

# यज्ञो वै विष्णुः



## चतुर्थाग्नि युक्त समूढ पौण्डरीक महायागम्

(Caturthāgni yukta Samūḍha Pauṇḍarīka Mahāyāga)

*Observance of A Rare Soma Yāga Emulating Śrīrāma's Deeds*

March 16 – April 22 2024 CE

Vadapalli Ghat 2, Banks of River Godavari @ Pedavadapalli

(near Kovvur (West Godavari Dt.), Andhra Pradesh)

# Bhagavān Kṛṣṇa: Yajña-s & Their Significance



सहयज्ञाः प्रजाः सृष्ट्वा पुरोवाच प्रजापतिः । अनेन प्रसविष्यध्वमेष वोऽस्त्विष्टकामधुक् ॥

- भगवद्गीता 3.10

In the days of yore, having created the beings together with the sacrifices (Yajña-s), Prajāpati said: 'By this ((Yajña)) you multiply. Let this be your yielder of coveted objects of desire.

(Image from Calligraphic Edition of Constitution of India)

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देवान्भावयतानेन ते देवा भावयन्तु वः । परस्परं भावयन्तः श्रेयः परमवाप्स्यथ ॥

- भगवद्गीता 3.11

'You nourish the Devata-s (Indra etc.) with this (yajña). Let those Devata-s nourish you. Nourishing one another, you shall attain the supreme Good.'

(Image from Calligraphic Edition of Constitution of India)

# रामो विग्रहवान् धर्मः - राम राज्य



- Śrīrāma – being *Dharma-personified* – performed Yajña-s (extolled as **first** *Dharma-s* in Ṛg Veda X.90.16 [धर्माणि प्रथमान्यासन्]) to nourish the Devata-s and reaped benefits for *His* people through them in the most desirable polity of all times – the ***Rāma Rājya***.
- Of all the Yajña-s, ***Soma Yāga-s*** are considered by Devata-s as the most fulfilling ones for their nourishment

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We are living in *Momentous Times*



The Installation of  
***Balak Ram*** at the  
Rama Janmabhoomi  
in Ayodhya kindles  
the inner desire of our  
nation towards  
realizing ***Rāma Rājya***

# Towards *Realizing Rāma Rājya*

*By Emulating Śrīrāma & Śrīrāma's Deeds in the Rāma Rājya*

- Each person following their respective Dharma
- Observance of *Soma Yāga-s* for the following and more:
  - True Sovereignty, Ātmanirbhara-tā & सौमनस्य (~Amiability between people owing to broadening of understanding)
  - Collective Uplift, Prosperity in both Iha & Para-loka-s
  - Discernment for the People in Positions of Power for Taking Appropriate Decisions affecting the Polity

# Towards *Realizing Rāma Rājya* *By Emulating Śrīrāma & Śrīrāma's Deeds in the Rāma Rājya*

Vālmīki Rāmāyaṇa 6.128.95

After Śrīrāma's Coronation:

पौण्डरीक अश्वमेधाभ्याम् वाजपेयेन चासकृत् ।

अन्यैश्चविविधैर्यज्ञैः अयजत् पार्थिवर्षभः ॥

Śrīrāma propitiated the Devatā-s by performing  
Paunḍarīka, Aśvamedha, Vājapeya and other  
sacrifices ( yajña-s) many times over.

# पौण्डरीकमृद्धिकामः

*Desirous of Prosperity & Abundance, Observe Paṇḍarīka*

- First mentioned Soma Yāga in the Vālmīki Rāmāyaṇa śloka 6.128.95 is **Paṇḍarīka**
- It is observed for *prosperity, abundance, and wholesome development*
- **Paṇḍarīka** is of two forms: **Vyūḍha** and **Samūḍha**
- **Paṇḍarīka (Ekādaśa Rātra – 11 Nights)** is arguably the most elaborate (~36-40 days) Soma Yāga that can be observed in Kali Yuga without any objections from the Śāstra-s.



# अग्निचयन (Agnicayana)

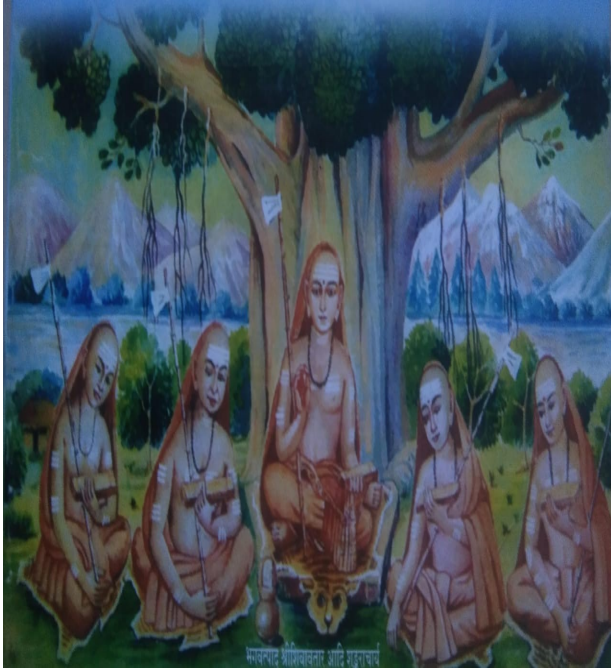
The Vedic Fire Altar on which Paṇḍarīka is Observed



- Above is an Image of an Agni Cayana - Śyena Citi (Vedic Fire Altar in Garuḍa Shape) made of 3000 Iṣṭaka-s (bricks) – on which Soma Yāga-s such as Paṇḍarīka are observed. This image is that of the third time when such a Vedic Fire Altar was formed. The wing-to-wing length of the Śyena Citi keeps growing and 101 such altars are described.
- One who does 100 such Agni Cayana-s becomes Indra, therefore, also called Śatakratu

