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Our fourth edition of Kanchi Digest brings to you the summary of news, articles and other events that have occurred in March, 2005. We have also compiled statements made by important Hindu religious leaders immediately after the arrest of the Kanchi Acharya. We have published these as "Voice of Saints." The Digest is a condensed version of articles that have been posted on the website www.kanchi-sathya.org. You could make copies of this digest available in places of congregation like temples, kutcheries, and other functions where a large number of people gather. Use the facts here to spread the truth. That is what Kanchi-Sathya is all about.

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1/3/05

Kanchi Bar Association to continue boycott of courts

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media01032005_nip.htm
www.newindpress.com

Lawyers affiliated to the Kancheepuram Bar Association decided to continue with their boycott of courts until March 7. Association president M Madanagopal said that during the boycott period the bail pleas of advocates A Shanmugam, Y Thiagarajan and Revathy Vasudevan would come up for hearing before the Chengalpattu Sessions Court. The writ petition of Shanmugam seeking CBI inquiry into the case of alleged intimidation of Ravi Subramaniam at the sub-jail would also be heard.

2/3/05

Madhavan assault case: Acharya to seek relaxation in bail conditions

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media02032005_nip.htm
www.newindpress.com

Kanchi Acharya Sri Jayendra Saraswati, who was granted anticipatory bail in the Tirukottiyur Madhavan assault case, is likely to seek relaxation in the bail conditions. Praying that the timings specified in the order to present himself before the Kanchi SIT would impede his poojas, the Seer's counsel K S Dinakar would file the petition, sources said.

4/3/05

Parameshti Guru Aradhanai performed at Kalavai

<http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media04032005.htm>
www.newindpress.com

On the Kanchi Sankaramatam's 67th Peetaadipathi, Chandrasekara Swamigal's Mukti Day, special pujas were conducted in the presence of Sri Jayendra Saraswathi in Kalavai.

5/3/05

HC rejects threat complaint against Mutt lawyers

<http://www.hinduonnet.com/thehindu/holnus/001200503042213.htm>

The Madras High Court held there was nothing to link two Kanchi Mutt lawyers to the complaint lodged by Chitra, wife of Ravi Subramaniam, accused-turned-approver in the Sankaraman murder case, that two women advocates had threatened her husband and tried to induce him to change his confessional statement. There was nothing to implicate either Shanmugam or Thyagarajan, lawyers defending accused in the murder case, Justice K P Sivasubramaniam said, when a writ petition filed by Shanmugam for a CBI probe into Chitra's complaint, lodged on February 19, came up for hearing.

Seer's bail conditions modified

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media05032005_nip1.htm
www.newindpress.com

Principal Sessions Judge P Murugesan modified the conditions stipulated earlier while granting anticipatory bail to Kanchi Acharya Sri Jayendra Saraswati. Granting the relief, the PSJ extended until March 14 (from the earlier March 10 date) the time for surrendering before the Kanchi Magistrate. He also permitted the Acharya to appear before the IO on every Saturday between 2 and 3 p.m. instead of between 10 a.m. and noon.

Acharya's counsel will not be arrested, says PP

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media05032005_nip2.htm
www.newindpress.com

Public Prosecutor K Doraisamy told the Madras High Court that there was no move to arrest Y Thyagarajan or A Shanmugam, counsel for Kanchi Acharya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi in the Sankaraman murder case.

6/3/05

SIT arrests Raghu in second case

<http://www.hinduonnet.com/thehindu/holnus/004200503061401.htm>

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) slapped a

second case on Raghu, younger brother of Junior Kanchi Acharya Sri Vijayendra Saraswati, by arresting him in connection with the ex-mutt associate and auditor Radhakrishnan assault case of 2002. Raghu, who was also detained under the Goondas Act, had been lodged in the Chennai prison ever since his arrest in connection with the murder case on December 30 last year. With this, eleven people, including Senior Kanchi Seer Sri Jayendra Saraswati have been cited as accused in the assault case.

Ravi Subramaniam to turn approver in attack
<http://www.hindu.com/2005/03/06/stories/2005030603690400.htm>

The filing of chargesheet in the "Mandaveli Radhakrishnan attack case" is likely to take a few more days with one of the key accused, Ravi Subramaniam, a contractor, intending to turn approver in the case.

7/3/05

HC grants anticipatory bail to Sankaracharya
http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media07032005_nip2.htm
www.newindpress.com

The Madras High Court granted anticipatory bail to the Kanchi Seer Sri Jayendra Saraswathi who apprehended arrest following a complaint filed by Chitra, wife of Ravi Subramaniam, accused-turned-approver in the Sankararaman murder case. In her complaint, she had alleged that two lawyers having connections with the mutt had threatened her husband and had also tried to induce him to change his confessional statement implicating the Seer in the murder case.

Ravi Subramaniam gives statement in Radhakrishnan assault case
<http://www.hinduonnet.com/thehindu/holnus/004200503071862.htm>

Ravi Subramaniam, an accused in the Radhakrishnan assault case who expressed his willingness to turn approver in the case, gave a statement before a metropolitan magistrate here.

8/3/05

Lawyers granted anticipatory bail
http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media08032005_nip1.htm
www.newindpress.com

Lawyers A Shanmugam, Y Thiagarajan and Revathy Vasudevan were granted anticipatory bail by the Chengalpattu Sessions Court in a case filed against them by the Siva Kanchi police for allegedly threatening Ravi Subramaniam, an accused who turned approver in the Sankararaman murder case, at the Kancheepuram sub jail.

9/3/05

Premkumar complains to ICAI against Gurumurthy
http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media09032005_nip.htm
www.newindpress.com

The Special Investigation Team (SIT), probing the Kancheepuram Sankararaman murder case, has moved the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) demanding action against columnist S Gurumurthy for writing in newspapers without proper authorisation by the Institute, Superintendent of Police K Premkumar has revealed.

