

46th Azhagiya Singar of Ahobhila Mutt



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The 46th Azhagiya Singar of Ahobhila Mutt took Sanyasa in May 2009. Shri Swami is a Rg Veda Ganapathi and an authority on Dharma Saastram. In his previous ashrama, he was an Agnihotri (performing Agnihotram and other Shrauta karma).

Shri Swami has taken keen interest in our Veda Pāṭhaśālā. He is instrumental in the Pāṭhaśālā being established in Tillaiyambur. Through his blessings the Pāṭhaśālā has been operating smoothly.

Construction at Tillaiyambur



Construction at Tillaiyambur Building Photo

We are currently constructing a two-floor building at Tillaiyambur as part of setting up infrastructure for the Veda Pāṭhaśālā.

The total cost is Rs. 20 lakhs. We have funds to cover the base foundation. We need to raise the rest. Would you be able to assist in raising the funds ?

Fairs at Bangalore & Chennai

As part of promoting the Veda Pāṭhaśālā we setup a "Gurukula" stall at fairs in Bangalore & Chennai in January. At both the fairs, in our stall, the students used to either chant Veda or be taught by the Acharya. Visitors to the fair reacted enthusiastically on seeing & hearing the children chanting the Veda. Photographs of the children appeared in the local press during each of the fairs.



Students reciting



Visitors at Bangalore Fair

At Bangalore, the event was World Samskrita Book Fair, held from Jan 7-10, 2011. On the third day of the fair, the organizers - Samskrita Bharathi asked us to vacate. The

reason stated by Shri Krishna Shashtri, founder of Samskrita Bharathi was "Your stall & its publicity goes against our strategy to change the popular perception that Veda = Sanskrit."

At Chennai, there was no such conflict! The event was Hindu Spiritual & Service Fair that was held from Jan 26-30, 2011. This fair was meant to publicize the



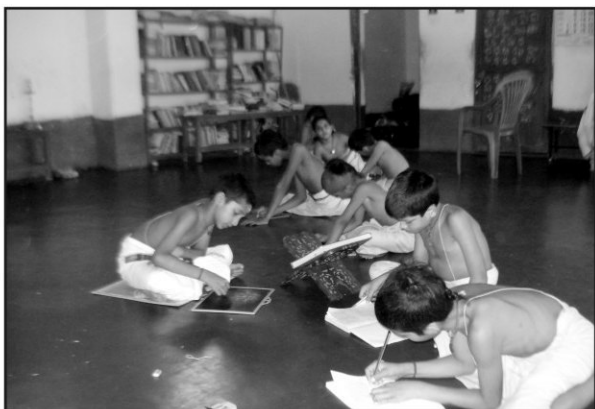
Chennai Hindu Fair

activities of various Hindu organizations. This was being held for the third year running. Over 100 organizations participated in this fair.

The objective to be at these fairs was to connect with people who were interested in Veda & Indian Heritage. And we were able to meet that objective.

Pāṭhaśālā at Nachiyar Kovil

The Veda Pāṭhaśālā is currently operating from Nachiyar Kovil. Nachiyar Kovil is 10 kms from Kumbakonam. It is one of the Divya Desams and well known for the stone Garuda Vahana (kal-garudar)



Students at Nachiyar Kovil Pāṭhaśālā

Due to the construction work at Tillaiyambur, we were looking for a temporary place to continue our Veda Pāṭhaśālā. Shri Rengaswamy of Nachiyar Kovil magnanimously offered his marriage hall for us to use, forgoing the income from renting it out.

With the blessings of the 46th Azhagiya Singar of Ahobhila Mutt and with the magnanimity of Shri Rengaswamy, we have been running the Veda Pāṭhaśālā in Nachiyar Kovil for the past few months.

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