

YANTRA POOJA

(13 July 2005 to 29 August 2005)

All deities in a Temple, other than Utsava Murthis, have a Yantra below the bottom of the icon, in a specially sculptured indentation in the pedestal.

The Yantra is a matrix of esoteric inscriptions engraved on a thin sheet of gold or copper which marks for the inner world beings the locus of the temple. It denotes in a sense a unique code or blueprint. Each major temple deity has its own special Yantra installed inside its sanctum. The Yantra is a very important and vital element of every temple.

The Yantras for the new Temple were prepared in India by professionals who specialise in this art. The Yantras were then taken by the Vice-President and Secretary (at their own cost) to three of the oldest temples in South India – Nadaraja Temple in Chidambaram, Vaitheeswaran Temple and Kapaleeswaran Temple in Chennai – to be blessed at the Shiva and Devi Shrines there. There were then brought in time for the start of the **Yantra pooja on the morning of 13 July 2005, which was also the morning of the Aani Uthiram Nadaraja Abishekam.**

A Ganesha Havan, attended by the President and main Office-bearers, as well as Past Presidents and devotees, was held that morning to seek the blessings and assistance of Ganesha, the remover of all obstacles, for the successful conduct of the Yantra Pooja.

The Ganesha Havan marked the start of the Maha Kumbabishekam preliminaries. Every evening since that day special abishekam and pooja are being conducted for the Yantras, to energise them before they are placed in the pedestals holding the icons.

Devotees have already signed up to host all the 48 days. However it is still possible for other devotees to co-host with those who have already signed up. The donation per family is \$31. Please let the Priest or Dr. Kabilan know of your intention to co-host the Yantra Pooja. Host families should be at the Temple by 7.00 pm for the Sankalpam.

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