Further delay likely in serving chargesheet copies
http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media09032005_nip1.htm
www.newindpress.com

Serving of copies of chargesheet in the Kanchi Sankararaman murder case is likely to be further delayed, most likely by a fortnight, sources said. The remand has been extended thrice already. The further delay could be because the judiciary was yet to examine the document and certify them, the sources added.

10/3/05

Radhakrishnan attack case: Raghu remanded until March 17
<http://www.hindu.com/2005/03/10/stories/2005031009330400.htm>

11/3/05

Ravi to appear in court on March 24
http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media11032005_nip.htm
www.newindpress.com

Approver Ravi Subramaniam could be examined before the committal of the case to the Chengalpattu Sessions Court and the prosecution's

petition seeking the same would be taken up once the copies of the chargesheet were ready, Kancheepuram Judicial Magistrate-I G Uthamaraj informed the prosecution.

13/3/05

Devotees of Kanchi Seers observe fast

<http://www.chennaionline.com/colnews/newsitem.asp?NEWSID=%7B4693FB47%2D336F%2D471F%2DA04A%2D7A4744F58860%7D&CATEGORYNAME=Chennai>

The Kanchi Kamakoti Akhila Bharatha Devotees Forum, consisting mostly of women, observed a token fast in Chennai demanding withdrawal of cases against the Kanchi Sankaracharyas and also to protest against what they claimed "systematic" and "malicious" campaign against Hindu religious heads and mutts. Janata Party's Tamil Nadu unit president V.S. Chandralekha, who inaugurated the fast, claimed that the cases against the two Acharyas were foisted and should be withdrawn. Women's wing members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad also joined the fast.

Kanchi Mutt devotees favour new political front

<http://www.hindu.com/2005/03/13/stories/2005031307370400.htm>

The Akhila Bharata Devotees Forum of the Kanchi Mutt favours the formation of a new political front with a nationalist outlook in the State. Addressing a press conference on behalf of the forum the State Janata Party president, V.S. Chandralekha, said the devotees, who now remained "passive", would express their protest during the Assembly poll, taking an active part in the election campaign. The public response to the forum's signature campaign on the theme that "righteousness would triumph" in the cases against the Kanchi Acharyas was overwhelming, she said. More than three lakh people had affixed their signatures and these would shortly be forwarded to the President and the Prime Minister.

15/3/05

Kanchi Seer fulfils bail conditions

<http://www.chennaionline.com/colnews/newsitem.asp?NEWSID=%7B1496FAE1%2D6624%2D476F%2D80D0%2DD1B4BEAC1506%7D&CATEGORYNAME=Chennai>

As part of fulfilling his bail conditions in two cases, Kanchi Sankaracharya, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi,

appeared before two magistrates in Kancheepuram.

Demand to resign post before appearing in Disproportionate Wealth Case"

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media15032005_dinamalar1.htm
<http://www.dinamalar.com/2005march14/tn21.asp>
<http://sankaracharyaarticles.blogspot.com/>

"If indeed the Law is equal for everyone, Jayalalitha should resign her Chief Minister post before she appears in the case," said Tamil Nadu Janata Party leader, Chandralekha. "When Kanchi Sankaracharya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi was arrested, Jayalalitha said 'everyone is equal before law'. Sri Jayendra Saraswathi is only charged. The charges against him have not been proven. Jayalalitha is going to appear in court in Bangalore for the case of accumulating wealth disproportionate to her income. In the Bangalore special court, a special lift and special entrance has been arranged for her.

The Tamil Nadu government said that if Sri Jayendra Saraswathi stays in Kalavai, he would tamper with witnesses. Therefore, he needs to be made to go to a Northern state. In Jayalalitha's disproportionate wealth case, there are 167 witnesses in Tamil Nadu. What guarantee is there that as Chief Minister, Jayalalitha will not tamper with these witnesses? If the Law is equal for everyone, then, before she appears in this case, she should step down from her post.

Nobody can destroy Hindu matham. Some are colluding with international powers to destroy Hindu matham. That won't work. Truth will prevail. Dharma will prevail", she said.

16/3/05

TN Govt will not implicate Kanchi Mutt lawyer

<http://www.chennaionline.com/colnews/newsitem.asp?NEWSID=%7B1DF4C8C6%2D5517%2D4210%2DBCB8%2DD9D24CE1D8E1%7D&CATEGORYNAME=CHENNAI>

Tamil Nadu government told the Madras High Court that it did not propose to proceed against Kanchi Mutt lawyer A Shanmugham on the basis of a complaint by the wife of Ravi Subramaniam, accused-turned-approver in the Sankararaman Murder Case.

17/3/05

'Give charge sheet copy to Acharya'

<http://www.hindu.com/2005/03/17/stories/2005031708600400.htm>

The international president of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Ashok Singhal, has urged the Tamil Nadu Government to immediately hand over a copy of the charge sheet in the Sankararaman murder case to the Kanchi Sankaracharya, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi. The Government is delaying only to harass him, Mr. Singhal told newsmen after a three-hour-long meeting with the Acharya on Wednesday.

Bail plea turned down

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media17032005_nip.htm
www.newindpress.com

The Chengalpattu Sessions Court turned down the bail plea of Devaraj, Arun and Sekar - accused in the Kanchi Sankararaman murder case. Dismissing their petitions, Judge (in-charge) S. Vanangamudi said there were sufficient grounds for doing so and added that if let out on bail, they could tamper with evidences.

18/3/05

Sri Jayendra Saraswathi to visit Siva temple in Kalavai

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media18032005_dt1.htm
<http://www.dailythanthi.com>

Sri Jayendra Saraswathi, who is staying in Kalavai, is going to visit the Siva Temples on Saturday to survey the renovation work going on there. He will be visiting the Kaareeswarar temple in Paanakaar Street. After darshan of the deity, He will bless devotees in the temple itself. From there, he will go to the Chandrasekhareeswaran Temple in the same part of town and will survey the renovation work underway there. Then, he will return to Brindavanam.

