

### **PLM Dolai Guide**

### Instructions for Sponsors of Sri Lakshmi Hayagreevar Dolai/Tirumanjanam

By the Anugraham of our Acharyan, HH Srimat Abhinava Vageesha Brahmatantra Swatantra Parakala Maha Deshikar, Parakala LakshmiHayagreeva Mission (PLM) is conducting Sri Lakshmi Hayagreevar's Dolai Sancharam in USA. Sri Lakshmi Hayagreeva Perumal and Parivaaram will visit various cities throughout the country, and grace our homes with Dolai and Tirumanjanam programs.

This manual provides brief guidelines for Dolai/Tirumanjanam hosts to help prepare for the event. Sri Parakala Matam has certain unique traditions followed during Tiruvaaradhanam. Therefore, even the devotees who have previous experience with hosting or organizing similar events, may find this information useful. Please contact the local coordinator of your city for any additional information.

# 1. Preparation

- **Invitation:** Invite friends and relatives to be join the function. Perumal is always longing to meet His devotees.
- **Recitation:** Please encourage invitees to come prepared to take part in the recitation of stotrams/pasurams, sing devotional songs, etc. Enthusiastic participation by the assembled devotees will augment the spiritual atmosphere at the function. For details, see Appendix 'A'.
- **Location:** Prepare a clutter-free area in your house for the function. We will bring tables to seat the Dolai, curtains, and other accessaries for Tiruvaradhanam. Pick the location most convenient to hosts and guests don't stress on constraints like direction Perumal should face, etc.
- **Required Items:** Please have all the items necessary for Dolai/Tirumanjanam program ready.
- Punyaham: Have puNyAhavAchanam water sprinkled in your house before Perumal enters your
  house. Normally, organizers will just bring the teertham will Perumal. But if you plan to cook for
  Perumal before He arrives, please contact the local coordinators to pick it up earlier.

- **Parking:** Have the closest parking spot reserved for the van carrying Perumal and Dolai items. Have a clear path from the parking spot to your house, free from footwear or any other clutter.
- No Pets: Please keep Pets away (and out of sight) from Dolai area and Kitchen.
- **Svagatam:** When Perumal and his parivaram arrive at your house, receive Him with Poornakumbham and Arathi. Playing Nadaswaram music is recommended.
- Maintain sanctity: Please advise participants to maintain a divine environment throughout the function. Do not eat/drink anything in front of Perumal. Please maintain (a short) distance from the Dolai arrangement and from the Aradhakar.
- **Enjoy:** Once Perumal arrives at your house, forget all else and enjoy his divine presence. Perumal out of His infinite mercy will ignore any omissions/commissions and only look at our love and devotion for Him.

# 2. Program

### **Morning Tirumanjanam**

8:00	Sri Lakhsmi Haygreeva Suprabhatham
8:15	Preparation for Tirumanjanam and Nityaanusandanam
9:00	Tirumanjanam
10:15	Alankaram (Terai closed) and Seva kaalam
11:30	Aradhanam, Mantra pushpam, Archana
11:45	Bhojyasanam
12:00	Arati, Sattumurai, Acharya Sambhavanai

#### **Afternoon Dolai**

2:30	Dolai setup
3:00	Aradhanam, Upachaarams, Archana
3:20	Seva Kalam
4:25	Upahara Nivedanam
4:30	Arati, Sattumurai, Acharya Sambhavanai

Ponnadi (typically just 1 hr – in lieu of Dolai) ... to be used sparingly only for logistics reasons

Dolai Setup
Sankalpam
Mini Seva Kalam (ex: Hayagreeva Stotram, few songs)
Archana
Upahara Nivedanam (fruits/nuts etc).
Arati, Sattumtai, Acharya Sambhavanai
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### **Evening Dolai**

6:00	Dolai Setup
6:30	Tiruvaaradhanam and Archana
6:50	Seva Kalam
	Bhojyasanam
8:15	Arati, Sattumurai, Acharya Sambhavanai
9:00	Sayanam

