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MALLIYOOR SREE
MAHAGANAPATHI
TEMPLE

THE TEMPLE

Malliyoora Maha Ganapati temple is situated near to Kuruppanthara town, in Kottayam District of Kerala State, India. It belongs to South Kerala Division. The Malliyoora Sree MahaGanapathy Temple is incomparable in the conception of the presiding deity as Vaishnava Ganapathy, with the child Krishna seated on the lap of Lord Ganesha and hearing the Bhagavatham. He is Parabrahma incarnate, the God of Wisdom and Learning, the Remover of all Obstacles and is worshipped first. "Ganesha is the aspect of the Supreme Being responsible for the removal of obstacles, both in a material and in a spiritual sense. Ultimately a soul's aim is parameshwara Nirvana, enlightened from the inner self. On the spiritual path, our obstacles might be our negative emotions sprouting from our false ego.

When we pray to Ganesha, we ask him to help remove those obstacles within the self. The worship of Ganesha is considered complementary with the worship of other deities. We begin prayers, important undertakings, and religious ceremonies with an invocation of Ganesha the Mangala moorthi.

The head priest and the vedantic scholar **Bhagavatha Hamsam Sankaran Namboothiri** used to recite Srimad Bhagavatham everyday in the temple by keeping the salagram, the iconic symbol and reminder of the Lord Vishnu as Paramatma, consequently Vishnu chaithanya was experienced in the temple. In fact, the continuous recitation of srimad Bhagavatham placing the 'Salagaram' in the sanctum sanctorum of Ganesha changed the Beeja Ganapathy into Vaishnava Ganapathy. The deity of Ganesha placing Little Krishna on his lap and listening the Mahapurana is the symbol of the flow of knowledge from a high consciousness to the younger generations.



THE SWAN-SONG OF BHAGAVATHAM

Bhagavatha Hamsam
Malliyoor Sankaran Namboothiri
(1921-2011)





The name of the Temple is synonymous with the name of the main priest, the sage-like, scholarly **Sankaran Namboothiri**. He has dedicated his humble life to the worship of Lord Ganapathy and to the rendering and exposition of the Bhagavatham. Malliyoor Sankaran Namboothiri, known as Bhagavatha Hamsam, rendered about 2,500 Bhagavatha Saptahas (recitation of Smd. Bhagavata Puran and explaining the meaning to the public for consecutive seven days) He was born on 2nd February, 1921, as the son of Sree Paramesaran Namboothiri and Smt. Arya Antherjanam.

His childhood passed through a long and tiring phase of illness and sufferings. Due to absolute poverty and continuous diseases he could not complete his formal school education. As the panacea for his ill-health and sufferings, his mother sent him to Guruvayoor Temple on pilgrimage and during his stay at Guruvayoor, he met his Guru, Padappa Namboothiri to receive advice for reciting Srimalad Bhagavat Puran. That was the turning point in his life. He started rendering the Bhagavatham in total surrender to Lord Guruvayoorappan. As the chief priest and recitalist , Sankaran Namboothiri conducted about 2500 Bhagavatha Saptahams all over India, in his life and his Katha sessions are renowned for simplicity and earnestness,