Dr. Bhaskar petitions Madras High court for cancellation of the summons by SIT

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media18032005_dt.htm
<http://www.dailythanthi.com>

The Special Investigation Team investigating the Shankararaman Murder case has filed a complaint against Dr. Bhaskar alleging that he collected money for funding Kanchi Mutt's expenses on the

court cases by starting a new campaign.

Dr. Bhaskar has appealed in the Madras High Court requesting the court to cancel the summons issued to him. In that appeal, he has said: "The website has been started only to collect money for the Kanchi Mutt. There is nothing wrong is having his name added in the collection appeal."

Fishermen affected by Tsunami seek the blessings of Kanchi Acharya

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media18032005_dinamalar.htm
<http://www.dinamalar.com/2005march18/tn50.asp>

Fishermen from Thevanaampattinam, near Cuddalore, who were affected by the killer tsunami waves met the Kanchi Acharya, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi at Kalavai and sought his blessings.

After meeting Him, they met the media. The fishermen said: "We have been severely affected by the tsunami to which we have lost many family members. We haven't gone back to the sea for fishing ever since the tsunami struck us. As a result, we have been struggling to make ends meet. We have decided to start fishing in the sea from tomorrow. We wanted to get the blessings from Sri Acharya before that. He blessed all of us."

The Kanchi Mutt gave the fishermen free food items for a month. The Mutt also organized free medical examination and medicine distribution for the fishermen.

Summons for former employee of Sankaramatam

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media18032005_dinamani.htm
<http://www.dinamani.com>

A constable from Vishnu Kanchi Police Station came to Kalavai to serve summons to S. Nagaraj, former employee of the Sankaramatam. Nagaraj worked for the Dept of Railway and took voluntary retirement. After serving as manager of Kanchipuram Sankaramatam and later at Kalavai, he went back to Hyderabad a few days ago due to ill health.

19/3/05

HC Judge wants to opt out of Mutt cases

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media19032005_nip.htm
www.newindpress.com

Justice K P Sivasubramaniam of the Madras High Court slammed the Special Investigating Team (SIT), Kancheepuram, probing the Sankararaman murder case, for its "fishing expedition tactics" and said he was considering excusing himself from all cases relating to the Shankara Mutt.

His sharp comments came in the course of a hearing on a writ petition seeking quashing of the summons to S Bhaskaran, a Chennai-based cardiologist attached to Sankara Nethralaya.

A visibly irritated judge told the prosecution, "If you need any information from anyone on anything, you may as well go to the person concerned and enquire instead of summoning them..."

Wondering whether the SIT wasn't engaged in a fishing expedition, the judge told the prosecution to advise their client to stick to the case before it instead of branching off in various directions.

Jaya files defamation suit against BJP leader Joshi

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media19032005_nip1.htm
www.newindpress.com

On behalf of Chief Minister J. Jayalithaa, a defamation suit has been filed in the City Civil Court, seeking to punish former Union minister and BJP leader Murli Manohar Joshi for his alleged remarks with regard to the arrest of Kanchi Acharya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi in connection with the Sankararaman murder case.

20/3/05

BJP condemns defamation case on Joshi

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media20032005_dinamani2.htm
<http://www.dinamani.com>

The BJP's state general secretary Mr. H. Raja has strongly criticized the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalitha for initiating a defamation case against Senior BJP leader Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi.

Mr. Raja also cited the recent criticism of the TN

Government by the Chennai High Court regarding the issue of summons to Dr. Bhaskar. Dr. Bhaskar had started a campaign for collecting money from devotees for paying off the case related expenses of the Kanchi Mutt.

The Acharya decides to continue his spiritual work from Kalavai

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media20032005_dinamani3.htm
<http://www.dinamani.com>

The Kanchi Acharya has told His devotees that he will continue to stay at Kalavai and work for the betterment of the temples in and around Kalavai region.

Kanchi Acharya fulfils the anticipatory bail conditions

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media20032005_dinamani1.htm
<http://www.dinamani.com>

The Kanchi Acharya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi came to the forest bungalow to affix His thumb impression as per the conditions set by the Courts while granting the anticipatory bail.

Two months later, Kanchi Seer breaks 'vow of silence'

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media20032005_nip1.htm
www.newindpress.com

Breaking his over two-month-long silence, the Kanchi Seer, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi said there was a "spiritual link between Kancheepuram and Kalavai for the past 100 years." The Seer said for him, Kalavai was a special place, as his guru late Sri Chandrasekarendra took sanyas here. He appealed to the people to work unitedly for the betterment of the town. He also inspected the renovation works going at Chandrasekareswar temple.

22/3/05

Pace slackens in Sankararaman murder case

<http://www.hindu.com/2005/03/22/stories/2005032207460400.htm>

Defence counsel have asked for time to cross-examine the accused-turned-appraiser, Ravi Subramaniam, before the Sankararaman murder case is committed to the sessions. The case has

been posted for March 24 and enquiries reveal that the charge sheet may not be served on the accused even on that day.

23/3/05

Summons won't be pursued, says PP

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media23032005_nip.htm
www.newindpress.com

The Madras High Court disposed of a writ petition seeking to quash the summons issued to Dr S. Bhaskaran by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in Kancheepuram, following a submission from Public Prosecutor K Doraisamy that the summons would not be pursued anymore.

Dr. Bhaskaran withdraws petition

<http://www.hinduonnet.com/thehindu/holnus/004200503221821.htm>

A doctor attached to Kanchi Mutt and an ardent devotee of Kanchi Seer Sri Jayendra Saraswathi, withdrew a petition seeking to quash summons issued to him by the SIT probing cases against the Mutt and its Seers for raising funds through a website to meet the expenses incurred by the Mutt on account of the cases.

