and mores of the West. Expressing his appreciation for Sanskrit students, he exhorted them to learn English too and to bring out the glory of Sanskrit through English, so that it is well understood by Westerners and others.

Sri Tirunavukkarasu, Education Officer, CBSE, expressed admiration for our institutions being run on the ancient Gurukula system and advised students to broaden their knowledge base and language skills, which would enable effective communication. The proceedings came to an end with a vote of thanks by Hon. Secretary Dr. Pillaipakkam U.Ve.Sridharachar Swamy, who presented mementoes to the Guest Lecturers.

Parent-Teacher Meeting was held on 27.2.05 and 27.3.05. The Headmaster and other teachers reviewed the Revision Test marks of X Std. students. Both teachers and

parents spoke appreciatively and encouragingly to the students, who in turn assured them that they would study hard for the Govt. examinations and come out with flying colours, with cent percent passes.

Annuity Patronage Scheme

This glorious educational institution has been run by Srimad Azhagiasingars with distinction for the last 62 years, despite several hardships- physical, financial and otherwise- with the aid of disciples and well-wishers. The administration and finances of this institution have to be restructured, in tune with the demands and challenges of the times, to place them on a sound footing. It is with this objective that the Annual Patronage Scheme has been formulated by the present Srimad Azhagiasingar. The scheme envisages contribution of Rs. 2,500 per annum or a lump sum of Rs.30,000 per head by sishyas, patrons and well-wishers of the Mutt and the Patashala, who are interested in the sustenance and continued development of this Institution of Excellence, which has produced hundreds of distinguished scholars and people of eminence, all of whom are enriching our lives and enlightening us all.

The following patrons have sent in contributions so far, under the aforesaid Scheme:(List continues from the previous issue). **U.S.A:** Indira Sampath, Ranjini Mukund. **Chennai:** K.Srinivasan, V.Hari, R.Bashyam, Baby Achala, P.N.Muralidharan. **Bangalore:** Mani Vedanta Desikan, K.Rajagopalan, Suresh Narayanan, Vivek Raghavan, S.Rama Swami, R.Srinivasan. **Eluru (AP):** B.R.Santhnam.

Other Donations (I.T. 80-G)

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An Appeal

Those who would like to participate in this noble endeavour may send their contributions (by cheque or Demand Draft, in favour of Sri Malolan Educational Trust) to The Hony. Secretary, Sri Ahobila Mutt Educational Institutions Complex, Madhurantakam-603306.

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