

SRI RAJARAJESWARI PEETAM

ALL-WOMEN SATA CHANDI

10-11 AUGUST 2019

EVENT PROGRAM

- Aug 10 (7am) Preliminary Pujas, Sri Ganapati Puja, Sri Chandi Puja
(10am) Sri Devi Mahatmyam Parayanam by 100 Ritwiks
- Aug 11 (6:30am) Preliminary Pujas, Sri Ganapati Puja, Sri Chandi Puja
(9am) Sri Chandi Homa, Chandi Kalasa Procession and Abhishekam

Maha Prasadam will be served at 2:30pm

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Please Join Us for the First Ever "All-Women Sata Chandi!"

For the first time ever in the world, a Sata Chandi will be performed entirely by women! More than 100 women will serve as Ritwiks, Pujacharyas and Homakartas.

This Sata Chandi is being conducted jointly by the Sri Vidya Temple and the GRD Iyers GuruCool to send a message of women's empowerment in every spiritual arena.

In Sri Devi Mahatmyam, Devi Herself says that when this sacred scripture is recited,

She will manifest Her divine presence in that very place. This maha yajnam has the power to protect from danger, destroy all sins, and bestow blessings for peace, good health, spiritual purity, and a victorious life.

Sponsorships are available for those who would like to receive prasadam blessed by the sacred homa fire. For details, please visit:

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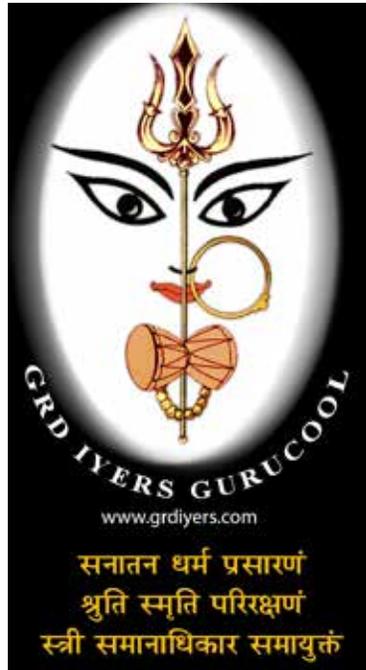
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A SCHOOL OF SPIRITUAL STUDIES FOUNDED ON EQUALITY AND INCLUSIVITY

THE GRD IYERS GURUCOOL (www.grdiyars.com) is a home-run school of spiritual studies that provides free training in chanting of Vedas and other important Sanatana Dharma scriptures, including Tantra. It was founded by Sri Ramesh Natarajan in 2002 and is ably supported by his wife Sridevi Gayathri and daughter Sri Durga Ramesh.

The GuruCool's core values include spreading Sanatana Dharma, protecting its scriptures by teaching sincere students without any discrimination based on varna (caste) or gender, and commitment to women's empowerment for learning and practising the holy texts of Sanatana Dharma. It is reputed for its inclusivity as well as the quality of its students. The students come from all backgrounds, regions, ethnicities and nationalities and represent the GuruCool's vision of a truly inclusive Sanatana Dharma.



Over the years, the GuruCool has grown steadily and has taken part and also provided leadership in 3 Sahasra Chandi events, 3 Shata Chandi events, a Maha Rudram, an Ati Rudram, and countless Chandi Homams and Laghu Rudram events.

A UNIQUE CELEBRATION OF "WORLD SHAKTI DAY"

In May 2018, the GuruCool delivered a Maha Rudram and Shata Chandi in Toronto, Canada as part of Sri Karunamayi Amma's 60th Birthday Celebration. In May 2019, the GuruCool team was invited by Sri Karunamayi to conduct an Ati Rudram in Atlanta, USA, in which more than 200 male and female ritwiks from all around the world participated. Today, the GuruCool has a wide following all over the world, and its videos are very popular on YouTube.

IN 2018, THE GURUCOOL inaugurated an annual "World Shakti Day" by performing a "Sahasra Suvasini Puja" (worship of 1000 women as Devi) – a first event of its kind in North America. The event was a great success and was graced by Sri Subramaniam Swami and Ms. Ruby Sahota – noted parliamentarians from India and Canada respectively. It was decided that the GuruCool would have its Annual Day celebrated every year as World Shakti Day with a unique and memorable Sanatana Dharma based event that would be inclusive and promote women's empowerment.



A FIRST-EVER "ALL-WOMEN SHATA CHANDI"

THE GURUCOOL WILL CELEBRATE its 2019 World Shakti Day (2nd Annual Day) on Aug 10-11 with an "All-Women Shata Chandi"! This is a unique event being conducted for the first time in Sanatana Dharma's history of any known records, in which the Shata Chandi will be entirely conducted by women! What is remarkable is that more than 100 highly qualified ladies will serve as ritwiks and priests and will take ownership of the entire event to deliver 100 recitations of Devi Mahatmyam (Durga Saptashati) and 10 Chandi Homams as well as numerous pujas, tarpanas and so on. In this way, the event will highlight the spiritual rights and empowerment of women in the performance of pujas and yajnas.

This event will be held at the Sri Vidya Temple (SVTS) in Rochester, NY, and will be jointly conducted by the GuruCool and SVTS. Sri Chaityananda (Haran Aiya), the peetadhipathi of SVTS and a modern rishi for the Kaliyuga, fully supports the GuruCool's vision and has given his full blessings for this unique event. SVTS has many female priests who are highly trained in Sri Vidya tantra by Sri Haran Aiya, who has always been a strong advocate of inclusivity and women's empowerment. The GuruCool whole-heartedly appreciates the warmth and hospitality extended by SVTS. There can be no venue more befitting than SVTS, where the Shata Chandi will unfold and take colour before the majestic Sri Rajarajeswari Devi.

Attending a Shata Chandi Maha Yajnam and listening to the chants of Devi Mahatmyam has countless benefits ranging from material prosperity to spiritual elevation including good health. We welcome all of you to the "All-Women Shata Chandi" to soak in the vibrations of the divine parayanam of the Devi Mahatmyam and to receive the most loving blessings of Sri Rajarajeswari Devi. **Jai Chandi!** ❀