

**ATHI VARDAHR IS COMING FROM ANANTHA SARAS PUSHKARINI FOR 45 DAYS FROM  
1 JULY 2019 TO 15 AUG 2019 TO BLESS ALL OF US**

**WHY ANCIENT ATHI VARADHAR HAD TAKEN HIS ABODE IN ANANTHA SARAS  
PUSHKARINI ?**

(A simplified version of the history related to Athi Varadhar as written by Kooram Dhamal C. Seshadri Swami based on the book written by Vaikunta Vasi Navalpakkam Sri Yagnya Varadhachari Swami)

**Introduction** - Everyone knows that Ancient Athi Varadhar is coming from Anantha Saras Pushkarini in 2019 July to give us Darshan for 45 days. Now, let us browse back our history to understand better on why Athi Varadhar had taken his abode in Anantha Saras temple tank and why he pays a visit only once in 40 years.

**Some basic facts about Athi Varadhar**

- Athi Varadhar is the Murthy who had originally appeared from the Ashwa medha Uthara Vedhi of Chathurmukha Brahma in Kritha Yugam.
- Athi Varadhar's Thirumeni is made of Athi Maram (Dharu Brahmam).
- This Murthy was worshipped and praised by Brahma(Kritha), Gajendrazhwan(Tretha), Bruhaspathi(Dwapara) , Adhiseshan, Azhwars and Acharyals (Kali) in the respective 4 Yugas chronologically as described by Swami Desikan in Hasthigiri Mahaathmyam.

**About the present Moolavar - Varadharaja Perumal**

At present, on the top of Kanchipuram Hasthigiri, Varadharaja Perumal had taken the form of Thirumanjana Thirumeni (Silarupam).

**Browsing the pages in History for understanding on why Athi Varadhar comes once in 40 years and why he had taken abode in Anantha Saras Pushkarani**

- **Malik Kapur invasion and Varadhan Uthsavar travels to Udayar Palayam**

About 400 years ago, on the occasion of Vaikasi Brahmotsavam 2nd day, due to Malik Kapur invasion towards Kanchipuram, Athi Varadhar(Moolavar) and Uthsavar Perumal, Ubhaya Naachiyars, Thaayar had to be safe guarded.

Varadhan Uthsavar, Ubhaya Naachiyars and Thaayar were taken to Udayar Palayam which is near Ariyalur by the Sthalathar of Kanchipuram.

In the dense forests of Udayar Palayam Vardhan Uthsavars along with Thaayar were secretly guarded and worshipped by the Jamindar of Udayar Palayam for 40 year even without the knowledge of local people.

- **How was Athi Varadhar (Moolavar) safeguarded during Malik Kapur invasion ?**

To ensure the safety of Athi Varadhar (Moolavar), some Sri Vaishnavas without informing anyone had secretly built a stone tub inside the Anatha Saras Pushkarini and placed Athi Varadhar inside the temple tank in Sayana Thirukkolam.

No one knew who these Sri Vaishnavas were who safeguarded Athi Varadhar as they disappeared. It seemed to be Adhiseshan and Nithsuris themselves who had come in human form and safeguarded Athi Varadhar.

- **Varadhan (Uthsavar) returns to Kanchipuram from Udayar Palayam**

Post Malik Kapur invasion, Varadhan Uthsavar who was safeguarded by Udayar Palayam Jamindar was brought back to Kanchipuram. On the way to Kanchi, in order to escape from Arcot Nawab, Perumal was masked like a human boy and people faked a funeral procession to safeguard Perumal. This page in history shows how much Bhakthi people had on Perumal in those days and how hard it would have been for Sri Vaishnavas to have masked Perumal and faked him as a boy who had passed away and to have faked a funeral procession.

Thus, after escaping from Arcot Nawab, Varadhan Uthsavar had returned to Kanchipuram after 40 years.

➤ **What happened to Athi Varadhar and why did Sri Vaishnavas make a New Moolavar ?**

During these years, Sri Vaishnavas did not know about whereabouts of Athi Varadhar, Sthalathars made a new Moolvar in Silarupam from Pazahayaseevaram mountain and did Moolavar Prathishtai at Hasthigiri Kanchipuram.