# 3. Pooja Items

### 3.1 Items required for Dolai

- Poorna Kumbham: A sombu with mango leaves, and coconut (preferably with tuft)
- Fruits and flowers
- Optionally dry-fruits, nuts, kalkandu (unprocessed and unsalted)
- Beetle leaves, beetle nut, Agarbatti incense, wicks and camphor.
- Taligai for Perumal if evening aradhanam.
- Kumkum poo (Kesari), elakkai (cardemom), Paccha karporam, cloves -- small amounts for preparing the Teertham.
- Paper roll for cleaning.
- A small aluminium tray or bowl for the Aradhakar to wash his hands.

### 3.2 Additional items required for Tirumanjanam

### 3.2.1 Punyahavachanam

- Sombu, mango leaves, and coconut (preferably with tuft) can reuse from Poorna kumbham.
- Bettle leaves, bettle nuts, bananas and a few coins.
- Two whole pieces of Jaggery.

### 3.2.2 Tirumanjanam

- Organic Whole Milk ½ gallon (must be gelatin free).
  - Please keep the milk out of the fridge in a steel vessel soon enough to ensure that it comes to room temperature before Tirumanjanam. Don't boil/microwave the milk.
- Yogurt (made from organic whole milk) 10 ounces
- Honey 8 ounces
- Coconut water 8 ounces
- Turmeric powder 1 packet
- Sandalwood powder (for use during abhishekham)
- Sandalwood paste (freshly ground)
- About \$10 in small change (coins) for Hiranya daanam
- Aluminum foil for use as liner.
- Large Aluminum tray or steel vessel to collect Tirumanjanam water

• Lime / tamarind, rice flour, salt for Ekanta-snaanam after Tirumanjanam.

### 3.3 Items required for Samprokshana Homam

- Poorna Kumbham: A sombu with mango leaves, and coconut (preferably with tuft)
- Kumkum and Turmeric (1 packet each)
- Uncooked Rice (1 cup) for Akshatai
- Fruits (5 varieties incl. banana)
- Flowers
- Tulasi
- Dry-fruits (raisins, khajoor-dry), nuts (almonds, cashew nuts, pecans, walnut)
- kalkandu (unprocessed and unsalted)
- Betel leaves, betel nut
- Agarbatti incense, wicks
- Camphor
- Aluminum Trays (small/medium size) 3 nos
- Bricks for homa kundam
- Sand (for insulation)
- Ghee ¾ 1 kg (preferably home made)
- Honey 20oz
- Paper or wooden cups Donnai (to hold padartham during homam)
- Aral (looks like popped corn but made of rice)
- Dry coconut (6-8 pieces)
- Coconut (2)
- Sakkare Pongal (for homam)
- Paper roll for cleaning
- Aluminum foil roll
- Havan Samagri
- Squatting mats (3-4)
- Darbhai (if available)

### 3.4 Notes

- Estimated cost of Pooja items is \$50 for Dolai and \$100 for Tirumanjanam
- Place the Pooja items in a place accessible to the Aradhakar and his helpers
- Please ensure purity of the Pooja items. For example, do not place them directly on the ground, on the dining table, or in porcelain vessels, etc.

### 3.4. Prasadam

- Devotees can offer the following items for Perumal's upahaaram at any time: Fruits, dry-fruits, nuts (unsalted/unroasted), kalkandu, yogurt, butter.
- During morning and evening Aradhanams, it is necessary to offer cooked food (taligai) for Perumal's Bhojanam. See Appendix 'B' for details.
- Certain restrictions apply to prepare taligai for Perumal, as described in Appendix 'B'. However, observing these protocols is <u>not a requirement</u> for hosting Dolai. The Local coordinators can arrange for Perumal's Taligai to be prepared by a suitable person.
- Never bring cooked food from outside for offering to Perumal, unless specifically instructed to do so by the local coordinators.

