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SRI KUNDRATHU KUMARAN TEMPLE AVARTHANA MAHA KUMBHABHISHEKAM CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS

Date & Day	Time	Event	Explanation of event
06-02-12 Monday	From 7.00 am to 12.00 Noon		Commencement of Avarthna Maha Kumbhabhishekam
		Vinayaka pooja	Maha Ganapathi is the prayer to Lord Ganesha, to seek HIS blessings to ensure that the Maha Kumbhabhishekam will be done successfully without any hindrance from evil.
		Anugngni	This prayer to Sri Kundrathu Kumaran and to all Siva Charyars to seek their blessings and help to complete this Maha Kumbhabhishekam successfully.
		Sankalpam	The Sankalpam is when the President and his Management committee are made to wear the darbha grass. This symbolises the prayer to Lord Ganesha to seek his divine blessings to ensure that the opportunity has been presented to the management committee to undertake this auspicious event on behalf of all mankind and will be accomplished without any hindrance with the utmost grace of Sri Kundrathu Kumaran. This is also known as "Sankalpam".
		Dhana pooja, Dhraviya Vibham	Prayer to Dhana Lakshmi to ensure that the temple coffers will always be full, and also to ensure that all the items needed for the Kumbhabhishekam will be available and will be used judiciously.
		Thaniathi Vasakam	The Dieties "whose eyes have been recently opened" are placed in the grains such as, paddy for a short period as symbolic of bestowing God's grace on the devotees so that the devotees will never face shortages of these grains in their lives.
		Ganapathy Homam	A Homam is a ritual of sacrifice more commonly practised during Vedic times. It is performed to please the Lord Ganapathi. It involves pouring oblations into the divine Agni (the sacrifice fire). Everything that is offered in the divine Agni is believed to reach him. A Homam is typically performed by a Chief priest, with a number of additional priests playing a supporting role, chanting Vedic versus. Often there will be a fire in the centre of the stage and items are offered into the fire.
		Nayanonmeelnam (Kan Thirakuthal)	This is the eye opening ceremony for the new Dieties that will be installed in the Temple. These new Dieties are Sivan, Durga, Nagathambiran, Vairavar, Sandikeswarar, and Hanuman.
		Jalaathi Vasam	The Dieties "whose eyes have recently been opened" are placed in containers filled with water for a short period as symbolic of bestowing

			God's grace on the devotees so that the devotees will never face a shortage of water.
		Distribution of prasadhham	Distribution of prasadhham to devotees
06-02-12 Monday	From 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Kiramasanthi	Kiramasanthi is the initial prayer to Vairavar to bestow His blessings onto the devotees and to seek His help to protect the Temple, the suburb and the City during the forthcoming Kumbhabhishegam ceremonies.
		Pravesapali	A prayer to cleanse all 8 directions surrounding the temple, and to make the temple a sanctified sanctum.
		Erakshokina Homam	This is a homam to clean the temple of all evil spirits which may have been roaming the vicinity since the beginning of the refurbishment works.
		Sayanarobhanam	All the new deities will be allowed to rest (sleep) so that mankind will always enjoy the benefits of rest and recreation.
		Distribution of prasadhham	Distribution of prasadhham to devotees

07-02-12 Tuesday	From 9.00am to 12.00 Noon	Navagraha Homam	This Homam is done in the praise of the 9 planets and to seek their assistance to ensure that all festivities receive their blessings.
		Shanti Homam	This is another Homam done in praise of the Lord, to bring peace (Shanti) and Godliness to the devotees of the temple prior to beginning the main festivities.
07-02-12 Tuesday	From 6.00pm to 9.00pm	Disa Homam	A Homam in all four directions to appease all the various Gods and to spread the power of Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar in all directions.
		Vasthu Shanti	It is a spiritual process of cleansing the newly erected temple, Yaga Salai and its surroundings. In this process, an effigy of the Vasthu Purushan is created in hay and burned and dragged around the temple.
		Govasam	As it is a Hindu belief that all the Devas live in a cow (Go). As such, this Pooja is a prayer to all the Devas in the universe. In this prayer, a cow is brought into the sanctum and prayers performed to it.
		Yanthira pooja	Yanthira pooja complete This will signify the completion of the Yanthira Pooja.
8-02-12 Wednesday	From 8.00am to 12 Noon	Gnga pooja	Pooja with Ganga water(Homage to the water &collecting Power from the elements)
		BhumiPooja	Prayers to mother earth, before we take a small quantity to plant the navathanyam. Also prayers to the Temple bell, to invite the Devas to the temple before the main Kumbhabhishega festivals.
		Surya pooja	Homage to Sun Deity,
		Kunda, Mandala, Vaethika –yagasala arrangement	Arrange the Yaga Salai, Vaethika (platform) and the Uba Vaethika (small platform). The Yaga Salai symbolically represents the eightfold form of the God and the 36 principles of the Universe of His creation. In 8 directions are placed 8 kundams (fire pits).
8-02-12 Wednesday	From 5.00pm to 9.00pm	Raksha banthanam	Tying the holy thread around the wrists of all the priests who have come to perform the Kumbhabhishegam – signifying the unity in purpose amongst the priests until the completion of the Kumbhabhishegam and to ensure that no evil or harm will come to them whilst they are performing these rites.
		Prasanna Abishegam & Pooja	In this pooja, an abishegam is performed to Lord Ganesha and a prayer offered to Him before setting up the Kumbams. In front of each of the Kundams (the fire pits) are placed a kumbam (pot of water). The

