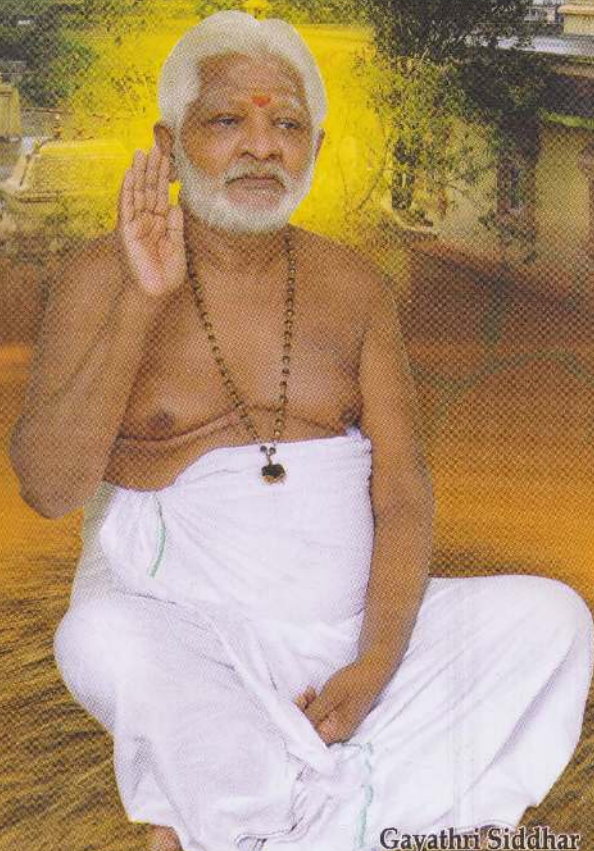


# Sri Gayathri Peetam

**SRI LANKATHEESVARAR TEMPLE**

Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka.



Gayathri Siddhar

**Swami Dr. R. K. Murugesu Maharishi**

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## Gayathiri Vedha Madha

“OM BHŪR-BHUVAH-SUVAH OM TAT-SAVITUR-VARENYAM  
BHARGO DEVASYA DHĪMAHI DHIYO YO NAHA PRACHODAYĀTH”  
(Gayathri Mantra)

## Sri Gayathri Peetam

### Managing trustee's message

We welcome you to the Gayathri-Family in the Blessed name of Gayathri Siddhar Sri-Murugesu Maharishi.

This is the first Sri Lankan temple dedicated exclusively to Goddess Gayathri Vedha Matha. The Gayathri Vedic Mantra is chanted in this temple incessantly. The ancient scriptures say that the recitation of this Mantra illuminates the intellect of human beings and is considered as a universal prayer.



The location of Gayathri Peetam is significant. Gayathri Siddhar chose this place because it was a spiritual revelation and also it was confirmed by Maharishi Sivabalayogi Maharaj. It is believed that the Tri Murtis (Siva, Brahma, and Vishnu) appeared here when Prince Mehanadan (the son of an ancient Sri Lankan King Ravana) performed Siva Thapas and Nikumbala Yagha. The “Athmalingam” consecrated here was sanctified and declared as “SriLankatheeswarar” by the great Indian sage Sivabalayogi Maharaj himself.

Gayathri Peetam was founded by Sri Murugesu Maharishi. This is not only a temple but through this he yearned to build up harmony among religions, to erect fraternity amid the east world and the west world, to abridge distance between the ancient and the modern world and to fulfill the spiritual needs of humanity. Social equality and peace for all were his ultimate aspirations.

Following the Jeeva-Samadhi of our beloved Gurudhevar the day to day activities are devotionally continued by the board of trustees who were personally handpicked by the great sage himself.

Our devotees, friends and visitors come to Gayathri Peetam from all directions of the world to experience the splendid spiritual gifts they get in abundant in this sacred place.

We hope the following information found in this book would give you sufficient details about Sri Gayathri Peetam.

**Sri Shakthivel Chandramohan**  
Managing Trustee



## The Gayathri Siddhar Sri Murugesu Maharishi

The great sage Sri Murugesu Maharishi lived here for more than seven decades and quenched the spiritual thirst of his devotees and also fed the hungry. Serving food for the needy was described as the true “Maheshwara Pooja” by him. He offered selfless service to everyone and anyone who sought his assistance. He had written many spiritual books. His service liberated many from the sufferings of sorrow and pain.



