



SIVADEEKSHA MAHOTSAVAM

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THE RELEVANCE OF SIVA DEEKSHA

The Vedas reveals the supreme truth for the welfare of the world and Agamas details the rituals by which the supreme truth is being made in to an experience. Lord Siva's vital breath is Veda and His words are the Agamas.

ŚIVA NIŚVASITAM VEDĀ: VĀK RŪPĀŚCA ŚIVĀGAMĀḤ: (“शिव निश्वासितं वेदाः वाक् रूपाश्च शिवागमाः”)

Lord Siva has blessed us with twenty eight Agamas and two hundred and seven Upagamas . It is indeed a blessings of Lord Siva to guide the individual souls

PAŚU (पशु) towards Him PATI (पति) by removing the attachments (PĀŚAḤ) (पाशः), through the ritual of DĪKṢĀ दीक्षा

It is mandatory for the individual souls to undergo the Siva Deeksha for learning the Agamas. It is not just an entrance examination for learning alone , but it is the gateway to attain the Sivathva “शिवत्व”.

The letter “DĪ” “दी” denotes दीयते- which means to Give and the letter “KṢĀ”

“क्षा” denotes “KṢĪYATE “क्षीयते” which means to remove.

Hence, by the process of “ Deeksha”, an individual soul is blessed with the knowledge of Lord Siva - The Pathi and his attachments are being removed just as a cataract is removed from the eye by a surgery.

The Siva Deeksha can be performed for each and every individual of this world. It is a universal ritual. Once the individuals are initiated, they begin their travel towards Lord Para Siva even though they may lead their mundane life. Like a person entering in to the flight and he begins his journey towards the destination in spite of his actions or inactions inside the flight .

Many types of Deekshas are prescribed in Agamas. Based upon the Acharya's thought process on looking the disciple, he can choose the mode according to the Karmas of the individual. Like a doctor decides what kind of treatment should be given on examining the patient.

Agamas details that Lord Siva would enter in to the body of the Guru at the time of Deeksha to connect the disciple to the Supreme GURUM ADHIṢṬHĀYA PARE PADE YOJAYATI ("गुरुम् अधिष्ठाय परे पदे योजयति").

His Holiness Sri Sri Gurudev has been guiding us in the path towards the Supreme and with his blessings we have been initiating the students who enter our Sri Sri Gurukulam to begin their studies of Saiva Agamas. Hundreds of students under His Holiness's love and affection have undergone this process and after completing their studies they are serving the humanity through their prayers at the temples around the world.

Sivagama Saarva Bhouma **Sivasri.S.Sabesa Sivacharyar** is kind enough to initiate the students of the twentieth batch (The newcomers) on the 2nd of April 2021. All these two decades it has been a blessings to have the Acharya's blessings, presence and guidance towards this Sankalpa.

Of the four procedures namely the SAMAYA, VIṢEṢA, NIRVĀNA समय, विशेष, निर्वाण and ĀCĀRYA ABHIṢEKA आचार्य अभिषेक of the Deeksha ritual, the first step of entering in to the Saiva Order - The Samaya Deeksha is being done to the students. The students have to practice both the VAIDIKA SANDHYĀVANTANAM वैदिक सन्ध्यावन्दनम् and the ŚAIVĀNUṢṬHĀNAM शैवानुष्ठानम् thrice a day for the benefit of themselves and the world.

We are thankful to **His Holiness Sri Sri Gurudev** once again for His Sankalpa of nurturing and protecting this tree of Vedas and Agamas, which serves as the manuals for the peace and happiness of the universe. Our humble pranams to the lotus feet of His Holiness.

Jai Gurudev !

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