However, Sri Vaishnavas were not able to pacify themselves of the fact that Athi Varadhar is missing, introspected & investigated and due to Bahagavadh Sankalapam emptied the Anantha Saras temple tank and found Athi Varadhar in Sayana Thirukkolam inside the tank.

As a remembrance of this history and due to Athi Varadhar's sankalpam to take abode in Anantha Saras Pushkarani, it is only once in every 40 years that Athi Varadhar comes back from Anatha Saras (Thirupparkadal) tank to give Darshan to all of us.

This year 2019 is the year when Puradhana Athi Varadhar comes to meet and bless this generation. Please note that Athi Varadhar has seen all 4 Yugas and seen everyone starting from Brahma (the oldest Jeevan ) to the present generation.

**Athithi Bhojanam and Anna Dhanam on this Gracious Occasion of Athi Varadhar Uthsavam**

This July 2019, we are blessed to have darshan of Athi Varadhar for 45 days starting from 1 July. On this occasion we expect atleast 4000 Sri Vaishnava Athithis per day and 4000 Sevarthis from nearby villages to have Darshan of Athi Varadhar.

As per Bhaavadh Sankalpam, Srirangam Athithi Sathkaram committee invite all for Athithi Bhojanam will be provided for 4,000 Sri Vaishnavas (including coffee) 24/ 7 for all 45 days and Donnai Prasadam for 4,000 Sevarthis at 3 places on Varadharaja Perumal Sannadhi street.

Dress change rooms, Cloak rooms have been taken for rent at 8 places for these 45 days.

We again invite all to come to Kanchipuram to have Darshan of Ancient Athi Varadhar and participate in Athithi Bhojanam/ Anna Dhanam.

One day cost for Anna dhanam for one person come to Rs.25. To provide Anna Dhanam to 8,000 people per day it costs Rs.2,00,000 (8,000 \* 25).

To satisfy the hunger of 1,000 people it costs Rs.25,000. We invite sponsors and encourage to take Ubhayam to provide Anna Dhanam for atleast 1,000 athithis.

Srirangam Athithi Sathkaram committee intend to provide free food, water and place to take rest for all people who come to have Darshan of Athi Varadhar without money mind. Please use this opportunity to bring your family, relatives and friends to come and have Darshan of Athi Varadhar.

**(Athi Vardhar Darshan - First 30 days Sayana Thirukkolam and next 15 days Nindra Thirukkolam)**

**With Regards,**

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## **History about 2nd Kaappu Uthsavam; Raksha Bhandhanam Uthsavam- Vaikasi Brahmothsavam - 2nd Day (Saturday - 18th May 2019 - 2 AM Early morning)**

Varadhan Uthsavar who was in Udayar Palayam had returned to Kanchipuram on the 2nd day of Vaikasi Brahmothsavam about 400 years ago.

As Perumal had returned on the second day, Archachar Swami had tied Raksha Bhandanam to Perumal on the second time the day he returned to Kanchipuram. Hence, this is called 2nd Kaappu/Raksha Bhandanam Uthsavam where Raksha Bhandanam is tied to Perumal for the second time during the annual 10 days Vaikasi Brahmothsavam.

Perumal will be taken to Hathigiri from Kannadi Arai at 1 AM Saturday early morning (18 May 2019) for Raksha Bhandanam i.e. 2nd Kaappu. During this time only 100 Sevathis will be present at this time. We invite all to come for 2nd Kaappu Uthsavam to have Darshan of Perumal which is very rare and very special Sevai of Varadharaja Perumal.

### **Today we have 4 additional Uthsavams due to Malik Kapur invasion 400 years ago-**

1. **Pazhayaseevaram Uthsavam** - On Thai Month Kanu Parvettai, Perumal visits Pazhayaseevaram hill as per the request of the people of Pazhayaseevaram as a remembrance of the new Mollavar who was made from Silas of the mountain.

2. **Athi Varadhar Uthsavam for 45 days once in every 40 years**

3. **Udayar Palayam Uthsavam-**

In remembrance of Perumal who took shelter at Udayar Palayam under the care of Jamindar of Udayar Palayam and to honour the noble Jamindar, Perumal in olden days used to visit Udayar Palayam once in every year. However, due to lot of changes and current challenges Perumal honors the descendants of the Jamindar of Udayar Palayam and comes for Mada Veedhi Purappadu of Kanchipuram.

4. **2nd Kaappu Uthsavam which was explained above.**