			different kumbams form the different holy bodies of the deities. Each pot of water is sprinkled with herbs and has a coconut placed on it and mango leaves inserted in between the coconut and the pot. Each pot has Holy thread criss-crossed around it.
		Kumbha Alangaram	In this ceremony, all the kumbams (pots) that will be used for the Kumbhabhishegam are gathered together and decorated and made ready for use.
		Kalakarchanam	During this process, Lord Ganesha is invoked and humbly requested to change his abode from Bimbam (statue) to the Kumbam (pot). This Kumbam will be the abode of his deities, for the next three days, until transferred to the Bimbam (statute), at the time of the Maha Kumbhabhishegam
		Kumbha Yagasalai Pravasam	During this ceremony, all the kumbams are kept in the Yaga Salai and prayers performed to it.
		Thirumurai Othal	Thirumurai Stothras(recital)
		Yaga Pooja-Kalam1	This is a special prayers to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai. Pooja
		Poornahuthi	The worship of fire in the kundas
		Distribution of prasadam	Distribution of prasadam to devotees

9-02-12 Thursday	From 8.00am to 12.00 Noon	Thirumurai Othal	Thirumurai Othal(recital)
		Yaga Pooja-Kalam2	This is a special prayers to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai. Pooja
		Stuphi Sthanan	In this ceremony, prayers are offered to all the pinnacles and they are then placed in their appropriate places atop the various shrines.
		Sumangali pooja	Performed Sumangali pooja
		Deepasthabanam	In this ceremony we pray to the lamp, as signified by Mahalakshmi. The prayer invokes Sri Mahalakshmi to bestow bakthi, intelligence and wealth on the devotees.
		Natha Geetha pooja	RagaThala pooja
		Akanda Namam	Akandanamam include reciting mula mantra continuously by a group of priests
		Rathinaniyasam	This is placing of previous stones and metals in the peedams (ie the seat of the deities) by devotees.
		Yanthira stapanam	This is the placement of the Yantra's on the base peedams on which various deities will be placed.
		Vimbasthpanam	This is the placement of the deities in their respective base peedams (alters)
		Astabanthanam	This is the process when the deities are placed on the base peedam, and around it the herbal medicine of the Astabanthanam, is placed to ensure that the Deity is firmly fixed to the base peedam.
		Distribution of prasadam	Distribution of prasadam to devotees
9-02-12 Thursday	From 5.00pm to 9.00pm	Thirumurai Othal	Thirumurai Othal(recital)
		Yaga Pooja-Kalam3	This is a special prayers to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai. Pooja
		Distribution of prasadam	Distribution of prasadam to devotees
10-02-12 Friday	From 8.00am to 12.00 Noon	Yaga Pooja-Kalam4	This is a special prayers to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai. Pooja
		Thrisathi Homam	Rudra Thrisathi Homam
		Eannaikarpu	This is the anointment of the oil for all the deities by the devotees. This Pooja is an especially auspicious Pooja as it is the only time when people other than the priests will be able to touch the deity.
		Distribution of prasadam	Distribution of prasadam to devotees

		Bhutasuddhi	This rite seems to have close connections with the yoga practice
10-02-12 Friday	From 5.00pm to 9.00pm	Thirumurai Othal	Thirumurai Othal(recital)
		Yaga Pooja-Kalam5	This is a special prayers to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai. Pooja
		Distribution of prasadam	Distribution of prasadam to devotees
11-02-12 Saturday	From 9.00am to 12.00 Noon	Thirumurai Othal	Thirumurai Othal(recital)
		Yaga Pooja-Kalam6	This is a special prayers to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai. Pooja
		Vimba suthi	This is the cleansing of the statues after it has been handled by everyone and also since the placement of the Astabanthanam.
		Kumba pooja	Special prayers to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai
11-02-12 Saturday	From 5.00pm to 9.00pm	Ataryajana	Worship which is performed internally
		Thirumurai Othal	Thirumurai Othal(recital)
		Yaga Pooja-Kalam7	This is a special prayers to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai. Pooja
		Bima suddi	Intended for removing the stain
		Raksha banthanam	Tying the holy thread around the wrists of all the priests who have come to perform the Kumbhabhishegam – signifying the unity in purpose amongst the priests until the completion of the Kumbhabhishegam and to ensure that no evil or harm will come to them whilst they are performing these rites.
		Poornahuthi	The worship of fire in the kundas-Homa

