

**NASA INC.**  
**Rudrabhisheka during 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations**

**OM Namah Shivaaya**

The Board of Directors of our beloved association decided to perform an actual Rudrabhisheka during the celebration of its Silver Jubilee. This event was programmed for the morning of July 3<sup>rd</sup> befitting the formal commencement of the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend get-together in New Windsor Maryland.

The President had requested Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Sri. M. R. Balakrishna and Prof. Y.N. Dathatri to coordinate the event. As a primer for those in need, Dr. K. Ramakrishna lucidly discussed through a presentation on 2<sup>nd</sup> July the proper perspective of the Rudrasookta and the methodology and benefits of conducting such an event, when members started gathering for the weekend event.



The Rudrabhisheka started earnestly at 8 a.m. on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with lots of enthusiasm with many members clad in the traditional pancha kaccham and anga vastram. The event began with appropriate initial prayers with the first couple of the association performing the mahaa sankalpam specially written for the event along with assigning the proper roles for the individuals to conduct the event. Copies of the Abhisheka and Pooja Vidhana compiled from the Mahanyasa prayogam book published by Sree Ramakrishna Ashramam were made available to those who were formally taking part in the abhishekam and for those interested.



In all 22 members formally participated in the chanting lead by Acharya Ramakrishna and the rituals performed by Sri. Mayura Simha on behalf of the entire group. A special round of Mrutyunjaya japam with appropriate sankalpam was conducted for the benefit of one of the association's members by the entire group.



Some of the members (Smt. and Sri. Jagannath and Smt. and Dr. Nataraja) brought the very sacred Bilva patram (rarely available in America) for performing the Pooja on the occasion. Ekadasha vaara rudrabhisheka was done (anyonya sahayena) to the pleasure of every one who took part in it. A specially written swasthi vaachana was also chanted.



After the formal rudrabhishekam and mangalaarathi, Soundarya Lahiri stotram was chanted by the ladies led by Smt. Prema Kumar.

Though through the 25 years of NASA we have seen vedic chanting and performing poojas for the children and the youth, this was the very first time when as a sankethi group during the annual get-together we performed the rudrabhishekam for the benefit and wellbeing of all the members of the association and their families. Let this be a beginning and let us conduct such events in the years to come.

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