### 3.5 Acharya Sambhavanai

We request hosts/participants to contribute yatha-shakti Sambhaavanai as part of the Dolai programs. Funds from Sambhaavanai are used for various educational and religious activities at Parakala Matam branches in India. The Sambhaavanai also helps cover the costs of conducting the Dolai tour.

- Suggested Sambhaavanai is \$250 for Dolai hosts and \$500 for Tirumanjanam hosts.
- Make checks payable to "PLM, USA"
- PLM is a tax exempt 501 c(3) non-profit charitable organization. Tax receipts for your contribution will be mailed at the year-end.
- Several companies including Microsoft, eBay and Oracle match contributions made to PLM's educational and community programs. Please contact your employer about matching your Sambhaavanai contributions.

### 4. References

- Recitation material: Scripts are available in several languages at:
  - http://www.parakalamatham.org/Gallery/Recital-Material
  - o www.prapatti.com
- Further information about Dolai tour and schedule: http://www.parakalamatham.org/PLM-USA/Dolai-Tours/Dolai-Tour-2015
- Further information about PLM, USA: http://www.parakalamatham.org/PLM-USA/Mission
- Additional details about Madi guidelines:
   http://ahobilamutt.org/us/data/pdf/SriAhobilaMuth-USA-Madi-Guidelines2014.pdf
- For any questions or comments, please contact plm@parakalamatham.org

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# **Appendix A: Syllabus**

### A.1 Adhyayana Kaala Anusandhaanam

Morning Tirumanjanam / Nityaaradhanam

<b>Recite During</b>	Syllabus	Saattumurai
Suprabhaatam	Haygreeva Praabodhaka Stuti	
	Saranaagathi Gadyam	
	Nyaasa Dashakam	Mahanaarayanopanishat (last)
	Tiruppallandu	Tiruppavai (last 2)
Nityaanusandhaanam	Tirupalliezucchi	Peria Thirumozhi 5.3.2
	Tiruppavai	Peria Thirumozhi 7.8.2
	Adaikkalapattu	Tiruppallandu
	Pillai andaadi	Pillai Andaadi (last 2 + 1)
		Sambhaavana Kramam
		Deshikar Vaazhi Tirunaamam
	Taittiriyopanishat	Jitanta Stotram
	Pancha Sooktam	Desikar Mangalam
Tirumanjanam	Neerattam	Parakala mata Taniyans (full, 2-20 abridged)
	Hayagreeva Stotram	<stotra paatam=""></stotra>
Tiruvaaradhanam	Mantra pushpam	

### Afternoon Dolai

<b>Recite During</b>	Syllabus	Saattumurai
Dolai Setup	Dashaavataara Stotram	Vedam
Laghu Tiruvaaradhanam	Hayagreeva Stotram	Peria Tirumozhi 3.1 (last 2)
Seva Kaalam	Tiruppallandu	Tiruppallandu
	Kanninun Siruttambu	Pillai Andaadi (last 2 + 1)
	Peria tirumozhi 3.1	Sambhaavana Kramam
	Pillai andaadi	Deshikar Vaazhi Tirunaamam
		Desikar Mangalam
		Parakala mata Taniyans (1 + last 4)

Evening Dolai / Nityaaradhanam

Recite During	Syllabus	Saattumurai
Dolai Setup	Vishnu Sahasranaamam	Vedam
Laghu Tiruvaaradhanam	Hayagreeva Stotram	Tiruvaimozhi (last 2, per recitation)
Seva Kaalam	Tiruppallandu	Tiruppallandu
	Poochoottal	Pillai Andaadi (last 2 + 1)
	Kaappidal	Sambhaavana Kramam
	Senniyongu	Deshikar Vaazhi Tirunaamam
	Amalanaadipiraan	Desikar Mangalam
	Kanninun Siruttambu	Parakala mata Taniyans (1 + last 4)
	Tiruvaimozhi (any pathikam)	<stotra paatam=""></stotra>
	Pillai andaadi	
Sayanam	Manikkam katti/Mannu pugazh	

