



# PERSATUAN BRAHMIN MALAYSIA

## (BRAHMANA SAMAJAM, MALAYSIA)

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**1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (தலைவர் பக்கம்)**

Once again it is school holiday season. Members could encourage their children to spend their time doing some creative work and developing skills. The Samajam premises is available free of charge to those who want to organize some activities of common interest to children of members.

I had mentioned in the last circular regarding the update of the Samajam directory. Is there any volunteer who is willing to undertake this task. The directory is used often by many members and is readily available in every household. We could enhance the directory by placing some advertisements. Please contact the President if you are interested.

You are more than welcome to suggest the sort of activities that you would like the Samajam to organize. There is a proposal to hold a dinner-cum-show event. Any feedback on this?

**2. HON. SECRETARY'S COLUMN (கௌரவ செயலாளர் பக்கம்)**

*WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR*

**தங்களுக்கும் தங்கள்**

**குடும்பத்தினருக்கும் எங்களது**

**இனிய புத்தாண்டு நல்வாழ்த்துகள்**

If you would like to see the photographs of major events in color, please visit the Samajam's website to read the electronic version of the circular letters. Please pass the Junior's Section, to your children. Members are more than welcome to contribute suitable articles for future issues of the Circular. You may send your

articles to me by e-mail or by normal post. As part of the cost-savings program, we strongly encourage members to opt for the electronic version of circulars or even retrieve them at your on leisure from the Website.

**3. THIS MONTH'S EVENTS**

### POURNAMI POOJA - பெளர்ணமி பூஜை - - December 4 (டிசம்பர் 4) -

The Pooja falls on December 4, 2006. Any member who wants to sponsor the poojai please contact the President/ Hon. Secretary. All members and their families are cordially invited to participate in the Pooja.

### SAMOOHA BHAJANAI - சமூக பஜனை - - December 30 , 2006 (டிசம்பர் 30)

The December bhajanai will be held on Saturday December 30, 2006. This bhajanai will be sponsored by members in the Ulu Klang/Ampang/Kg. Pandan/Cheras area. All members and their families are cordially invited to participate in the bhajanai.

### 4. MISCELLANEOUS (பலவகைப்பட்ட செய்தி)

**M.S. NITE**

The M.S. Nite show accounts have been finalized and duly audited by the Samajam Hon. Auditors. The show netted a profit of RM 13,640.85, of which it is proposed to set aside RM 5000/- to be used to promote musical talents. Once again thanks to the M.S. Nite Organizing Committee for their valuable efforts and contribution.

— Dr. K.S. Kannan -

### 5. MEMBERS' COLUMN (அங்கத்தினர் பக்கம்)

**CHANGE IN ADDRESS**

- புது விலாசம் -

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The following members/friends wish all members of the Samajam a very Happy Deepavali:

1. Mr. V.N. Subramaniam & Family, Mr & Mrs Prasad Subramaniam & Family, Klang.

## SECOND ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT, DECEMBER 17 2006

1. This will be a day event, ending at the Samajam by evening.
2. Registration fees per participant is RM15; this includes cost of participation (and also for prizes) packet lunch, high tea and a bag of goodies.
3. There should be at least one member of the Samajam in each car.
4. Participants are responsible for their insurance, petrol, etc.
5. The route will cover a radius of approximately 50 km, and participants will be provided with clues for answers that are to be recorded in the answer sheets.
6. Results will be announced at the high tea, and prizes will also be given there.

Closing date is 15th December 2006.

## BRAHMIN ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FUND MERIT AWARDS LIST AND CRITERIA

*"We have received some nominations for merit awards and would like to remind members that the closing date for nominations is December 31, 2006. Details of awards, criteria and application procedures are in the attached table."*

NAME	LEVEL	MINIMUM CRITERIA	DONOR
<b>UPSR Award</b>	<b>UPSR</b>	<b>A in five subjects</b>	
<b>PMR Award</b>	<b>PMR examination</b>	<b>A in six subjects</b>	<b>B. Parthasarathy</b>
<b>V. Krishna Merit Award</b>	<b>SPM examination and/or O Levels</b>	<b>A in six subjects</b>	<b>Jayaram Krishna</b>
<b>Gomathy Rangan Merit Award</b>	<b>STPM Examination and/or A Levels</b>	<b>A in two Principal Level subjects</b>	<b>Datuk Dr. K.R. Ramaswami</b>
<b>R. Gopal Ayer Merit Award</b>	<b>Degree in English Literature</b>	<b>Second Class Honours</b>	<b>Justice Dato Gopal Sri Ram</b>
<b>A.V. Sankar Award</b>	<b>Degree/Qualification in Accounting</b>	<b>Commendable Level of Pass</b>	<b>Venkiteswaran Sankar</b>
<b>K.S. Kannan Award</b>	<b>Degree in Engineering</b>	<b>Second Class Honours</b>	<b>Ir. Prof. Dr. K.S. Kannan</b>
<b>Medical Degree Award</b>	<b>Degree in Medicine</b>	<b>Commendable Level of Pass</b>	<b>Dato Dr. G. Sreenevasan</b>
<b>Postgraduate Degree Award</b>	<b>Master's, Ph. D or any postgraduate achievement</b>	<b>Commendable Level of Achievement</b>	
<b>Saraswathi Ammal Award</b>	<b>Any Level</b>	<b>Achievement in Arts and/or Music</b>	<b>S. Narayanaswami</b>
<b>Somasundaram Merit Award</b>	<b>Youth or Leadership Achievement</b>	<b>Commendable Level of Achievement</b>	<b>Mrs. Sulochana Somasundaram</b>