# Very Few Practising Śrautin-s in Current Times

Of them, fewer living Vedic Yajña Paramparā-s since Ādi Śaṅkara who know and observe Pauṇḍarīka



**Śrī Jñānānanda Tīrtha  
Śvāmī-jī** (Attained Siddhi  
in Kāśī in 2006)

Pūrvāśrama Name: Brahmaśrī  
**Dendukūri Veṅkaṭappa  
Yajñanārāyaṇa**  
(Pauṇḍarīka Yājīn)(born )

Observed Vyūḍha Pauṇḍarīka  
in 1966 CE



**Brahmaśrī Dendukūri  
Veṅkaṭeśvara Dīkṣitulu**  
(Pauṇḍarīka Yājīn)

Observed Vyūḍha Pauṇḍarīka  
in 1994 CE under the  
guidance of his father and  
Guru - Brahmaśrī  
**Dendukūri Veṅkaṭappa  
Yajñanārāyaṇa**  
(Pauṇḍarīka Yājīn)

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- **Brahmaśrī Dendukūri Veṅkaṭeśvara Dīkṣitulu** (Pauṇḍarīka Yājñin) having observed Vyūḍha Pauṇḍarīka in 1994 CE, has now resolved to observe the **Samūḍha Pauṇḍarīka** on the **fourth** Vedic Fire Altar (Caturthāgni Cayana where wing-to-wing length of *Syena Citi* will be *~8.5 metres*) of the 101 Fire Altars known from tradition.
- At the age of 71, he along with his wife, will take dīkṣa to sustain only on cow's milk, liquids for the entire period of **Pauṇḍarīka** for over a month.

Significance of  
Caturthāgni yukta Samūḍha Paṇḍarīka Mahāyāga  
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- **Samūḍha Paṇḍarīka** has not been observed in the entire world for over three decades now.
- Mantra-s of **Samūḍha Paṇḍarīka Mahāyāga** has many powerful invocations of Devata-s that ordain great benefit for us as we, as a collective nation seek to prosper, grow towards realizing *Rāma Rājya*



# Garuḍārūḍha Viṣṇu (Kṛṣṇa) Mandira Nirmāṇa



- The image on the left is that of a Kṛṣṇa Mandira constructed on the Caturthāgni Cayana after the observance of Caturthāgni yukta Mahāvrata Yāga in 1996 CE by Brahmaśrī Maddūri Veṅkaṭeśvara Yājñin at Śāyapuram village near Vuyyuru in Krishna Dt., Andhra Pradesh. Lord Kṛṣṇa faces West in this image.
- After the **Caturthāgni yukta Samūḍha Pauṇḍarīka Mahāyāga**, a Viṣṇu (or Kṛṣṇa) Mandira facing East (like mounted on Garuḍa) is desired to be built at the Yāga Sthala with a fencing around, on the banks of River Godavari at Pedavadapalli, near Kovvur in West Godavari Dt., Andhra Pradesh

# ***Support the Observance of this Rare Mahāyāga***

- "The observance of Soma Yāga-s is possible only with the support of patrons who are very rich or when a large number of people provide donations in cash and kind and subscribe to their observance as important to the betterment of the world"
  - Paraphrasing 'Bharat Ratna' Mahāmahopādhyāya Late Shri P V Kane
- Donations worth at least Rupees Three Crores are solicited for
  - Yajña Dakṣiṇa-s – 36 Ṛtvik-s (Officiating Purohita-s) - (Close to Rupees 1.5 crores)
    - Bhojana for over 30 days (at least 1,00,000 meals overall)
    - Gold and Silver items for use in the Yāga and for Dāna & Dakṣiṇa
    - Various Yajña Sambhārā-s from various kulavṛtti-s.



# यज्ञो हि श्रेष्ठतमं कर्म Merits for Donors

- Observance of a Soma Yāga is the Most Excellent Deed one can ever do.
- Pauṇḍarīka is arguably the best Soma Yāga in Kaliyuga
- The merit (**pun̐ya**) of enabling a Soma Yāga like this is immense. There is a śloka recalled:

कर्ता कारयिता चैव प्रेरकश्चानुमोदकः ।

सुकृते दुष्कृते चैव चत्वारः समभागिनः ॥

*The doer, the enabler, the promoter as well as the endorser -- each one has equal share in the fruit of the conduct of both good deeds as well as the bad*

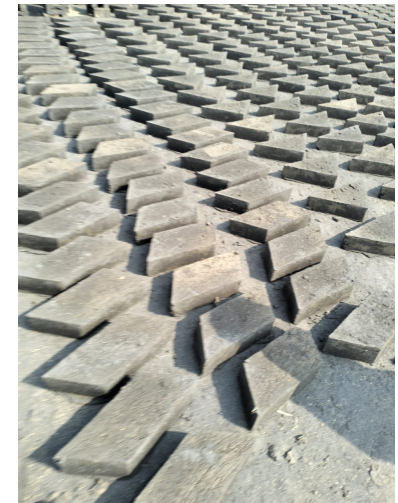
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# Few Images of Preparations for the Yāga



# For more Details

- Dharmādhārā (not-for-profit) Trust (Regd.)

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# यज्ञेश्वराय नमः



वह्निमण्डल मध्यस्थं तप्तजाम्बूनदप्रभम् ।  
स्वधास्वाहा समायुक्तं ध्यायेद्यज्ञतनुं हरिम् ॥