M. M. Joshi to appear in court in defamation suit on June 6

<http://www.hinduonnet.com/thehindu/holnus/001200503221928.htm>

A court issued summons to Senior BJP leader Murlu Manohar Joshi, in connection with a suit filed against him for his alleged defamatory remarks against the Tamil Nadu Government in connection with the arrest of Kanchi Seer Sri Jayendra Saraswathi in the Sankararaman murder case. Additional Sessions Judge, B Ramalingam, ordered the issue of summons to Joshi to appear in court on June 6 on a petition filed by city Public Prosecutor T V Ganesan, on behalf of the Government.

In all, four Tamil and two English dailies have been named in the defamation suit for publishing Joshi's remarks, flaying the Government and State police over the arrest of the Seer.

24/3/05

Acharya case: Chargesheet copies may be given today

<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/002200503240387.htm>

The Kancheepuram Judicial Magistrate Court-I is likely to furnish copies of the chargesheet to both the Kanchi Acharyas and 22 other accused in the Sankararaman murder case. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) which probed the case had filed the chargesheet before the Court on January 21 last.

25/3/05

Sankararaman murder case: Chargesheet on March 31

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media25032005_nip.htm
www.newindpress.com

Chargesheet in the Kanchi Sankararaman murder case will be served on the accused, including the two Shankaracharyas – Sri Jayendra Saraswati and Sri Vijayendra Saraswati on March 31.

Woman lawyer threatens to sue Tamil weekly

<http://sify.com/news/fullstory.php?id=13701620>

One of the two woman lawyers accused of threatening and attempting to bribe accused-turned-approver Ravi Subramaniam in the Sankararaman murder case to turn hostile, threatened to sue Tamil magazine 'Nakeeran' if it failed to apologize for carrying a report alleging that they were paid Rs 10 lakh by the Kanchi Mutt for the purpose.

Defer proceedings until 'further report':

Acharya

<http://www.hindu.com/2005/03/25/stories/2005032509860400.htm>

The Kanchi Acharya, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi, moved the magistrate court in Kancheepuram, seeking deferment of proceedings in the Sankararaman murder case until the prosecution filed a 'further report'.

Kanchi Seer visits temples near Kalavai

<http://www.chennaionline.com/colnews/newsitem.asp?NewsID=%7B719065E8-C25A-4A70-B634-1A76431CC86E%7D&CategoryName=TAMNA>

Kanchi Seer Sri Jayendra Saraswathi, accompanied by nearly 200 devotees, visited two temples near Kalavai and offered prayers. The Seer, who walked to the two temples, first offered prayers to Lord Vinayaka and performed "Gho pooja" before entering the Kalikambal Kamandeswara temple, where the presiding deity is Lord Siva. He then visited the Izhatu Nagatamman temple, a Devi temple and prayed there. The Seer addressed the devotees and stressed the need to seek the blessings of family deities and "Ishta devata" for prosperity. He also blessed them.

27/3/05

Devotees at Valaja Pettai give a rousing welcome to Sri Jayendra Saraswathi

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media27032005_dinamani.htm
www.dinamani.com

Sri Jayendra Saraswathi, who visited the temples in the Valajapettai, was given a rousing welcome by his devotees. The members of VHP and Hindu Munnani also gave a rousing welcome to the Acharya when he visited the 'Nava Shakthi Vinayagar' temple, Sridevi Karumaari Amman temple, Iyappan temple, Murugan temple, Rama Bhaktha Anjaneyar temple and Kasi Vishvanathar temple. When the Acharya visited the Valaja Pettai market place, he was given an enthusiastic 'poorna kumbha' welcome by the members of the 'Autorickshaw Union'. In all the important roads that the Acharya visited, huge crowds of people waited patiently and sought his blessings. Sri Acharya also visited the Arunthathiyar colony in the Thiruvallur Nagar by foot. There the Acharya offered his prayers at the Mariamman temple. Many youngsters in that area welcomed the Acharya with great enthusiasm and devotion.

Seer appears before SIT

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media27032005_nip1.htm
www.newindpress.com

Kanchi Shankaracharya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in compliance with his anticipatory bail formalities.

Kanchi ASP transferred

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media27032005_nip2.htm
www.newindpress.com

P. Sakthivel, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) and investigating officer in the Kancheepuram Sankararaman murder case, has been promoted as Superintendent of Police (SP) and transferred to the Enforcement Wing in Chennai.

Sri Jayendra Saraswathi visits Veda Patashala after 4 months

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media27032005_dinamani1.htm
www.dinamani.com

The Acharya visited the Vedal village located in the National Highway between Chennai and Bangalore. There, Sri Acharya visited the Veda Patashala run by the Shankara Mutt after 4 months. In the Patashala, the Acharya was given enthusiastic welcome with the students of the Patashala reciting Vedas welcoming him. After spending an hour there, the Acharya left for Rani Pettai.

28/3/05

Sri Jayendra Saraswathi visits Kanchi Mutham

<http://www.chennaionline.com/colnews/newsitem.asp?NEWSID=%7B6DF8220F%2D158D%2D47E0%2D9590%2DBB6F4E030267%7D&CATEGORYNAME=Chennai>

The Kanchi Sankaracharya, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi visited the Sankara mutt for the first time since October. He stayed there for about one hour and performed poojas and meditation in front of the 'Adishtanam' (samadhi) of the Mahaswamigal Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi. Later he left for Kalavai. Earlier, he visited the Kamakshi Amman Temple here and performed milk abhishekam to the Adi Sankara and Saraswathi shrines before visiting the nearby Kousikeswarar temple. The Seer had made a public appearance at the deemed university of the Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswamaha Vidyalaya at Enathur yesterday where a convocation was held. He blessed the gathering and distributed prasadam to the students and the parents who were present there. He also held a meeting with the board members of the university and later returned to Kalavai.

