Adyayana Utsavam

Jan 3rd, 2022 to Jan 22nd, 2022



Adyayana Utsavam means studying, learning, and remembrance of Vedic Verses. Nalayira Divya Prabandham is the composition of 12 Sri Vaishnava Saints (Azhwars) in praise of Sriman Narayanan. Divya Prabhandham has 4000 divine verses (Pasurams) and is recognized as **Dravida Veda**. Let's look at the history and how this legacy was propagated.

Sri Tirumangai Azhwar's Period

Thirumangai Azhwar, the last of twelve Azhwars sang Thiru-Nedun-Thaandakam before Lord Ranganatha. The Lord was pleased by the meanings of the pasurams and granted two boons to Thirumangai Alwar.

1. The Lord with his divine consorts should listen to the divine Pasurams of Thiruvaimozhi composed by Nammazhwar
2. The sacred verses of Azhwars (Divya Prabhandams) should be given the equal status in terms of authority and supremacy to that of Vedas.

Lord Ranganatha agreed to the above request. However the tadition of Adyayana utsavamdiscontinued over the years.

Sri Nathamunigal's Period

Sri Nathamunigal of the 7th century, the foremost Acharya resumed the Adyayan utsavam at Srirangam. He extended the practice of recitals to include all 4000 verses and made it a 21-day celebration. In the first ten days, Mudalayeeram (first 1000 verses) and Tirumangai Azhwars' Peria Tirumozhi are recited. In the second ten days, Thiruvaimozhi is recited culminating in Nammazhwar's Mokshotsavam on the 20th day. On the 21st day, Iyarpa is recited.

Nammazhwar prostrating before Lord

The recital of 4000 verses (Divya Prabhandham) in the presence of Lord before Nammazhwar's ascendence to the Celestial Abode of Srivaikuntam is celebrated as Adyayanautsavam.

In those days, devotees carried the idols of Sri Nammazhwar (from Azhwar Tirunagari) and Sri Tirumangai Azhwar (from Tiruvali Tirunagari) in palanquins to Srirangam to conduct the Adyayana utsavam in the presence of Lord Ranganatha.

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It took around two months for the entire utsavam right from carrying Azhwars to Srirangam to carrying them back to their birth places. Lord Ranganatha ordered that during this Adyayana utsavam, the Divyaprabhandham recitals should happen only in the presence of Lord, Azhwars & Acharyas and not elsewhere as a mark of respect to Sri Nammazhwar.

Sri Ramanuja's Period:
Sri Ramanujar celebrated as Jagadachariar further enhanced this utsavam by installing an idol of Nammazhwar at Srirangam.
He established the tradition of reciting Divyaprabhandhams during all temple utsavams.

Sri Manavala Mamunigal's Period:
Sri Manavala Mamunigal, the Peria Jeer (reincarnation of Sri Ramanujar) revitalized and revived this utsavam at Srirangam which was discontinued for about 45 years during the Muslim invasion. This utsavam and it's legacy has been carried over to subsequent generations by all the Acharyas and devotees at all 108 Divyadesams till this date.

For the list of pasurams that would be recited during Adyayana utsavam, click here

Agenda

Jan 3rd Beginning of Pagal Pathu

Jan 13th Beginning of Ira Pathu (Vaikunta Ekadasi)

Jan 22nd Nammazhvar Mokshotsavam & Periya Sattrumurai

By the grace of Srivari, Thayar, Azhwars &Acharyas, SVTNC has been conducting theAdyayana Utsavams sincerely and piously for several years. To add more glory and authenticity, this year, the management has decided to conduct this utsavam for **all 21 days** like typical Adyayana utsava celebrations at 108 Srivaishnava Shrines.

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