### Criteria and Procedure

1. Members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for the awards.
2. For this occasion, awards will be given for achievements and/or performance in the current calendar year (2006). However, the Board may at its discretion accept nominations of candidates whose past performance and/or achievements may not have been recognized.
3. In addition to the merit awards specified above, the Board may give commendations to other nominees who have met the minimum criteria specified above.
4. For applications based on performance in examinations, the proposer should send a cover letter addressed to Chairman, Brahmin Association Education Fund, giving details of himself or herself and attaching a certified copy of the certificate or results slip.
5. Nomination of candidates for other achievement awards should include the achievement and reasons why the candidate has been nominated.

### 7. TEMPLE NEWS - ஆலய விபரங்கள் -

As in the previous years, in conjunction with the new year day (1-1-2007) Ganapathy Homam, sanghaabishegam and poojas will be held in the morning in the Temple. With the sponsorship of a well-wisher (nonmember) Rudra Homam, Lakshmi Durga Homam & Navagraha Homam will be conducted at the same time ie 6.30am to 12.00 midday. Prasadham and lunch will be served after the completion of prayers. All members of Brahmin Association and their families are invited to the ceremony and can participate by bringing flowers and other items useful for the Homam, abishegam and poojas. They are requested to take up sankalapam for which the ammount has been fixed at RM50 per family.

Please contact Sri Kumaraswamy Iyer, or Honorary Secretary (V. Subramaniam) or Honorary Treasurer (N. Srinivasan).

### 8. JUNIOR'S SECTION - சிறுவர் பக்கம்

#### YOUR BAKTHI IS GREATER THAN MY SHAKTI

In South India, in the Tamil country, there was a certain Adigal or Dasa, in a village, Thangalur by name. He had heard of the spiritual grandeur of Saint Appar and developed great admiration for him. So he built rest-houses in his name; named his children after him so that they might

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grow up in the halo of his glory; he donated lands and houses, all in the name of the Saint he had not seen. See how faith preceded experience here. There are others who require experience before they fix their faith. The first path is more thrilling and lasting. Well, one day by chance Appar himself walked into Thangalpur for he had missed his way and had to deviate. He noticed everywhere in the town Appar Rest-houses and Appar Charities, and wondered how his name had preceded him. Then Adigal ran forward to His Guru and took him home and prepared a grand feast for him. When his eldest son went to his garden to cut a few plantain leaves for a dinner, a snake bit him and he died on the spot. Adigal however, was not affected in the least; he covered up the corpse, heaping dry leaves upon it and proceeded with the formalities of hospitality for the long-sought Guru. The Guru, however, insisted on all the children of Adigal sitting around him during the meal, and he ordered the father, "Go, call every one here." Adigal did as he was commanded. He called and the dead son rose. He too came and sat for dinner with the rest. When he knew what had happened, Appar said, "Your Bhakthi is greater than my Shakti."

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## FOUR WIVES

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A man had four wives. The man had become ill and was about to die. At the end of his life, he felt very lonely and so asked the first wife to accompany him to the other world. "My dear wife," he said, "I loved you day and night, I took care of you throughout my whole life. Now I am about to die, will you please go with me wherever I go after my death?" The first wife answered: "My dear husband, I know you always loved me. Now you are going to die. It is time to separate from you. Goodbye, my dear." A man called his second wife and begged her to follow him in death. He said, "My dear second wife, you know how I loved you. Sometimes I was afraid you might leave me, but I held on to you strongly. My dear, please come with me." The second wife answered: "Dear husband, your first wife refused to accompany you after your death. How can I follow you? You loved me only for your own selfish sake." He called his third wife, and asked her to follow him. The third wife replied, with tears in her eyes, "My dear, I pity you and I feel sad for myself. Therefore I shall accompany you to the graveyard. This is my last duty to you." The third wife thus also refused to follow him to death. Now he recalled that there was another wife, his fourth wife, for whom he didn't care very much. He had treated her like a slave and had always showed much displeasure with her. He now thought that if he asked her to follow him to death, she certainly would say no. But his loneliness and fear were so severe that he made the effort to ask her to accompany him to the other world. "My dear husband," she said, "I will go with you. Whatever happens, I am determined to be with you forever. I cannot be separated from you."