### A.2 Anadhyayana Kaala Anusandhaanam

Morning Tirumanjanam / Ijji Nityaaradhanam

<b>Recite During</b>	Syllabus	Saattumurai
Suprabhaatam Nityaanusandhaanam	Sri Lakhsmi Haygreeva Praabodhaka Stuti Sharanagathi Gadyam	
Tvityaanusanunaan	Nyasa Dashakam Nalayira Taniyans Hayagreeva Stotram Adaikkalapattu Pillai andaadi	Mahanaarayanopanishat (last) Tiruvaimozhi Taniyan (last) Ramanuja Noottandaadi Taniyan (last) Adaikkalapattu (last 2) Pillai Andaadi (last 2 + 1) Sambhaayana Kramam
Tirumanjanam Tiruvaaradhanam	Taittariyopanishat Pancha Sooktam Mantra Pushpam	Deshikar Vaazhi Tirunaamam Jitanta Stotram and Desikar Mangalam Parakala mata Taniyans (full, 2-20 abridged) <stotra paatam=""></stotra>

Maargazhi Special Aradhanam

<b>Recite During</b>	Syllabus	Saattumurai
Suprabhaatam	Sri Lakhsmi Haygreeva Praabodhaka Stuti	
Nityaanusandhaanam	Sharanagathi Gadyam Nyasa Dashakam Podu, Tiruppallandu Taniyans TirupaLLIezucchi Tiruppavai	Mahanaarayanopanishat (last) Tiruppavai (last 2) Tiruppavai (the day's paasuram) Prabandha Saaram (paasuram 10) "Kamalamudan Villiputtur" Andal VT Deshikar Vaazhi Tirunaamam
Snaanasanam	Pancha Sooktam	Jitanta Stotram
Tiruvaaradhanam	Hayagreeva Stotram Goda Stuti Mantra Pushpam	Desikar Mangalam Parakala mata Taniyans (full, 2-20 abridged) <stotra paatam=""></stotra>

Evening Dolai/Tiruvaaradhanam

Recite During	Syllabus	Saattumurai
Dolai Setup	Vishnu Sahasranaamam	Vedam
Laghu Tiruvaaradhanam	Hayagreeva Stotram	Deshikar Prabandham
Seva Kaalam	Deshikar Prabandham (any)	Pillai Andaadi (last 2 + 1)
	Pillai andaadi	Sambhaavana Kramam
		Deshikar Vaazhi Tirunaamam
		Desikar Mangalam
		Parakala mata Taniyans (1 + last 4)
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Sayanam	Taalaattu songs	

### A.3 Recitation on Special Days

Tiruvonam	MahaNarayanopanishat, Koil Tiruvaimozhi, Ramanuja Noottandaadi, Adaikalapattu, Adhikaara Sangraham, Prabandha Saaram, Pillai Andaadi	
Tiruvaadirai	Raamaanuja Noottandaadi, Yatiraja Saptati	
Pooram	Nacchiyar Tirumozhi, Goda Stuti	
Punarpoosam	Perumal Tirumozhi, Raghuveera Gadyam	
Ekadashi	Bhagavat Dhyana Sopanam	
Rohini	Gopala vimshati	
Revathi	Amalanaadipiraan	

### A.4 Notes

- The above syllabus specifies mandatory recitation during Hayagreevar's Tiruvaradhanam, and should be followed to the <u>best effort</u> possible.
- Veda portions including Jitante stotram, and portions of Sahasranaamam should be recited only by those who've had Bramhopadesam.
- Desikar mangalam:
  - o Only "Sarvatantra swatantrAya" verse to be recited twice
  - o The verse "Ghantaa Vrishaachalapate: ..." to be recited between "Bhadrapada masa ..." and "Sashanka chakra ..." verses of Saptathi Ratna maalikai
- Syllabus will differ on special occasions like Azhwar/Acharya Tirunakshatrams. The local coordinator will advise you about any changes.
- It is a practice in the Matam to recite Deshikar's Stotras during teertha viniyogam after Acharya Taniyans are recited. The following table may be used as a reference for Stotra patam.