29/3/05

Acharya visits Shani temple

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media29032005_dinamani1.htm
www.dinamani.com

Kanchi Acharya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal went to Aarani to do special poojas to the Shaneeshwarar temple located there. At that time, the Acharya said that the Shani Bhagavan, who gave even Eashwarar [Lord Shiva] a difficult time, will also do good things to the people.

Later, the Acharya visited the Shaneeshwarar temple at the Yearikuppam, where the temple authorities welcomed the Acharya. The Acharya took part in the special abishekam at that temple and also spoke to the devotees assembles at that time as follows:

“Of all the planets, Shanee is the most important one. Shaneeshwara Bhagavan has given a difficult time to Lord Shiva Himself. Shanee Bhagavan has the ability and power to do both good and bad things. So, it is better for us to pray to God with devotion. Renovation work is going on in this temple at the cost of Rs. 75 lakhs. This work will get completed successfully.”

The Acharya blessed the huge number of devotees who had assembled at the temple. Then, the Acharya visited the Shankara eye hospital at Aarani before leaving for the ‘Adyapulam Atchaya Theerthar’ temple.

30/3/05

Sri Sundaresa Iyer and others should not be released from Goonda’s act: TN Government

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media30032005_dinakaran.htm
www.dinakaran.com

The TN government has appealed in its counter petition to the Chennai High Court that the 12 people held under Goonda’s act including Sri Sundaresa Iyer and Appu should not be released.

In his petition, Sri Sundaresa Iyer has appealed that he has never been involved in any unlawful activity ever. Goonda’s act must be invoked only when a person causes considerable disturbance to the public. Since he has never cause any public disturbance of any kind, detaining him under

Goonda’s act is unlawful. His detention is politically motivated and so the court must order his release from detention.

Koti Archana to be performed at Kanchi Mutt

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media30032005_dinamani1.htm
www.dinamani.com

Praying for the well being of the people of the world, Kanchi Mutt is organizing a Koti Vishnu Sahasranama Archana from Wednesday, 30th March]. Several poojas, homams and archanas are conducted every year at Kanchi Mutt praying for the welfare of the people of the world. Similarly, the Mutt is organizing the koti Vishnu Sahasranamam archana starting at 8.00 am on Wednesday at the Adhishtanam of Maha Swamigal in the Kanchi Mutt.

The Acharya visits Vinayakar temple and home for aged people

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media30032005_dt.htm
www.dailythanthi.com

Kanchi Acharya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi visited the Vinayagar temple at the Agharam village near Kalavai and offered his prayers there. The Acharya also visited the home for aged people located close to the temple.

Acharya moves court for relaxation of bail conditions

<http://www.hindu.com/2005/03/30/stories/2005033007580400.htm>

The Kanchi Sankaracharya, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi, has moved a sessions court for relaxation of bail conditions it imposed while granting him anticipatory bail in the Tirukottiyur Madhavan assault case.

The court had directed him to appear before the Judicial Magistrate-I at Kancheepuram every Tuesday. The order was modified later and he was asked to appear every Saturday.

In his present petition, the Acharya said he had been complying with the court order and prayed for dispensing with his further appearance in court.

The matter is coming up for hearing tomorrow.

31/3/05

Kanchi Seers receive chargesheet copies

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media31032005_nip1.htm
www.newindpress.com

The copies of chargesheet of the Sankararaman murder case were handed over to all the accused, including Kanchi Seers, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi and Sri Vijayendra Saraswathi, by the Kancheepuram court.

Though SP Prem Kumar filed the chargesheet, running to 1,873 pages, on January 21, the copies could not be served on four earlier occasions when the accused appeared before the court as the work was delayed since it was voluminous.

Seer seeks transfer of case outside TN

<http://www.chennaionline.com/colnews/newsitem.asp?NEWSID=%7B368381FE%2D44C7%2D4E67%2D9099%2D12EAB1F0E112%7D&CATEGORYNAME=Chennai>

Nearly three months after getting bail in the Sankararaman murder case, Kanchi Sankaracharya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi has moved the Supreme Court seeking transfer of the trial outside Tamil Nadu apprehending that he would not get a fair trial as the Chief Minister was showing "undue interest" in it.

The Sankaracharya, who was granted bail by the apex court on January 10 this year, said the atmosphere in the state was "not conducive for a fair trial" in the case as the prosecution appeared to be "under the influence" of the government headed by Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa.

Citing an instance of unnecessary harassment, the Seer alleged that the police, who filed the chargesheet against him in the case on January 21, gave him a copy of the chargesheet after nearly three months.

Moreover, the investigating officers in the case have been handpicked by the Chief Minister, who had given statements that would prejudice the prosecution from presenting the case fairly before the trial court.

Sri Sundaresa Iyer and Ragu's case adjourned to 16th April

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media31032005_dinamalar.htm
www.dinamalar.com

The case regarding the petition challenging the

detention of Sri Sundaresa Iyer and Ragu under Goonda's act has been adjourned to April 16th by the Chennai High Court.

Acharya petitions Chennai High Court to allow him to report at Kalavai Police Station

http://www.kanchi-sathya.org/media31032005_dinakaran.htm
www.dinakaran.com

Currently, the Acharya is required to report to the Kanchipuram Police station as per the bail conditions. In his petition, the Acharya has petitioned the Chennai High Court to allow him to report at Kalavai police station instead of Kanchipuram.