Sri Gayathri Siddhar's ultimate divine goal is to evangelize the great Gayathri-Manthra and Miruthyunjaya Manthra. He promoted meditation among the lay people. Devotees in sri-lanka and from several other countries too follow his spiritual concept .

Sri Kannaiah Yogeewarar was the Guru of Sri Murugesu Maharishi. During his formative years Siddhar Murugesu had associated



Sri Sivabala Yogi



with Sivananda  
Saraswathy



with  
Gnananandagiri



Guru Kannaiah  
yogi

with profound sages such as Sri Gnananda Giri Swami and Yogi Sivananda Saraswathy. Their eminent guidance refined him.

Sri Gayathri Siddhar Murugesu intended to construct the Maha Sivaalayam that consists of 108 Panalingams.

Now his divine love energizes us. His Jeeva Samadhi is the sanctuary of the needy.

## Lord Ganesh

Lord Ganesha is the God of wisdom, literature and worldly success. Lord Ganesha is an encouraging God. He promises success, prosperity, and peace. He is invoked before any sort of enterprise.



## Sri-Lankatheeswarar (Maha Miruthyunjaya Devar)



About four decades ago Sivabalayogi Maharaj honored Maharishi Sri Murugesu by bringing this sacred Sivalingam to Sri Lanka. It was consecrated in Nuwara Eliya Sri Gayathri Peetam. Since then this place of worship is known as Sri-Lankatheeswarar temple. This Maha Sivalingam is miraculous. It is growing in size and the growth is witnessed by many devotees.

This Maha Sivalingam is special because on full moon days and on the day of Maha Sivarathri children, women and men freely enter the "Karpakrihum" (Deity Chamber) and perform "Abisheham." Sri Sivabalayogi Maharaj had requested Gurudevar to have this ritual to break the barrier between the Almighty and the commoner.



## Lord Muruga



Murugan is the God of victory. Lord Muruga is also recognized as Shanmukha, and Kathirgaman (the main deity at Kataragama). He is adored and worshipped with intense faith and devotion. There are three integral elements in Lord Muruga's personality.

## Brahma-Vishnu-Siva – the Trimūrti the Great Trinity

These images of Deities have ascended to grant grace.



Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva are not three different beings but are the three different aspects of the one great God who creates, protects and destroys the lives of the Universe.

## Goddess Gayahtri – the Veda Madha – Panjamuhi

Sri Gayathri Madha appears in the shrine of this temple. She has five faces and they denote the five elements of the nature. They are bhūmi, jala, tejas, vayu and akash respectively the earth, water, fire, air and the void.



Goddess Gayahtri is an aspect of Saraswathi, Luxmi and Parwathi. She is a form of Adi Shakti. She is the source of Brahma's power. Gayatri is Annapurna. She sustains the force of life. She is considered as the Veda-sara --" the essence of wisdom. The

Gayatri Vedic Manthra is known as Savitha. It illuminates the intellect of the devotees who chant it. It is a universal prayer.

## Rama Gayathri

### (Rama-Seetha-Lakshmana - Anjaneyar)

In this fixture Rama appears revered for his unending compassion, courage and devotion to religious values and duty, with his consort Sita esteemed as a standard-setter for wifely and womanly virtues for all women and Lakshmana revered for his staunch loyalty, love and commitment is beside them. Hanuman is the ardent devotee of Rama and the son of Vaayu the Wind God is kneeling.



## Vishnu Gayathri

Vishnu one of Trimurtis is the Preserver. In Sanskrit 'VISH', mean to pervade. Vishnu is also Narayana, meaning 'one who moves waters'.



Lord Vishnu



## Krishna Gayathri (Radha-Krishna)

The Radha-Krishna sculpture which we find in our temple is a special souvenir given by a sage from Brindhavan to Maharishi Sri Murugesu. This sculpture depicts the feminine and the masculine aspects of God. It is a symbol of love, passion and devotion.