Monday	Gopala Vimshati	
Tuesday	Bhuu Stuti/Kamasikashtakam	
Wednesday	Hayagreeva Stotram	
Thursday	Yatiraja Saptati	
Friday	Sri Stuti	
Saturday	Daya Shatakam, Sudarshanaashtakam	
Sunday	Goda Stuti, Raghuveera Gadyam	
Any day	Dashavataara Stotram	

- Additional recitation can be added during seva-kaalam per the host and participant's anubhavam, time permitting. Some suggestions are in Section 'A.5'.
- Recitation material in several languages can be downloaded from www.prapatti.com
- <u>Songs:</u> Dolais are never complete without melodious devotional music by bhagavatas. Please advise participants to sing songs (only) in praise of Perumal and His parivaram.

# A.5 Seva Kalam: Suggestions for Recitation

Total time to plan	Estimate (min)
Tirumanjanam	90
Dolai	60
Vedam	
Narayanopanishat	10
Mahanarayanopanishat	60
Hayagriva Upanishat	10
Pancha suktam	25
Divya Prabhandam	
One pattu (Tiruvaaymozhi/Peria Tirumozhi/etc.)	60
Koil Thiruvaymozhi (includes OruNaayagam)	80
Ramanuja Nootrantaadi	45
Amalanaadipiraan	10
Tirumaalai	30
Desikar Prabhandam	
Adakalapattu	5
Adhikaara sangraham	20
Tiru Chinna maalai	15
Prabanda saaram	15
Deshikar Stotramala	
Hayagreeva stotram	10
Dasaavatara stotram	10
Sristuti	10
Bhustuti	10
Godhastuti	10
Garuda Dantakam	10
Sudarshana Ashtakam	10
Daya Satakam	40
Gopala Vimshati	10
Devanayaka Panchasat	25
Paduka Sahasram: Agra mani maala stotram	15
Songs, dance, etc.	Fit to time

# **Appendix B: Prasaadam**

During morning and evening Aradhanams, it is necessary to offer cooked food (taligai) for Perumal's Bhojanam. Certain protocols apply to prepare taligai for Perumal, as noted below.

### **B.1** Required Taligai

The following items (at a minimum) should be offered to Perumal during Tiruvaaradhanam. Any additional items are yatha shakti.

- Morning
  - a. Suprabhatam: Lukewarm Milk (no other ingredients added)
  - b. Beginning of Tiruvaradhanam: Madhuparkam
  - c. Tirumanjanam: Pongal and Madhuparkam.
  - d. Bhojyasanam: Rice, Dal, Tirukkannamudu, and Curd.
- Evening:
  - a. Beginning of Tiruvaradhanam: Madhuparkam
  - b. Bhojyasanam: Curd Rice, Black Chana Dal Sundal, Madhuparkam.
  - c. Sayanam: Warm milk with honey, kunkuma poo (Kesari) and elakkai.

### **B.2** Guidelines for Cooks

Devotees who perform Taligai Kainkaryam:

- Must have Samaashrayanam from a Srivaishnava Acharyan
- Must wear appropriate attire:
  - o Men: Panchakaccham and Dvadasha Urdhva pundrams
  - Women: Madisar (saree must be full 9 yards) and Tiruman
- Must have Upanayanam or be married to someone who does.
- Must maintain Madi (purity of body and mind) to their best effort:
  - o Prepare madi vastrams (new or clean washed the clothes).
  - o Take head bath, and wear Madi-vastrams.
  - Once in Madi, don't eat or contact impure items, or any person.
  - Constantly think about Perumal and His Bhagavatas, and nothing else.
  - If it is necessary, cooks may travel to the host's place after taking madi, in a sanctified vehicle that does not contain any vizupu items.