The first 'wife' is our body. We love, take care, feed, clothing, wash and so on our body day and night. But unfortunately, at the end of our life, the body, the first 'wife' cannot follow us. The second 'wife' stands for our fortune, material riches, fame, position, money and so on. We are attached to these material possessions. At the end of our life these things cannot follow us. The second wife told her husband: "You hold me with your ego-centered selfishness. Now it is time to say goodbye."

Everyone has a third 'wife'. This is the relationship of our parents, all relatives, friends, and society. They will go as far as the graveyard, with tears in their eyes. They are sympathetic and saddened. The fourth wife, is our Self, Atma within. Usually we do not pay attention to it. People do not care to recognize their true reality.

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### 10. CALENDAR OF EVENTS – சிறிய பஞ்சாங்கம் -

Eng. ஆங் -கில	Tamil தமிழ்	Day கிழமை	Event சம்பவம்	
<b>Dec.</b> <b>டிச</b> <b>ம்பர்</b>	<b>Karthigai</b> <b>கார்திகை</b>			
1	15	Fri வெள்ளி	Subha Muhurtham Naal; Ekadasi	சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள்; ஏகாதசி
2	16	Sat சனி	Pradosam	பிரதொஷம்
3	17	Sun ஞாயிறு	Krithigai Vrudham	கிருத்திகை விரதம்
4	18	Mon திங்கள்	Pournami Pooja (7-9 pm) / Vrutham; Sarvaalaya Dheepam	பௌர்ணமி பூஜை (மாலை 7 - 9). / விரதம்; சர்வாலய தீபம்
6	20	Wed; புதன்	Parasurama Jayanthi; Subha Muhurtham Naal	பரசுராம ஜெயந்தி; சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள்
8	22	Fri வெள்ளி	Subha Muhurtham Naal; Sankatahara Chathurthi	சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள்; சங்கடஹர சதுர்த்தி
	<b>Maargazhi</b> <b>மார்கழி</b>			
16	1	Sat சனி	Ekadasi; Maasa Pirappu.	ஏகாதசி; மாச பிறப்பு
18	3	Mon திங்கள்	Pradosham	பிரதொஷம்
20	5	Wed; புதன்	Ammavasai; Hanumath Jayanthi	அம்மாவாசை; ஹனுமத் ஜெயந்தி
23	8	Sat சனி	Shravana Vrudham;	சிரவண விரதம்
24	9	Sun ஞாயிறு	Chathurthi Vrudham	சதுர்த்தி விரதம்
25	10	Mon திங்கள்	Shashti Vrudham; Subha Muhurtham Naal	ஷஷ்டி விரதம்; சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள்
27	12	Wed; புதன்	Subha Muhurtham Naal	சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள்
28	13	Thur; வியாழன்	Subha Muhurtham Naal	சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள்

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29	14	Fri வெள்ளி	<i>Subha Muhurtham Naal</i>	<i>சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள்</i>
30	15	Sat சனி	Vaikunda Ekadasi; <b>Bhajanai (7p.m. - 9 p.m.)</b>	வைகுண்ட ஏகாதசி; பஜனை (மாலை 7 – 9)
31	16	Sun ஞாயிறு	Krithigai Vrudham	கிருத்திகை விரதம்
<b>Jan '07</b> <b>ஜனவரி '07</b>				
1	17	Mon திங்கள்	Pradosham; <i>Subha Muhurtham Naal</i>	பிரதொஷம் ; <i>சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள்</i>
3	19	Wed; புதன்	Thiruvaathurai; Aaruthra tharisanam; <b>Pournami Poojai (7-9p.m.)</b>	திருவாதுரை, ஆருத்ரா தரிசணம்; <b>பௌர்ணமி பூஜை (மாலை 7 – 9).</b>
7	23	Sun ஞாயிறு	Sankatahara Chathurthi	<b>சங்கடஹர சதுர்த்தி</b>
8	24	Mon திங்கள்	Tiruvaiyaaru Thyagaraja Aaraadhana	திருவையாறு தியாகராஜ ஆராதன
11	27	Thur; <b>வியாழன்</b>	<i>Subha Muhurtham Naal</i>	<i>சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள்</i>
12	28	Fri வெள்ளி	<i>Subha Muhurtham Naal</i>	<i>சுப முஹூர்த்தம் நாள்</i>
14	30	Sun ஞாயிறு	Ekadasi and Bhogi Pandigai	<b>ஏகாதசி ; போகி பண்டிகை</b>

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