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Sri Vasavi Agnipravesham, its significance and associated festivities

Goddess Vasavi, incarnation of Adiparashakthi made Agnipravesham, Sacred Fire, along with the 102 Gothraja couples at Penugonda nearly 4000 years ago to prevent bloodshed due to war and varna sankarana. Later, Matha Vasavi emerged from the sacred Homa gundam in her Moola swarupam of ADIPARASHAKTHI and taught the noble principles of Non-violence, Universal Brotherhood, World Peace, Love and Sacrifice. Later, the 102 couples who also did Agnipravesham attained salvation (Moksham). Hence this day **Magha Suddha Vidhia** is celebrated as a big festival through out India and abroad.

Homas should be performed in the morning (Vinayaka, Navagraha poojas followed by Vasavi Homam & etc.). Abhishekam to Goddess Vasavi with milk, curds, ghee, honey, sugar, tender coconut water and dry dates with other fruits has to be performed with devotion. Later this has to be distributed to all devotees as Theertham and Prasadam.

Where ever it is possible, Goddess Vasavi idol should be taken in procession and devotees to take part with Bhajans and with other spiritual and cultural activities like Bhajans, Kolata and spiritual discourses.

At Penugonda, in the evening, Thapotsava, Deepotsava, Rathotsava, fire works and Pallaki utsavas are arranged. It is the belief that desires of people who walk on burning charcoal are fulfilled.

We are all sure that people staying in the USA and other parts of the world outside India are performing these festivals with lots of devotion. We express our deep appreciation to all the NRI Vysyas, on the eve of Vasavi ATMARPANA Celebrations.

May Goddess Vasavi shower on you all with health, wealth and prosperity.

Please spread this message to all Vasavi temples and NRI Vysyas.

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