## Agasthiyar Maharishi



He is a revered Vedic sage and an early Siddhar. It is believed that Sri Kannaiah Yogeaswarar the spiritual teacher of Gayathri Siddhar Murugesu is a astral disciple of the legendry sage Agasthiyar. And it was assumed that Sri Murugesu Mahrishi too was Astral-physically sanctified by sage agasthiyar during his truth searching endeavors at Kollimalai south India.

## Viswamithrar Maharishi

Vishwa-Mithra means a friend of the universe. Gayathri Mantra was given to Vishwamitra as a gift by the God Almighty for his years of deep penance and meditation. He shared it with everybody.



## Tantra Maha Kali (Dhurga Madha)

Mother Dhuga's sculpture we find in this temple was gifted to Gurudevar by an eminent Siddhar from Kerala. Goddess Durga is the mother of the universe and believed to be the power behind the work of creation, protection, and destruction. The word "Durga" in Sanskrit means a fortress and the one who eliminates sufferings.





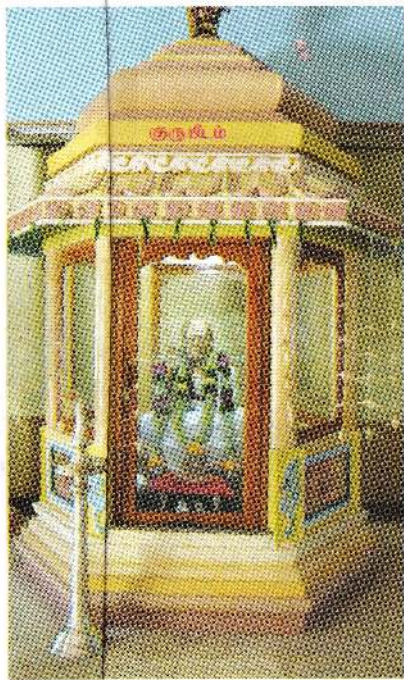
## Sri Venkateswarar

Venkateswarar is another form of Lord Vishnu. He is one among the Trinity. Gayathri Siddhar fondly called this small shrine as his personal Thirupathi Thevasthanam. He always said that Sri Venkadeshwarar and Pathmawathy Ammai have appeared here because he could not visit Thiruppathy very often.



## Gayathri Siddhar Guru Peetam

This is the holy place where our beloved Gurudevar Gayathri Siddhar Sri Murugesu Maharishi had been enshrined. He performed his Yaga here. His devotees gathered around him to listen to him. Now he is eternally alive as a divine force to bless his loved ones in his Jeevasamathi.





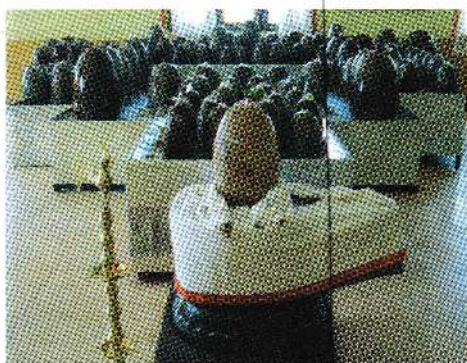
## Gayathri Siddhar Sri Murugesu Maharishi Museum

This museum conserves Gayathri Siddhar's personal belongings and his collection of relics and rare objects of scientific, artistic, cultural, and historical importance. The relics and articles are offered to Gayathri Siddhar by several rishis and thabasvis during his spiritual visits in india particularly from Himalaya and Kollimalai.



## The 108 Sacred Sivalingams

These 108 sacred Sivalingams fascinate the devotees. There is great story behind these Sivalingams. In the 1970s the great Indian Sage Sivabalayogi Maharaj found an "Athmalingam" in the River Narmadha adjoining the famous





Omkareshwar temple dedicated to God Shiva at Madyapradesh, India.

Gayathri Siddhar had predicted that many Parivara lingams will come to Nuwareliya in search of this particular Maha Sivalingam. Consequently, with the guidance of our Gurudevar one of his favorite disciples in Germany found some Sivalingams in his country and brought them here. It is a miracle that the Parivaralingams arrived from a European country.

