



KKSF SF-Bay Area California

Activities

Integrated Patasala Update

July 2021

Kanchi Kamakoti Seva Foundation (KKSF) is an American 501(C)3 organization with a core mission to promote philanthropy, cultural preservation & diversity, provide educational literacy support and community service, through active community engagement.

We work with donors across the United States to promote our mission and to support the various projects in India & the USA. We work with partners in India and the USA to support the following causes:

- Cultural Preservation
- Social
- Healthcare
- Education
- Literacy Projects

Background

With the Blessings of Pujyasri Periyava, on Guru Purnima of 2020, we launched the Dollar a Day Program for Integrated Patasala Program. Over the last year many of you have contributed to the Integrated Patasala initiative. We are thankful to you all.

We received a total of \$84,000 from 254 contributions, average \$331 per donor. Our target was to reach \$100,000. This letter provides a brief summary with links to the detailed progress of the programs that you have supported. We are humbled by your enthusiasm and look forward to your continued support with renewals and committing ourselves for long term sustenance of this initiative.

Integrated Patasalas 2020-2021

Integrated patasala initiative was started with the blessings of acharyas to teach traditional values, moral education along with conventional education to prospective students. The students (*Vidhyarthi*s) are given the opportunity to develop and excel themselves in diverse skills such as Vedas, Pooja Vidhanams, Shlokas, Arts along with languages, Mathematics and Sciences. The vision is that the Vidhyarthi upon graduation will help preserve and propagate these traditions and values as Dharma Pracharakas.

Even though Integrated Patasalas has been supported by devotees individually over the past few

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years, Kanchi Kamakoti Seva Foundation (KKSF) started a focused fund raising drive in 2020 by promoting the '**Dollar a Day**' scheme. The primary objective of this scheme is to provide financial support to the various initiatives in the patasalas including supporting the increasing student body, investing in capital improvement projects and/or introducing new education programs.

Funds raised by KKSF support activities across the following Patasalas:

- Two Patasalas in Tamil Nadu: Rig & Yajur Veda Patasalas, Thandalam; Vaikhanasa Agama Patasala, Avadi
- Five Patasalas in Andhra Pradesh: Sri Kamakoti Smartha Patasala - Karvetinagar & Samalkota; Veda Nada patasala - Nellore; Pancharatra Patasala - Karvetinagar ; Sri Kamakoti Sukla Yajur Veda Patasala – Vijayanagaram , AP

The Patasalas adapted quickly to respond to the Covid 19 situation with Online Learning. Academic classes and festivals are conducted with online educational tools. Study materials were sent to students to help them continue to make academic progress.

In Spite of the pandemic, the patasalas have seen a growth in enrollment. The student strength grew to 192 students in 2021 from 29 students in 2015. Student body is diverse with students from different backgrounds but over two thirds of the students are from the family of archakatvas.

By offering free, high quality blended curriculum that includes both vedic and secular education to these

families, the Patasala initiative helps them send their children to these schools thereby sustaining the vedic traditions.

Sampradaya Patasalas 2020-2021

Sampradaya Patasala is an initiative of HH Pujiyashri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswati Shankaracharya Swamigal. The main objective of Sampradaya Patasala is to offer a perfect blend of cultural and formal education to women.

The teaching methods have been designed to achieve success on two fronts; to preserve, protect and pass on to future generations, our culture, high moral, traditional values and spiritual legacy, and to equip girls with skills, knowledge, self-confidence and virtuous character-

Effective academic year 2020 – 2021, the curriculum meets the standards set forth by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) system of Education for Grade 7th through Grade 12th. Further the undergraduate degree is administered under the auspices of the Andhra Pradesh State Board. The students also pursue courses in Sanskrit (certificate courses to post graduation) from National Sanskrit University (Central University).

Along with offering mainstream education, the patasala also provides its students with training in various vocations like music, fine arts, handicrafts, childcare, yoga, tailoring, mythology, festival padhathi (procedures) and much more. Enrollment has steadily increased from 15 in 2015 to 489 students in 2020.

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Funds raised by KKSF support activities across the following Patasalas:

1. Tirupathi (Andhra Pradesh)
2. Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh)
3. Nashik (Maharashtra)

Detailed reports of events, activities can be found at <https://kanchiintegratedpatasalas.com/>. If you have missed the NRI Newsletters from KKSF USA, you can still review them at:

<https://kksfusa.org/newsletter/>

Bay Area Events & Activities

Bay Area KKSF families have participated in the following events over the last year (from the Vyasa Puja of 2020 to date).

1. Daily Sloka chanting continues since the Sahasradala Padma Aradhana event on March 7, 2020.
2. Weekly Study Group on Deivathin Kural Jayanthi and Aradhana Pooja at various Bay Area locations/ devotee homes
3. Weekly Sankara Stotra Makaranda (Concluded on July 11, 2021)
4. Weekly Vishnu Sahasranama chanting for children

Deivathin Kural is a weekly study group for devotees interested in reading this text (in Tamil) and having an opportunity to discuss the ideas and information contained in these texts.

Sankara Stotra Makaranda webinar series was conducted by KKSF USA under the guidance of HH Pujiyashri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswati Shankaracharya Swamigal. Our deepest gratitude

to Shri P R Kannan for teaching us twenty six stotras composed by Adi Sankara. The series had an uncanny timing with the Uttarayana Punya Kalam and concluded on July 17, 2021 with Anugraha Bhashanam by HH Sankara Vijayendra Saraswati Swamigal for the participants. We are indeed blessed to continue in our quest for learning our Dharma Shastras with Acharya's blessings and guidance.

Upcoming Programs

Please refer <https://kksf-sfbayarea.org/events> for upcoming events

How to Contribute

We humbly request you to renew your commitment to the Dollar a Day Program at <https://kksf-sfbayarea.org/donate>.

Please email DharmixSeva@gmail.com with your full name and contact information for any further information including participating in the activities.

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