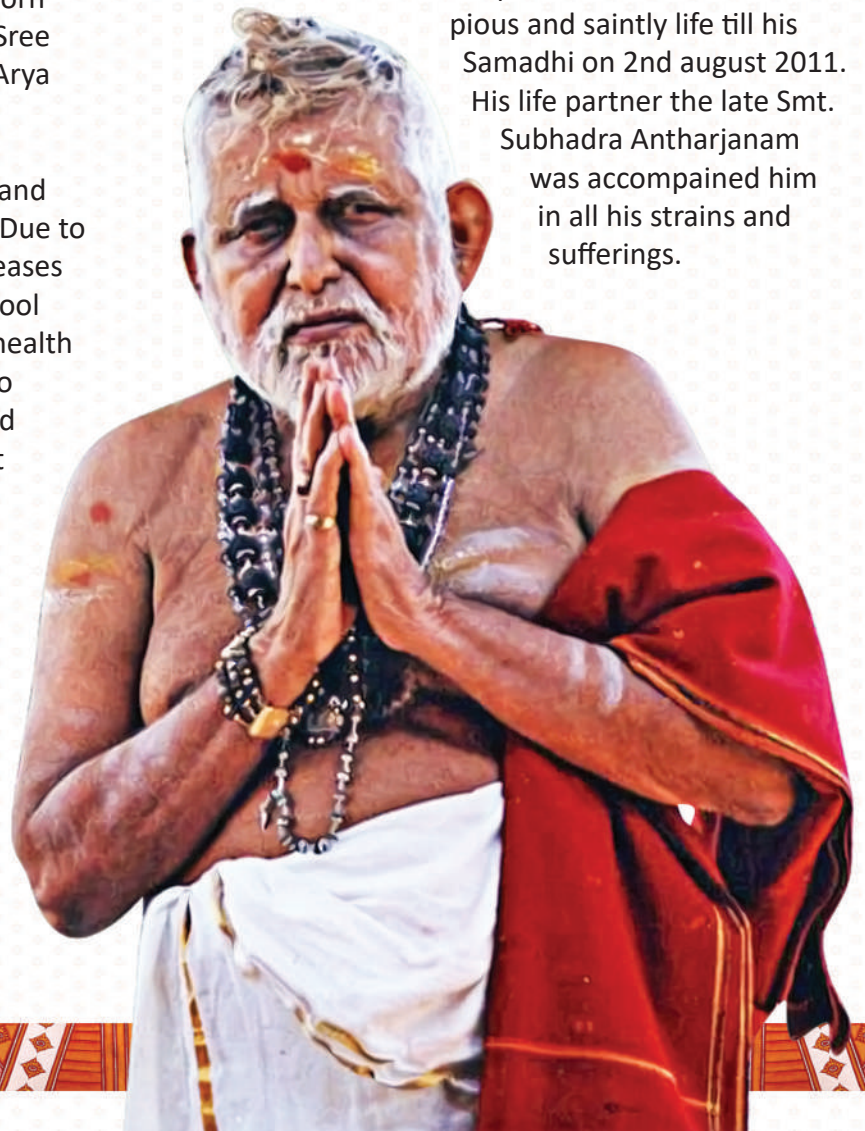
attracting thousands of devotees. He was a great scholar in Sanskrit language and Vedantic studies. He wrote many poems and essays in Sanskrit and Malayalam. His literature illustrates his vision and wisdom. Collection of his poems have been published and his poems tuned by great musicians like V. Dhakshina Moorthy swamy and Radhakrishnaji were made in compact diskettes.

He was the authority for Vedanta seekers and the last word for the interpretation of religious matters. He was not reluctant to respond against cotemporary events and policies of the leaders and rulers. But he patiently suggested total surrendering to Bhagavatam as the simple and only path way to reach peace and prosperity for the mankind. His vision, fellow - feeling, philanthropy, and positive thinking made him the Acharya for all those who met him at least once. Malliyoor Sankaran Namboothiri, is considered, as divinity incarnate, a perennial source of wisdom and serenity by thousands of his followers. His life and teachings are still relevant in material

