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'Sri Mahā Lakshmi'

Rituals/actions starting from Dhānyādivāsam, Kanakādhivāsam and Jalādhivāsam (prior to Prāna Pratiṣṭha)

Dhānyādivāsam and Kanakādivāsam: Both these two rituals take place simultaneously. First a layer of rice grain is laid in the container/box. And this ritual leads to 'Kanakādivāsam'.

Kanakādivāsam: The ritual starts with placing the idol in horizontal position and over the layer of the rice. Kanakādivāsam is in progress since August 27, 2016, being Shrāvana Shanivār an auspicious day for Lakshmi, consort of Lord Venkateswara and is continued till (9) days prior to Prāna Pratiṣṭha event.

During this time devotees are allowed to have closer Darshan and shower the idol with 'Kanaka' in the form of gold, silver and currency bills. Shower Lakshmi with Kanaka generously; it is believed that Lakshmi returns the Kanaka in multiples. The box shall be emptied time to time. All gold/silver items from the box are collected and will be laid beneath Goddess Lakshmi during Pratiṣṭha.

As regards to contribution thru cards (ref: \$101 and \$251), devotees to write their names, plus their members of family, gothra and nakshatra and drop it in a drop box (glass box), maintained near Kanakādivāsam box. The money to be used for Annadānam seva during Prāna Pratiṣṭha. On the day of event, sponsor names will be setup near the food distribution counter.

Jalādhivāsam: As part of this ritual, the idol will be immersed in water – for nine days. Pure water is collected from nearby stream for this ritual. Devotees can participate in pouring water on the idol. A separate water seal container will be arranged.

** Ritual schedules **

- ❖ **Kanakādivāsam concludes on February 28th 2017**
- ❖ **Jalādhivāsam starts on March 1st and concludes on March 9th**
- ❖ **March 9th end of the day – preparations for Mahā Lakshmi idol for Prāna Pratiṣṭha, a (3) day schedule - begins.**
- ❖ **Prāna Pratiṣṭha rituals - March 10, 11 and 12 (watch for religious flyer)**

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