Voice of Saints

*A message from Swami Dayananda Saraswathi
Convener, Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha
The Voice of Collective Hindu Consciousness
November 12, 2004*

The Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha, the Apex body of Hindu Acharyas and Peetathipathis from all over India and which represents the unified voice of the Hindu society, notes with consternation and deep regret the direction of events that have culminated in the arrest and detention of the highly respected Sankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal. The entire Hindu society feels overwhelmed with sadness and shock at the mode of action that has been visited on the great Peetadhipathi. Surely requirements of law and justice, if any, could have been met by a more considerate and benign approach by the law enforcement agencies, keeping in view the very great reverence that the Kanchi Peetathipathi commands among the vast mass of Hindus of the country. It is curious that their sacred sentiments have been treated with such little consideration. The Acharya Sabha calls for an impartial and quick investigation that is fully credible in the eye of the public and hopes that the forces which are well known to be inimical to the concerns and legitimate interests of Hindus in general and their leadership in particular, will not be allowed to subvert impartial enquiry and application of law.

*Sant Sri Asaramji Ashram
Sabarmati, Ahmedabad
Press Release on 21-11-04*

“Those people who are playing with Indian heritage and being cruel to its Saints, beware of your acts, otherwise people will throw you out of power!”

Those who are insulting Indian culture and heritage, doing injustice to Saints and putting down Hinduism, beware of your disgusting acts; otherwise you will have same fate as that of Ravan, Kaurav and Kanse. These words were spoken by well-known santh Shri Aasaramji Babu addressing the people who were on hunger strike at Patel Chowk of Parliament Street. On second day of hunger strike, Shri Aasaramji Babu participated along with his thousands of followers to protest the

arrest, insulting and indecent treatment of Parampujaya Shankaracharya Sri Jayendra Saraswati who has millions of followers with faith and belief in him. Previously Babuji had participated in the rally from Ramlila ground to the town hall in Chandni Chowk along with additional Sanths. Before his arrival, his disciple, Shri Sureshanandji addressed the gathered people. Other important people who participated were Murli Manohar Joshi, Najma Heptulla and Kalaraj Mishra.

According to Babu there are three powers in a human being- sattwic, rajasic and tamasic. Increase in Satwic or divine strength makes a person more selfless and altruistic and he eventually becomes one with the God. Jagatguru Adi Shankaracharya traveled all over India to increase the satwic qualities amongst people which was a great accomplishment. The present Shankaracharya is trying to only continue with the traditions of the math established by Adi Shankra. Shankaracharya Shri Jayendra Saraswati established the greatness of Hinduism. He treats Hindu-Muslim, rich-poor and young-old equally. Such a well wisher of everyone is mistreated like an ordinary convicted criminal. There is conspiracy against him. Millions of Indians have been hurt by this and this grief has brought me here today. I do not belong to any party, but I cannot see the misery of my fellow Indians.

In a powerful speech, Babu said that to do injustice and to tolerate is both a sin. One should be ready to fight this injustice. People who are hard working, courageous, patient, intellectual, strong and brave are helped by divine powers. Babu encouraged having these six qualities to fight the unrighteous. While remembering Jawaharlal Nehru, Pandit Madanmohan Malaviya and Lal Bahadur Shastri, quoted the words of the great Pandit Malaviya who had said “Only he who believes in India is worthy to rule India and not any other.” Those who will not respect the country will be thrown out of power. He went on to say that Jawaharlal Nehru did not commit any of the mistakes in his lifetime that today’s current leaders are committing.

Babu said that there is peace and tolerance for each other in India. Foreign powers don’t want peace and harmony in because they want to establish their own superiority. We have to be careful of these conspiracies of foreign powers who want to create

disturbance and we should pray for peace in our country.

Today the scene at Parliament Street was strange. There was visible anger on the faces of people who were gathered. This mistreatment of Shri. Jayendra Saraswati is crime against not just one person but against the entire Hindu community and one that will go down in history as its gravest crime against the religion. There is no doubt that everyone is equal in the eyes of law. Nowhere in the world does the law allow a person to be treated worse than a criminal without even being proven guilty. Nobody should forget that Shri Jayendra Saraswati is not just an ordinary person but one who commands a higher status in Hindu culture and religion. To mistreat a Sant of his stature and bring harm to His reputation without proving his guilt is certainly a systematic planned conspiracy deliberately committed in order to hurt the feelings of millions of Hindus who have deep faith and respect for Him.

Resolution passed at the conference of 26 Matadhipadhis held at Sringeri between November 27 & 28, 2004

(Translation of the original resolution in Kannada)

In April, in Sringeri Sri Kshetra, a conference of the various matadhipadhis propounding Sankara philosophy was held. In that conference it was decided to spread the message all over the states through Sankara Sandesha Saptaha (Sankara Message Week). Accordingly this was successfully celebrated during the period of Nov. 16-22 in 350 centres and is finally culminated in the main function held at Sringeri Maha Kshetra on 27 and 28 November in the August presence of Sri Sri Mahasannidhanam of Sringeri Saradha Peetham & 25 main matadhipadhis. The following decision were taken

The conference directed that:

1. In the present disturbed situation every human being who wishes to have peace should incorporate the principles propounded by Adi Sankara in their day to day life and to achieve peace.

2. The principle of equality propounded by Sankara is applicable even today and it is to be implemented from every household.

3. The conference also exhorted that all development and infrastructure activities under taken all over the country should keep in mind or take into account the sensitive eco-structure of the Western Ghats and decision taken should ensure that they do not adversely affect the environment.

4. The main principle of our age-old civilisation is Ahimsa (non-violence). The conference also directs that violent activities should not be followed in this process.

5. Cow is treated as equivalent to our mother figure. The fact that cow slaughter is under taken even today all over the country affects the Hindu sentiments. We expect the government to take steps in this direction in order to enforce the ban on cow slaughter.

6. Equality, brotherhood and worldly togetherness are some of the main principles at this moment. The common people feel confused and disturbance among the various communities due to the biased actions of government. The conference urged the govt. to shed the biased action

7. The recent arrest of the Senior Matadipathi on the suspicion of a criminal act and the treatment meted out to Him as a 'dangerous criminal' has affected the sentiments of every community. This conference also condemns the treatment brought to a Yathi of his stature who follows the Sanyasa Ashrama, preventing Him from performing his day to day sacred religious activities.