## **Spiritual and Moral upliftment classes**

**Gayathri Siddhar Murugesu Maharishi Araneri Palli**

On Sundays spiritual and moral upliftment classes are conducted from 08.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. More than 600 children attend these classes. The class starts with Gayathri Pooja -Yagam and ends with the Annathanam. Free uniforms and text books are given to the students. There are about fourteen trained Teachers serve in this school .The teachers do a voluntary service.







**Our Hindu sunday school students**



**Our Hindu sunday school voluntary teachers**



## Community Development activities

Regular community development activities, individual and family counseling and inter-religious programs are conducted in the temple.



Young members encouraged



Inter religious programme



## Mahasivalayam for the 108 Panalingams

Gayathri siddhar Sri Murugesu Maharishi has Prophesized that the Maha Sivalayam will be celebrated as one of the highest spiritual marvels of this millennium.



**The model map of the proposed Mahasivalayam**

The temple construction is underway at the moment. This Shrine is situated beside Sri Lankatheeswarar cathedral at Sri Gayathri Peetam.

The 108 Sivalingams are very active and energized by the cosmic forces. They are now kept in the Gayathri Peetam. Once the Mahasivalayam is completed the Sivalingams will be installed in it. They radiate immense blessings to the entire universe. This temple will have the influence of the Dravidian and the North Indian architecture.

Our Gurudevar also envisioned this temple to resemble Buddhist, Christian and Islamic shrines. Constant prayer at the temple will certainly bring immense eternal benefits to the devotees and their offspring.



Our task is to accomplish this divine duty. We will be much delighted if anyone is interested in joining us in this noble task. If you are concerned please contact us.

## Pooja Schedule

Daily the temple is open from 06.30 a.m. to 09.30 a.m. / from 11.30 a.m. to 01.30 p.m. / from 05.00 p.m. to 07.00 p.m.



On Sundays at 07.30 a.m. a special Guru Pooja, the Yagna are conducted. On every full moon days and on Sundays the Yagna and chanting of Gayathri Manthra are conducted. On these special days all the devotees are served Annathnam ( Mass feeding ).



On Thursdays at 03.00 p.m. a silent prayer program is performed by the devotees beside Mahrishi's Jeeva Samadhi.





## OUR VISION

Our vision is to propagate Gayathri Siddhar Sri Murugesu Maharishi's glory and effectively spread his spiritual and social objectives - Peaceful co-existence among every religious, ethnic, language, status, community groups - for the well being of the mankind.

## OUR MISSION

- To make everyone to learn Gayathri Manthra and to practice Gayathri Sadhana for self realization
- To make people to know wholly about the life history of Gayathri Siddhar Sri Murugesu.
- To share the stories of miracles occurred here.
- To make everyone listen to others' problems empathically
- To propagate the eternal happiness we get when we totally submit ourselves to Gurudevar
- To conduct Gayathri Siddhar "Araneri" school as a model Sunday school. And serving food 'Annathanam' for the devotees.
- To periodically publish and distribute Gayathri Siddhar's spiritual Writings and to publish the spiritual magazine 'Gayathri Sidham' every month.



