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Navarathri, the joyous festival of nine nights, when Goddess Sakthi is worshipped in her manifested forms as Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswathy, signifying Power, Wealth, Prosperity and Knowledge is celebrated in the bright half of the month of Ashwin. The epic Devi Mahatmya depicts the battle between the forces of light and darkness. The divine mother Goddess Durga annihilated the asura Mahishasura, the embodiment of arrogance and egotism. The divine forces leads to progress for a grand and more meaningful society. The demonic forces are harmful that thwarts greed, lust, envy and wrath. The human heart and mind is infact a battle field between these two forces. When the devabhava gain ascendancy in human nature, it enhances aspirations for a larger and deeper meaningful life, dominated by purity and truthfulness. Navaratri poojas has started at Narasimha Vilas Mandir on 10th October. Lalithasahasranama kumkumarchana and bhajans will be performed in the evenings.

The post flood scenario in Kerala indicates grave tasks ahead. The need of skilled workmen for rebuilding, with three lakh farmers affected, 221 bridges damaged, 10,000 kilometres roads to be reconstructed, one lakh houses damaged are the challenges to be redressed. Completing relief and rehabilitation works would take about two years on an average while ecological recovery might take more than five years.

At the instructions of our Matadheesh H H Samyameendra Thirtha Swamiji, H H Sudhindra Thirtha Charitable Trust, through GSB Mahasabha has provided assistance and help to almost 550 flood affected GSB families in Ernakulam, Kottayam, Pathanamthitta and Alapuzha.

Food items, utensils, mattresses, blankets and financial assistance was provided. Donations to this mighty cause came in from GSB organisations all over India. This charitable trust turned out as a fulcrum organisation for providing assistance to GSBs. Donations to H H Sudhindra Thirtha Swamy Charitable trust is exempt from income tax under sec 80G. We request the samaj bandhavs in Thiruvananthapuram to contribute generously to the trust. Let us stand together for a mighty cause and help our kins and samaj bandhavs through the Sudhindra Charitable trust.

The Chaturmasa Vritha of our Kasi Matadheesh H H Samyameendra Thitha Swamiji is over at Tirupathi. Adv K.G.Mohandas Pai, V.Somanatha Prabhu, R.Renga Naik, Sathish Prabhu N and Suresh Kumar V, visited Tirupathi and offered the Chaturmasa Kanikka and placed the " Vinanthi Pathra" before the lotus feet of the Swamiji. Pavamana seva and Bhiksha seva was done individually as well as for Trivandrum Mahajan.

Isaani R Kamath, 10th std student, Cotton hill school, d/o Ranjith Kamath and Dr Pramada, bagged the 3rd best project Young Scientist award. The prize included a trip to NASA, Houston, Grand Canyon Hooverdam, Google & Tesla Sanfransisco, Las Vegas and Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattee. Congratulation Isaani, we are proud of you.

Cochin Tirumala Devaswom has elected Shri Jaganath Shenoy as President.

Azhikkal Sreevaraha temple, Cherai, Ernakulam is celebrating its 150th Prathistha anniversary "Sardha Shatha Pratishta Vardhanthi" mahotsav on 4th June 2019. Devotees can book for sahasra kumbhabhishekom. Details can be obtained from our sabha office.

Report: Ganeshothsav was celebrated on 13th September 2018 at our Dhyana Mandir, Narasimha Vilas. Mahaganapathy Homam was done. Pratishtapan of Ganapathi and Nimanjan procession was put off due to the natural calamities.

The 32nd Annual day function of our Sabha was held on 15th August 18.

The Annual Pooja and General body meeting along with felicitation to the educational achievers was held on 29-09-2018 evening.

The following Youths won the Education prizes:

1) Prithvi R. (Class -X, ICSE) D/o P. Rajagopala Pai, **2)** Krishnanand D (Class- X,CBSE) S/o Devanand G. Shenoy, **3)** Sidharth S. Pai (Class -X, ICSE),

S/o V.Santhosh Kumar, **4)** Archana Anand D. Shenoy (Class- XII, CBSE) D/o Devanand G. Shenoy, **5)** Jyotsna U. Kamath (Class- XII, CBSE) D/o Uday Kamath, **6)** Abhishek P (Class- XII, CBSE) S/o Bhanumathi Pradeepkumar, **7)** Damodar D. Mallaya (Class-XII HSE Kerala) S/o N. Dayakar, **8)** Nanditha K. Rao (Class-XII HSE Kerala) D/o Krishnakumar Rao, **9)** Praveena S (Degree, Kerala University) D/o Prakash Kamath, **10)** Vineetha V Pai (B.Tech) D/o Venkiteswara Pai, **11)** Sreenath K.K. (P.G. Diploma), **12)** T.U. Vignesh Pai (Class-XII, ICSE) S/o Thyagu, **13)** Subhashree M (Class-XII, CBSE) D/o K. Jayalekshmi Mallaya, **14)** Nishanth Santhakumar Pai (Class-XII, CBSE) S/o Santhakumar Pai.