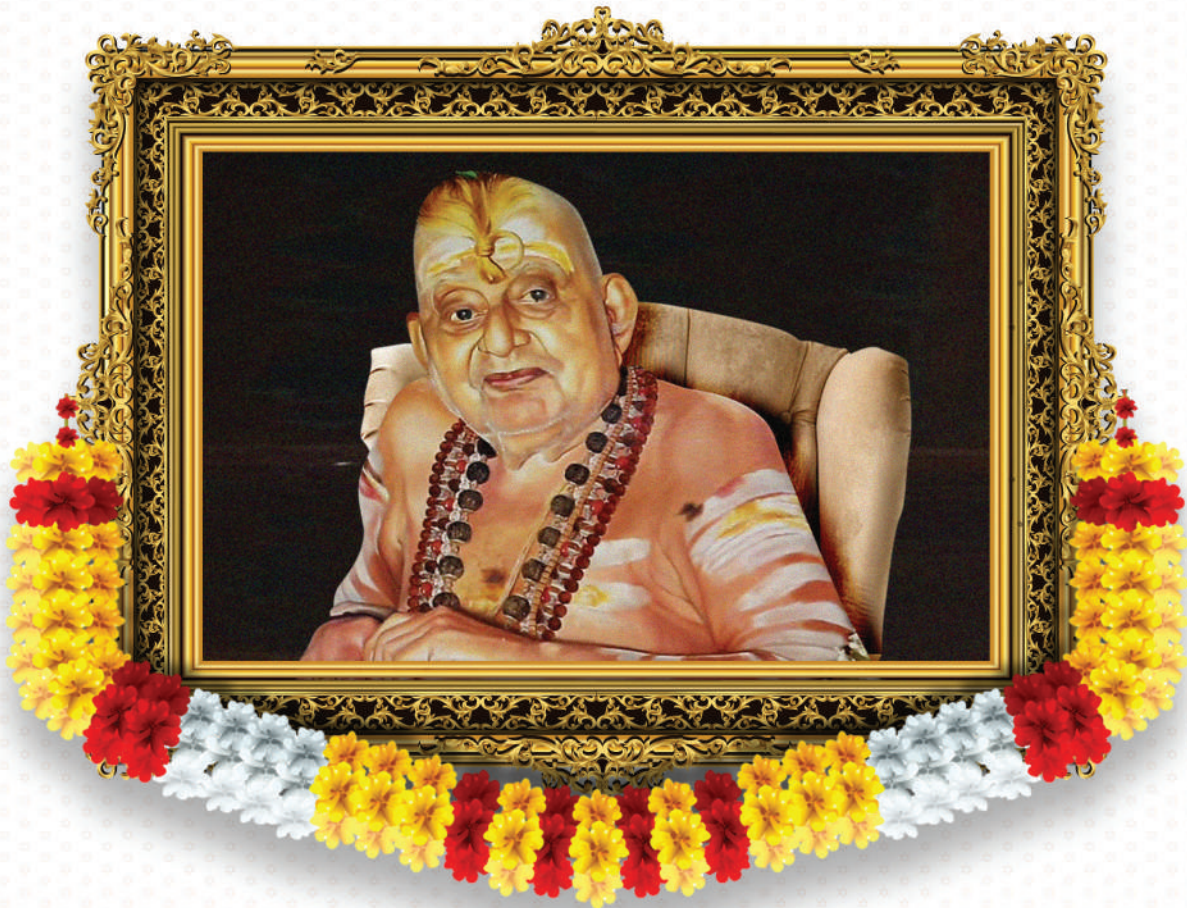
and spiritual studies. He led a pious and saintly life till his Samadhi on 2nd august 2011.

His life partner the late Smt. Subhadra Antharjanam

was accompanied him in all his strains and sufferings.



A pilgrim centre For inner transformation



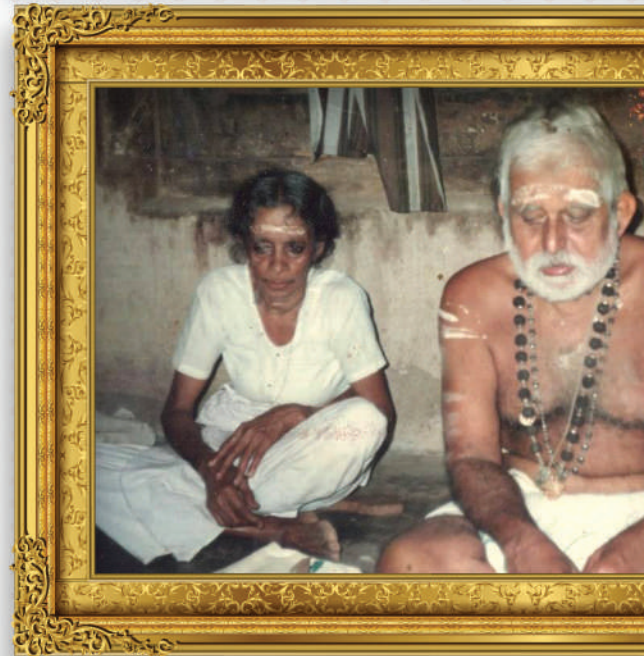
The Malliyoor Adhyatmika Peedhom is the umbrella organization under which various projects providing the above five corresponding levels of service of The Temple operates. It provides non-profit, non-sectarian charitable forum for dissemination of social, moral, ethical, spiritual values for all sections of society without any distinction of caste, colour, community, religion or sex. A considerable amount of building and construction work is being quietly carried out in the temple premise maintaining the peace and tranquility of the temple. This includes construction of dormitories & dining for people, meditation hall, kitchen, toilets and other facilities.

A Bhagavatha Garden consisting of medicinal plants and flowers is also planned aiming to provide a new meaning to the concept of social forestry ensuring our future generations for inheriting a greener earth. Over the next few years, we will see the transformation of this venue into a veritable garden. Our ancient rishies taught us anna dana, prana dana, vidya dana, jnana dana and bhakti dana to be the five corresponding levels of service The Malliyoor Adhyatmika Peedhom is the umbrella organization under which various projects providing the above five corresponding levels of service of The Temple operates.