Taligai should generally be prepared in Perumal's Sannidhyam, wherever it will be offered to Him. However, this may not be practical in certain situations. In this case, the local coordinators may bring Taligai along with Perumal to be offered during Dolai.

### **B.3 Ingredients**

This section provides a list of traditional items that are approved for use in Perumal's aradhanam and preparing Taligai for Neivedyam.

Vegetables and Grains	Exceptions
Coconut	
Raw Plantain (Vazhakkai, Vazhathandu, vazahipu)	Dvadashi
Okra (Ladies Finger, Vendakkai)	
Purple Brinjal (Eggplant, Kathrikkai)	Dwadashi, Ashtami, Masa pirappu, Amavasyai
Beans, Cluster Beans (Kothavaraikai)	
Snake Gourd (Podalunkkai)	
Bitter Melon ( Pavakkai)	
White Pumpkin (Pushinikkai)	
Avarakkai (Pandal)	
Pumpkin (Parangikkai)	
Sweet potatoes (sakarai valli kizhangu)	
Karamani Kai (Payaththangkai)	
Taro Root (Sepangkazhangu)	
Senai kizhangu (Elephant Yam)	
Cucumber (Vallerikkai)	
Green Capcicum (kodaimilakai)	
Nellikai ( Amla)	Tuesday, Friday, Sunday and nights
Ginger (Inji)	
Athikeerai	
Unsalted Dry Sundaikai, Manathkali, Veppam poo and Nelli Mulli	
Lemon & Lime	
Rice, Wheat	
Toor, Channa, Moong Dal	
Dry Beans: Channa (White/Black), Black eye peas, Green peas, Lima beans, Kara mani	

### **Spices**

Mustard, Cumin, Pepper, Salt, Curry leaves, Asafetida, Red chillies, Coriander seers, Cloves, Cardamom, Saffron, Nutmeg, Paccha Kalpuram.

### **Fruits**

Banana (except Dvadashi), Apple, Pear, Mango, Grapes, Pineapple, Orange, Guava, Sappota (Chiki), Pomegranate, Whole Jack Fruit, Beetle leaves, beetle nuts.

### **Dry fruits, Nuts, and Sugar**

Dates, Raisins, Cashews, Almond, Peanuts, Pista, Walnut – unsalted and unroasted. Kalkandu, Diamond sugar, Organic sugar, Honey, Jaggery

#### **Dairy**

Whole Milk, Yogurt, Butter (unsalted), Ghee.

Please take care to ensure that dairy products don't contain gelatin.

#### **Flowers**

Rose, Jasmine, Mullai, Lotus, Samandhi, Sampangi, Shenbagam, Parijatham, ThAzhampoo, Manoranjitham, Magizhampoo, Mums, Carnation, and most flowers from your backyard can be used for Perumal. However, the following are prohibited:

- China rose and similar flowers
- Flowers without fragrance
- Marigold and Crotons
- Artificially colored flowers

#### **Tulasi**

Tulasi is an essential ingredient for Perumal's Tiruvaaradhanam every day.

Tulasi should only be plucked by a suitable Adhikaari on certain days with appropriate mantras.

Tulasi bought from the store cannot be offered to Perumal, but can be used to decorate the Dolai.

Credits: This list is adapted from: http://ahobilamutt.org/us/data/pdf/SriAhobilaMuth-USA-Madi-Guidelines2014.pdf (page 3).

#### **B.4 Notes**

- The above list is not exhaustive, but a known safe-list of permissible ingredients.
- Taligai must contain Salt where appropriate including Tiruvonam days.
- Don't use frozen, canned, or store-cut vegetables or fruits for Perumal's taligai.
- Avoid using the Microwave.
- Don't use glass, plastic, porcelain, aluminum or hindalium containers for cooking or storing cooked food. Steel, brass, silver vessels are OK. Copper containers OK for water.
- If you have any difficulty in meeting the guidelines in this section, or have any questions/concerns, please contact your local co-ordinator for clarification and assistance.