8. The conference also demanded the authority should ensure the day to day religious activities of the Sage within the limits of the law.

All those yathis in the two days conference blessed the devotees to have such conferences every now and then (repeatedly) in order to implement these principles in their day to day activities.

“Brutal Strength and Government decisions cannot break our faith”

**INJUSTICE TO PUJYA KANCHI
SANKARACHARYA MAHARAJ-
TERRIBLE ASSAULT ON HINDU DHARMA
-Acharya Kishor Vyas**

The morning of Deepavali this year brought with it a terrible blow on the Hindu society. Pujya Jagadguru Shankaracharya of Kanchi Peeth, Sri Jayendra Saraswati Maharaj was arrested on a murder charge. The foremost Jagadguru of our religion was treated by the police in a manner shabbier than the way an ordinary criminal is treated. This sinful act was committed by confusing the public through spread of a web of unproven accusations via the media. The entire faithful society has become confused and inert by this sudden assault. This sinful act was roundly criticised all over the country by Dharmacharyas, saints and seers. The public organised protest meetings and morchas everywhere. For the first time in the history of independent India, a situation arose when top level politicians including an ex-president and two former prime ministers descended on the road for Dharna and participation in fast.

The courts should establish justice and the police should of course investigate crimes. However, in the judicial process of civilised society, manifestation of culture and good manners is expected. The way this arrest was carried out on the eve of Deepavali and the harshness with which Sri Maharaj was treated thereafter, all the pretences of civilisation have fallen off. The suspicion has also been strengthened that this is not investigation of a crime, but a disgusting form of barbarism of retaliation carried out through pre-meditated conspiracy.

What can be this conspiracy? On analysing this, many facets appear. The people who run the government of the day are dependent on irreligious communists. Foreign powers are controlling them. In Tamil Nadu, a majority of those in power trace their origin to leaders, who burnt images of Bhagavan Sri Ram. The present chief minister is so much against the Swamiji because the Peeth refused to sell to her associate a large hospital established by them for public service. Further, because of the total rout in the last elections, the chief minister, with an eye on the forthcoming elections, thought it essential to present to the

public a forward and secular face (?) instead of a religious face.

But this is not all. Behind this is the deep rooted conspiracy of American Christian missions. The Pope had said during his tour of India that they wish to spread Christianity in entire Asia in the third millennium. In their long term planning for a thousand years, the biggest obstacle was perceived to be the Kanchi Shankaracharya Peeth. This is because the anti-conversion bill was passed in Tamil Nadu under the inspiration of Pujya Maharaj, who also openly welcomed it. This Peeth has of course kept up the tradition of Poojas and rituals; but has also simultaneously expanded their service in all fields of society, which led to the dismantling of monopoly of service of Christian missions. In the guise of social service, tempting the poverty-stricken Indian public into religious conversion has been going on for centuries. If all Hindu Dharmacharyas start social activities like the Kanchi Peeth, the evil of conversion will end for ever.

Social activities of Kanchi Shankaracharya Peeth –

1. No. of temples including Adi Shankaracharya, Kamakshi Devi in Kanchi- 14
2. No. of mutts and temples in different parts of India-101
3. Organisations like Veda Rakshana Nidhi Trust-48
4. Veda Pathasalas, established / managed- Over 70
5. Schools of Sanskrit language and Sastras- 14
6. Large hospitals and medical centres-18
7. Small medical centres-30
8. Social service centres (Free eatery, orphanage etc.) -10
9. Old age homes and homes for the handicapped-7
10. High Schools-73
11. Cow sheds-2
12. Rural development centres-7
13. Overseas Service centres-6
14. Shri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Viswa Mahavidyalaya-1

Pujya Maharaj has also established many Information Technology centres in order to halt brain drain of Indian youth, who might get attracted to go abroad in search of scientific work. In this manner Pujya Maharaj has started a series of public welfare measures by establishing over 400 organisations all over the country and especially in

Tamil Nadu. He has put in place a vast network of social services encompassing Vedic education, child welfare, tribal welfare, welfare of the handicapped, agriculture, animal welfare, painting, drawing, fine arts like music, health and education. In most of his education centres, Information Technology was accorded special importance. The university established by Pujya Swamiji is the jewel in the crown of service organisations.

In the history of our religion, such social service through a Peeth is unprecedented and significant. In addition to being Dharmacharya, Pujya Swamiji is a hard core nationalist. His arbitration in the Ayodhya dispute kept the society united. The above mentioned social service activities and Swamiji's increasing popularity became an important obstacle in the work of foreign missionaries.

It is possible that all these evil forces wanted to destroy the most powerful seat of Hindu religion on the strength of foreign money through the medium of bought-out officialdom, police and chief minister. In course of time, truth will come to light. I appeal to all devotees not to let faith in religion and Acharya Peeth to be shaken. Let protest be expressed in this matter, wherever possible, in whichever manner, with firmness. Let the voice of protest be heightened, keeping in view the constitutional rules. Let peace be maintained. Please chant your Ishta Devata mantra through one more round of rosary every day and pray to God for relief from difficulty. Jai Shri Krishna.

Message from Pujyasri Ganapati Sachidananda Swamiji:

The Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Mattam, His Holiness Sri Jayendra Saraswati Swamiji is a vibrant spiritual personality. He has inspired not only Hindus here in our country, but all other creeds with an attribute of equanimity. We have deep affinity of the spirit and similarity in our functioning. The recent happenings have shockingly distressed us and left a deep scar in the integrated Indian psyche. We should join together and offer our deep rooted feelings to the Shankaracharya and normalcy should return soon by the grace of Lord Dattatreya. The moral and political equation should be restored with a permanent integrated vision that the whole of humanity is one and to understand that God-directed force rules this world.

