

**Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru Banwarilal Purohit participated  
in the Kumbhabishekam function of Sri Sundara Vinayagar Temple  
at Madipakkam, Chennai**

Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu participated at the Kumbhabishekam function of Sri Sundara Vinayagar Temple and participated as Chief Guest at the function in the presence of His Holiness Pujyasri Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal, organised by Sri Sundara Vinayagar Baktha Jana Sabha at Madipakkam, Chennai today (13.03.2020) and addressed the gathering.

Hon'ble Governor said, "I am delighted to participate in this divine function of Kumbhabishekam of Sri Sundara Vinayagar Temple. It is a matter of double delight that the function is being held in the presence of His Holiness Pujyasri Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal and other Swamigal.

The Kumbhabishekam is a ritual to homogenize, synergize and unite the powers of the deity presiding over the temple concerned. Kumbhabishekam is performed to new shrines or existing one after renovation or repair. The Kumbhabishekam brings all-round prosperity not only to any particular group or devotee but to the society as a whole. As we all know Sanatana Dharma postulates "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" - "the whole world is one family".

"Bhakthi" or "Faith" is a constructive power. It makes impossible, possible. Bhakthi unites all the people without discriminating between caste, colour or creed. When people converge for witnessing consecration of temples, they pray for the well-being of all, not only humans but also animals and plants. Vedas, whose root is "Vid", translates as the wisdom. Vedas have given to the humanity the wisdom to treat all as one.

The earliest statement of the Nature of Reality occurs in the first book of the Rig-Veda. Ekam Sat-Viprah Bahudha Vadanti "The ONE BEING, the wise diversely speak of". God is one, the enlightened or the wise, call him by different names or perceive him

differently. We need to understand this universal approach of religions. The following Sanskrit sloka expounds it fully and forcefully.

“ॐ सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः  
सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।  
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु  
मा कश्चिद्दुःखभागभवेत् ।  
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥”

Translated into English, this means,

“May we all be prosperous and happy  
May we all be free from illness  
May we all see what is spiritually uplifting  
May no one suffer  
Om shanti, shanti, shanti”.

May we resolve to practise love and compassion and promote unity and peace so as to build a harmonious world and nurture in the young the spirit of oneness.

At this juncture, I would like to recall His Holiness Pujyasri Jayendra Saraswati Sankaracharya Swamigal who dedicated his entire life to the service of humanity, dharma, and goodness, transcending divisions such as religion, race, money, caste etc. Indeed His Holiness Pujyasri Jayendra Saraswati Sankaracharya Swamigal will always be remembered as the great soul who brought relief, happiness, and most importantly spirituality to crores of lives.

He saw the difficulties faced by the common people and devised several programmes to alleviate their suffering. He started Mission Hospitals, built Vrudhasramams, Annadhana Koodams, Sankara Schools, Gurukulams that taught the Vedas, performed numerous Kumbhabishekams, built many Gaushalas to house abandoned cattle.

Kumbhabishekam is a very holy ceremony and to witness it, participate in it is a blessing worth cherishing. I am glad that this holy event is taking place in Sri Sundara Vinayagar temple today and that I am fortunate to be part of it.

I have heard many gratifying pieces of news about your temple. Sri Sundara Vinayagar was installed in a thatched shed in the year 1989. The deity was so named

by His Holiness Kanchi Mahaswamigal. From a thatched shed, the temple has grown to be a house of worship with shrines for many deities with two Raj Gopurams today.

I am happy to know that the tank spread over 30 acres adjacent to the temple is now being renovated by the Government with the active participation of welfare associations and federations at a cost of Rupees five crore with a walkers' track, recreation facilities etc. I appreciate it.

With a feeling of reverence and devotion, I feel immensely happy to take part in the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Kumbhabishekam. I appreciate Sri Sundara Vinayagar Baktha Jana Sabha for having taken painstaking efforts to organize the function. My best wishes will always be with them and the devotees of the temple at the Kumbhabishekam. May God bless them with success in all their endeavours.”

On this occasion, Guruji Sri La Sri Kamatchi Swamigal, Mangalapuri Shetram Sri 108 Sakthi Peetam, Srimath Thirugnana Sambantha Thambiran Swamigal, Kaiyilai Kasi Sri Mutt, Vikas Sri Dr. Pitchai Shivachariar, Sri La Sri Ragavan Guruji, Sri Seethaladevi Siddhar Peedam, Sri S. Swaminathan, Secretary, Sri Sundara Vinayagar Baktha Jana Sabha, Smt Geetha Rajasekar, Advisor, Sri Sundara Vinayagar Baktha Jana Sabha, Sri V.Janarthanam, President, Sri Sundara Vinayagar Baktha Jana Sabha, Dr. T.S. Ragavan, Managing Trustee, Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Charitable Trust and other dignitaries participated.

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