



Pāṭhaśālā inauguration at Tillaiyambur

The Chatur Veda Śāstra Pāṭhaśālā was inaugurated at Tillaiyambur (near Kumbhakonam) on 17 Oct 2010 (Vijayadasami day). The day was marked by Veda pāṛāyaṇa (recitation), performing Homas and planting saplings at the Pāṭhaśālā premises. About fifty people attended the function.

Homas included Ganapati Homa, Vāstu Homa, Navagraha Homa and Āvahantī Homa.

Students reciting Aruna Prashna

Veda students recited the Aruna Praśna (first Praśna of Taittirīya Āraṇyakam aka Sūrya Namaskāram).

To commemorate the day, saplings were planted by well-wishers and students.



An elderly person (about 80 years and who lives in the village) said,

"I am happy to see a Pāṭhaśālā being started.

It would revive the good activities in this village".

Āvahantī Homa :

Āvahantī Homa is performed by chanting the mantra starting with the word Āvahantī. This mantra is in the first adhyāya of Taittirīya Upaniṣad.

The main prayer in this mantra is for good students to come to the Guru.

A Homa is a means by which devatās are worshiped through offerings to Agni. Agni acts as the messenger to deliver the offerings and prayers to the devatās. For Āvahantī Homa the central devatā is Dhātā (Brahmā).



Homa performance

Āhuti (Offerings) are made twelve times to Dhātā while chanting the mantra once. During each Āhuti a specific prayer is made. Out of the twelve Āhutis, six asks Dhātā for good students, three for moksha, two for fame and one for wealth.

**In Āvahantī Homa,
number of Āhutis
asking for :**

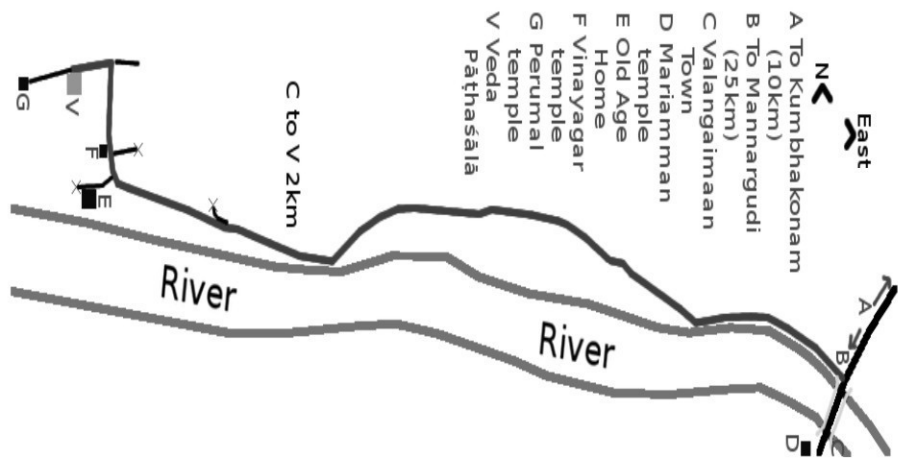
Students	6
Moksha	3
Fame	2
Wealth	1
Total	12

Pāṭhaśālā Statistics :

Students in Pāṭhaśālā	12
Number of Vedas taught	4
Students with Kannada as mother tongue	2
Students with Tamil as mother tongue	7
Students with Telugu as mother tongue	3
Students for Ṛg Veda	2
Students for Yajur Veda	7
Students for Sāma Veda	3

Pāṭhaśālā Routine :

03:00am	Wake up, cleaning, morning chores, bath
03:45am	Veda kakshā (class)
05:30am	Sandhyā, Samitādhānam, Brahmayagnam
06:30am	Milk
06:45am	Veda kakshā (class)
08:00am	Pūjā
08:30am	Morning meal
09:00am	Washing clothes
09:30am	Svādhyāya (Self-study)
11:45am	Mādhyānhīkam
12:30pm	Lunch
01:30pm	Computer / English / Math classes
02:30pm	Śāstra kakshā (class)
04:30pm	Play time
05:30pm	Cleaning, bath, Sandhyā, Samitādhānam
06:30pm	Music / Drawing
07:30pm	Supper
08:00pm	Story telling
08:30pm	Sleep



ABOUT TILLAIYAMBUR

Tillaiyambur is a village about 10kms from Kumbakonam and 2kms from Valangaiman. Valangaiman is on the road from Kumbakonam to Mannargudi. Its on the bank of Kudamurutti river (a branch of Kāveri)

How to reach Tillaiyambur Pāṭhaśālā:

By bus: Reach Valangaiman from Kumbakonam or Mannargudi. Take an auto to Tillaiyambur.

By car: Take the Kumbakonam-Mannargudi road and follow map.

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