Jaya Guru Datta Prasad (Secretary to Sri Swamiji):
(14 November 2004)

Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha
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Statement to the Press:
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TN's open disregard of Administrative fairness and integrity a grave threat to constitutional allegiance and national cohesion

Although the Senior Kanchi Seer Jayendra Saraswati has been released on bail by the Supreme Court after his two month-long incarceration in jail, the subject of his arrest and detention raises grave questions of constitutional fidelity and administrative fairness and integrity. The significant observations of the three Judge Bench of the Supreme Court while granting the bail should awaken the whole world to seriously consider whether Tamil Nadu State Executive, headed by Jayalalitha, has fulfilled the tenets of fairness, equity and integrity its Oath of Office demands or whether it has grievously violated these canons. Was the arrest "the most painful decision" as was confessed by the Chief Minister, or did it display total lack of impartiality and sobriety of insight, demanded from any Constitutional Administrative Functionary?

II

That the highest citadel of justice in our country has held that the grounds arrayed by the Prosecution are not tenable should jolt us into seeing the realities about mis-application of political power. For the Seer, who did not show any resentment or wrath against the deceased in spite of the numerous letters he allegedly wrote against the Seer, to turn suddenly a conspirator to murder him is quite unreasonable, held the SC Judges.

III

If this is what the highest Court has to say about the arrest and custody of the Kanchi Senior Seer, is it right to think of further tenability in the sudden arrest of the Junior Seer Sri Vijayendra Saraswati, after two months, on the same criminal charges, as if in hasty revenge and intriguing expediency?

It is noteworthy that the Prime Minister had written to the TN Chief Minister and also spoken to her during his recent visit to TN, to be prudent,

exercise caution and respect the feelings of the large following that the Kanchi Math has.

IV

The fact of law and order being a State subject does not behove any Chief Minister to act disregarding the Centre's place and view. Fairness and equity in political administration always warrant that the Prime Minister's words of caution and advice be rightly heeded by any State Govt., especially in matters concerning the feelings and solidarity of the people of the country at large. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has disquietingly failed in this administrative prudence and integrity.

V

Jayalalitha seems to personify contradictions in that, while she is seen to be running regularly to Guruvayur Temple to worship the Lord with special offers, she chooses to act hastily to intercept grievously the daily worship of the Kanchi Lord, whose blessings also she used to seek periodically. Can there be graver conflict and disintegrity? Her actions are to speak the least, injudicious and inflammatory. This is nothing but pouring petrol to blazing fire.

VI

A far greater impersonal, impartial and equitable sense is called for to run public administration. This is a typical instance of a Chief Minister standing to threaten the Conscience and traditional feelings of a great multitude of the country. It is a crucial challenge to the Constitutional trust reposed upon the State and Central Executives, especially the Chief Minister and Prime Minister. All right-thinking citizens and political thinkers have to emergently address this question and ensure that the confidence and integral character of the billion over people of our country instead of being shaken, is strengthened and the nation's cohesion made stronger.

Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha
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Pratishtan, Swamiji has spearheaded a number of spirituo-social movements of far reaching consequences. All of which, with the active cooperation of the Governments in Power, achieved the Dharmic objectives. His thoughts and views are marked for their special relevance, revealing the rare voice of Dharma, reflecting their impartial, impersonal and prudent notes. Quite often they are re-reported in leading newspapers. Author of a number of books in English and Malayalam, Swamiji is the editor of the English monthly 'Vicharasetu', the Path of Introspection for over 40 years. His abode is Narayanashrama Tapovanam, Kerala, founded by him 41 years ago. For over 30 years he has been lecturing in the Capital, besides the other cities of the country.

Spirituo-social Reforms:

Besides the spirituo-cultural revolution through mass movements to stop some age-old derogatory and superstitious practices, many village welfare projects also are led by Swamiji. For instance,

- Helping poor school children for their education, with material and monetary assistance
- Giving rice and clothing to poor families as yearly Anna-vastra Daana Satra and also monthly dana satra. 20000 families spread over 250 villages were this year's beneficiaries of Yearly Dana Satra.
- Making sanitary facilities and bathrooms, constructing wells, bore-wells and houses for the poor.
- Conducting regular weekly classes for the children on the great heritage of the country. About 150 village children attend these weekly sessions.
- Holding Brain Stimulation workshop for Corporate and Administrative bodies and Educational Centres.

***A letter from a devotee of Mata
Amritanandamayi***

Namaskarams. We are devotees of the Great Mother Shri Amritanandamayi Devi and are also devotees and admirers of the Kanchi Mutt, a mutt which was decorated by no less a Saint than the Paramacharya of Kanchi. Recently my family and I happened to take Darshan of our most beloved Guru, Shri Amritanandamayi. Here are a few things AMMA has to say regarding the Unfortunate Arrest of Jayendra Periava and we heard it directly from Her:

1. She is really pained to hear about the charges mounted on a saint like him.
2. He is the ONLY Shankaracharya who really served the society by performing a lot of Social Service to the poor and the needy.
3. She also expressed hope that the whole episode will pass like a "bad dream"

[A devotee from Newark, California]

***'Kanchi seer's arrest has shaken Hindu psyche'
Sri Sri Ravi Shankar***

<http://www.expressindia.com/fullstory.php?newsid=38397>

New Delhi, November 13: New age guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar on Saturday said that the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya in a murder case has "shaken Hindu psyche" and appealed to the people not to turn it into a communal issue.

"His Holiness has appealed to the people to keep calm and not to make the present crisis that Hinduism is going through into a communal issue. He said the news of the Kanchi seer's arrest on Diwali day has shaken the Hindu psyche", the guru's Art of Living foundation said in a statement from Rishikesh in Uttaranchal.

"Saints cannot even think of committing such a crime. At a time when such an accusation has been made, all that one can say is that saints should keep a watch on people around them", the statement quoted the spiritual teacher as saying.

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