The GSB Mahasabha Silver Jubilee Memorial cash prizes to the toppers in all streams in the Xth & XIIth Stds were given. The Pandureng Shenoy Memorial cash prize to the Class-X topper by Sri Ramesh Prabhu, Thammanam was handed over. Our council member Sri. S. Viswanatha Rangappa Nayak proclaimed a cash award of Rs 1000/- to the toppers this year. Vishnupriya P. D/o Bhanumathi Pradeep Kumar and Ishani R. Kamath D/o Ranjith Kamath were congratulated for their achievements in Co-curricular activities.

Important days:

- 10-10-18 - Navarathri prarambham. Time to fill the holly pot, **भातू**
(**ഭരതൃയ പാതൃം**) between 9.17 am and 10.17 am.
17-10-18 - Durgashtami.
18-10-18 - Mahanavami. Lekshmi Pooja.
19-10-18 - Vijayadashami, Saraswathy Pooja.
Karthika Vrita Tulasi poojambham,
Gramasabha Baaladinam.
06-11-18 – **Deepavali**, Abhyanga snanam early morning.
09-11-18 – Yamadwithheeya (**അയ് ദീവ്വളി**)
13-11-18 – Srimad Upendra Tirtha Swamy Punnya Tidhi.

Obituary: Sathish Kamath(63), S/o late K.K.Kamath and Suman Kamath, "Anand Nivas", Opp. Cotton Hill Govt. Girl's Higher Secondary School, Vazhuthacaud, Trivandrum passed away on 12th September 2018. He was the Director of TAWN, an academy that promotes and teaches western classical music, presenter of western classical music on All India Radio in 1980s. He left behind his mother, wife Shyamala Kamath, children Anant Kamath (Asst. Prof. In Azim Premji University, Bangalore), Umanath Kamath (Google USA) and daughter in laws, Neethi and Srushti.

GSB Mahasabha conveys its heartfelt condolences to the family.

Booking of Sree Sathyanarayana Vritha Pooja: Samajiks are requested to book their Pooja days in advance for the coming months.

**PROGRAMMES AT NARASIMHA VILAS SABHA MANDIR DURING
OCTOBER 2018**

NAVARATHRI PROGRAMMES:

On 10-10-2018 (Wednesday) - Sarath-ritu Aswinia masarambham Navarathri prambham Shreyapatram (Bhan) filling between 09.17 & 10.17am.

10th to 18th of October 2018 - Lalithasahasranama Kumkumaarchana on all days from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. Suvasinis may please inform their convenient dates to perform Kumkumarchana to Vanitha Pradhan Smt. Manju S.Vadhyar, (Ph: 8848312695, 8089704972).

(Thattom with veedo, haldi, kumkum, will be arranged by the Sabha. All Sumangalies for Kumkumarchana are requested to bring a small lamp (Divli), and Fruits for nivedya. They are requested to come before 5.15pm every day.)

On 18-10-2018 (Thursday) Mahanavami - Mannamy Brahman.

Vishnu Sahasranama pooja will begin at 10am and Aarathy at 1.00pm. Devotees can offer kanikkya for Lord Venkitachalapathi, Thirupathi which will be sent to TTD.

In the evening **Lekshmy pooja – Pooja vaippu.**

On 19-10-2018(Friday) Vijayadasami - 09.30am Saraswathy Pooja – Pooja eduppu, Vidyarambham - Initiation to the world of letters, Navakanyaka Pooja at 10.00am.

Sathyanarayana Vrita Pooja on 27th October 2018, Saturday

Timing: Pooja Prarambh	-	05.30pm,
Sthothra Parayan	-	05.45pm
Aarathy	-	07.30pm
Sabha Sammelan Prasad distribution	-	08.00pm

Yajman: Mahajan of Trivandrum.

All are requested to participate and make the function a big success.