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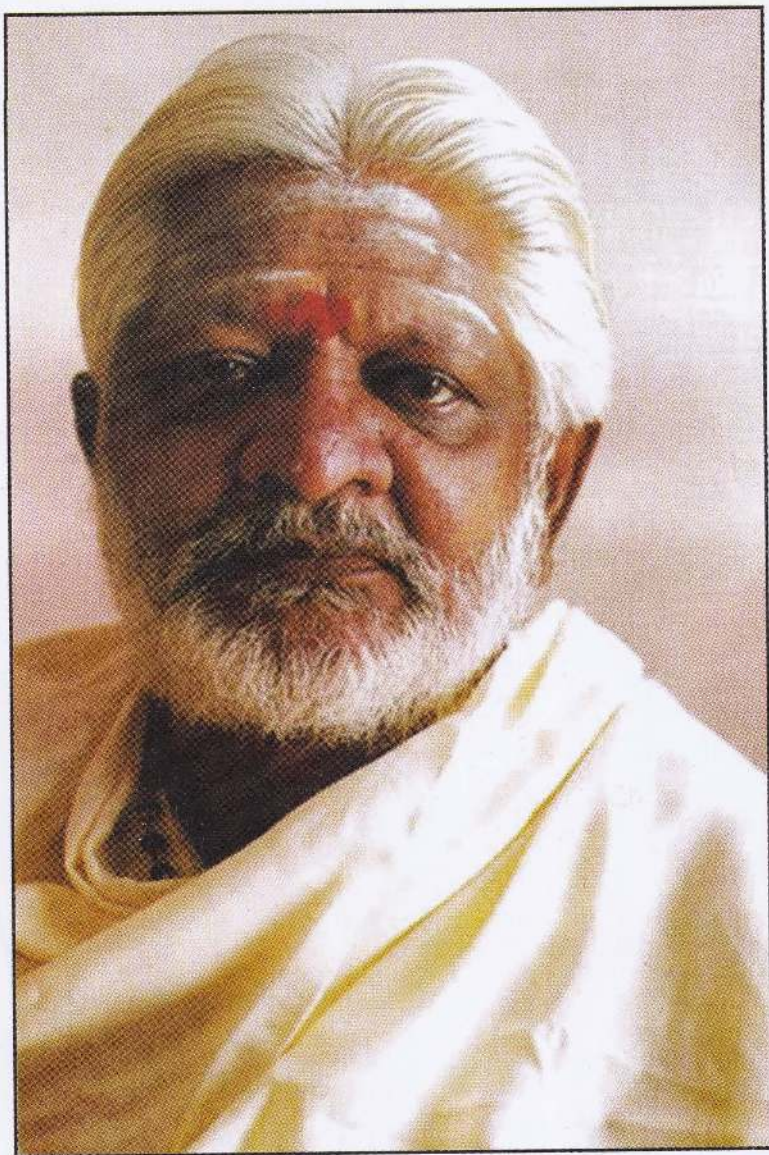
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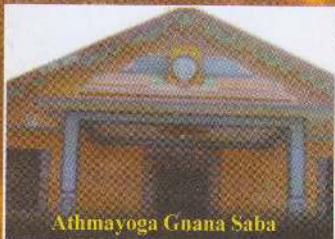


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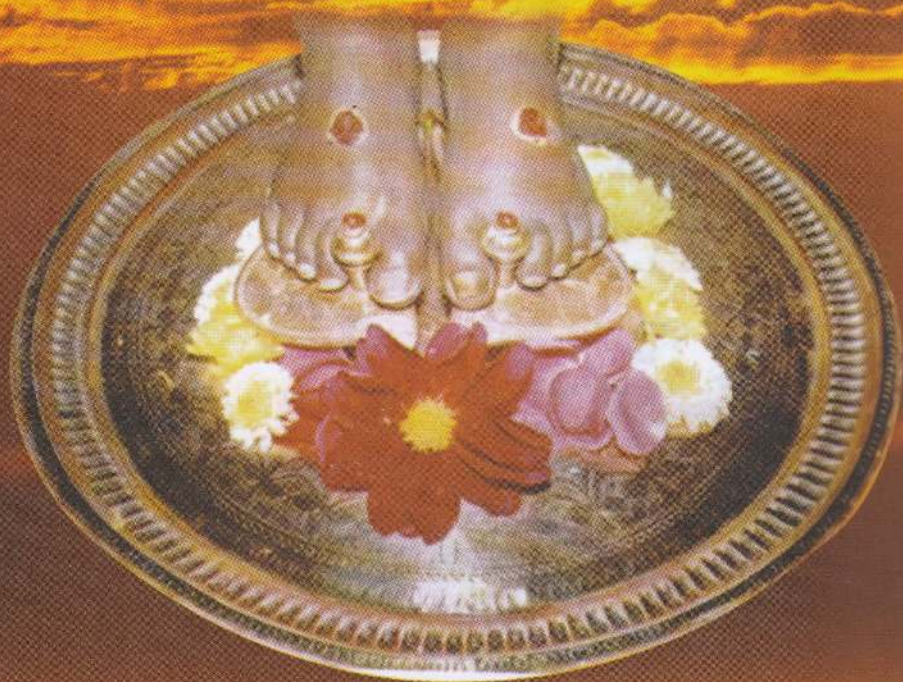
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