12-02-12 Sunday	From 9.00am to 12.00 Noon	Yaga Pooja-Kalam8	This is a special prayers to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai. Pooja)
		Yaga Homam	The Yaga Pooja and the special homams will continue throughout the day. All types of precious items will be put into the fire to invoke Lord Muruga and the other deities to appear and bless the temple and the devotees.
		Yaga Pooja & Homam	This is a special prayer to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai
		Purva Paseeama santhanam	In this ceremony, the divinity is transferred from the fire to the Kumbams. It culminates with the Deeparathanai (the showing of the lamps by all the priests) to the Kumbams (i.e. the final prayer to the Kumbams)
		Yaga Pooja	This is a special prayers to the kumbams in the Yaga Salai. This is followed by the Yaga Poornahuthi (i.e. the completion of the Yaga Pooja)
		Yaga Deeparathanai	This is the showing of the fire lamps by all the priests to the respective Kumbams. This will be followed by the reciting of the Vedas, chanting of the Aasirvatham, and Thevarams. This will signify the completion of the Yaga Pooja.
12-02-12 Sunday	9.20am	Thirumurai Othal	Thirumurai Othal
		Valzi Pillayar Kumbhabhishegam	The kumbam (pot) is then taken into the Valzi Pillayar shrines and pouted on the deities. This signifies the transfer of divinity from the pot to the deities.
12-02-12 Sunday	9.45am	Vimana Kumbhabhishegam	This is when the kumbam (special pots of water) that have been prayed to for the last three days, is then poured onto the pinnacle at the Rajagopuram , Moolasthanam and pareevara moortheekals
		Kumba Vallam	All the remaining kumbams will now take around the temple in a procession, led by the musicians, and the singing of Keerthanas,Ragas,Thala and chanting of Vedas.
12-02-12 Sunday	10.40am	Maha Kumbhabhishegam	Upon completion of the perambulation around the temple by the procession, the kumbams (pots) are then taken into the shrines and pouted on the deities. This signifies the transfer of divinity from the

			pots to the deities.
		Deva Pooja	Immediately after the completion of the Kumbhabhishegam, the deities rooms are screened off. This is to allow Deva Pooja (i.e. the celestial beings to do their Pooja to the Deity).
		Mangala Tharisanam	Upon conclusion of the Deva Pooja, the diety must see 10 auspicious things (dasa darsanam). These are a cow, a married woman (sumangali), a young maiden (kanni), a priest (Sivacharya), an oduvar (a singer of hymns), President of the temple committee, In addition, auspicious thins such as a mirror, a plate of fruits, betel leaves and nuts, etc.
		Ejamaana Abishegam	This is when the Kumbams that have been kept at the Yaga Salai for the last three days is then used to bathe the committee member and is sprayed on all the management committee members. This is to bless the people who have been managing the temple.
		Maha Abishegam	This will be the very first Abishegam that will be performed on the newly consecrated deities. This abishegam will be done as usual with milk, panchamirtham (fruit salad), etc.
		Special Pooja	Upon completion of the Maha Abishegam, a special Pooja will follow.
		Seevarisai from Other Temples	At this time, representatives of the other temple will come to show their respects to the newly anointed deities of the Sri Kundrathu Kumaran Temple.
		Opening ceremony Special Speech Release Maha Kumbhabhishegam Malar	The temple will be declared open by the visiting VIP.
		Archanai and pothu tharisanam	Upon completion of the Maha Abishegam, this is followed by the archanais to the various deities by the general public.
		Honouring the priests, the stapathi and the temple employees	The temple and committee members will show their respects to all the priests, the stapathi and the temple employees who took part in the events of the preceding few days and to show their appreciation.
12-02-12 Sunday	1.00pm	Maheswara Pooja (Lunch)	All devotees are invited to have free lunch on this day.
12-02-12 Sunday	5.00pm to 6.30pm	Musical event	By visiting musician from overseas
12-02-12 Sunday	5.00pm to 9.00pm	Special Thiruvella	Special Pooja,Thiru Kalyanam and the procession of the Lord Ganesha,Lord Siva and Lord Muruga around the temple
12-02-12 Sunday	9.30pm	Mangala Arathi and Kalyana prasadam distribution to devotees.	