Subhadra Andarjanam Anna Dana Mandapam

Malliyoore temple provides free food every day round the clock to all devotees every day during the Mandal and Makara vilakku season of Sabarimala. During this season an average of 10,000 devotees avail the service.



Satsang mandapam

The Peedhom organizes seminars, discussions, discourses, lectures, public meetings etc. on spiritual topics, aiming to promote the inner discipline to attain higher level of super consciousness. Currently Bhagavatha Saptahams are organized every month and pravachans are conducted inviting the eminent Vedic scholars and Bhagavatha exponents.

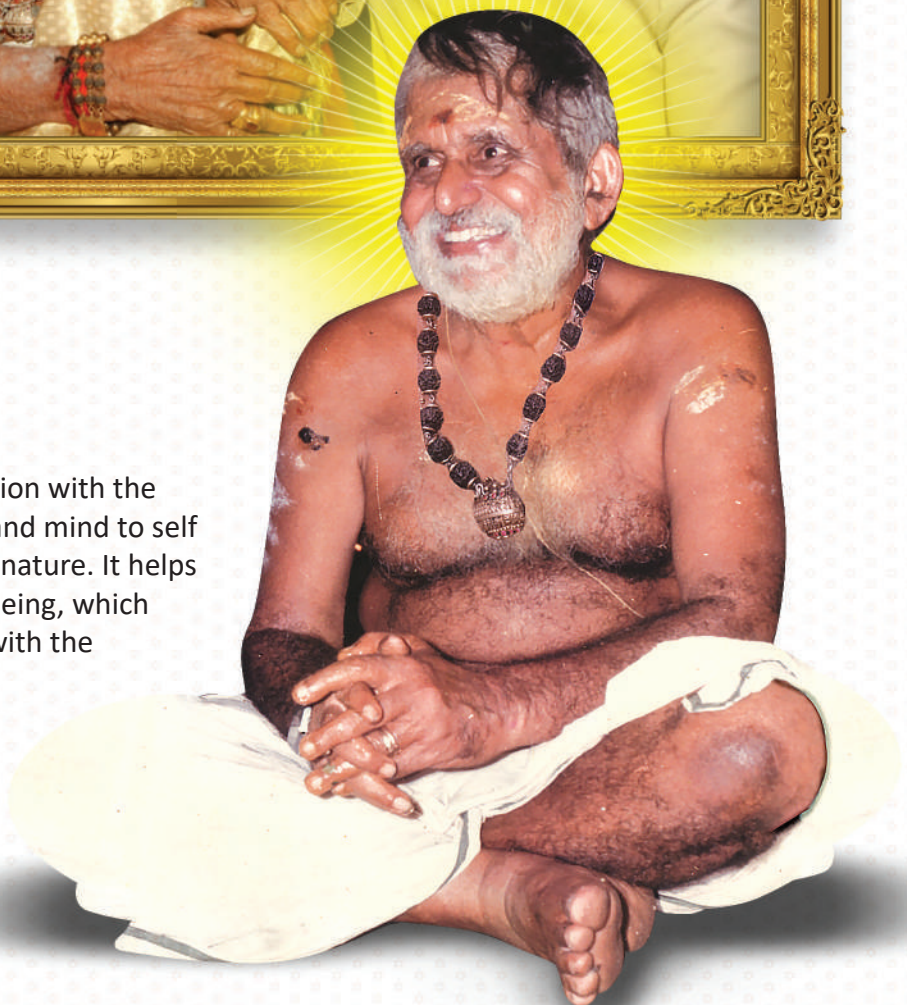
Vedic library

The Malliyoore Adhyatmika Peedhom is planning to open a Reference Library for the benefit of spiritual seekers and vedantic students. Collection of rare books on spirituality is in progress. Our aim is to provide our children and grandchildren a better understanding of our culture and heritage together with an ability of integration in the wider community. The sanskars given to them in their early childhood years can inspire them in their future years, by giving them courage to face challenges of the modern world and making them more determined to pursue their goals.



Yoga Centre

Yoga is a way of life, and its goal is the union with the Divine. The purpose is to train the body and mind to self observe and become aware of their own nature. It helps to strengthen both physical and mental being, which in turn helps to unite the individual self with the cosmic consciousness that is the higher form of consciousness or the universal energy which is present everywhere. With this view in mind the Adhyatmika Peedhom organizes Yoga training along with meditation sessions and spiritual discourses.





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