

Ati Rudra Maha Yajna – Highest form of worship of Lord Śiva

The year becomes new; the day becomes holy, when you sanctify it by spiritual discipline, not otherwise. – Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba



„It is not possible to progress in the Universe without sacrifice (yajna). Yajna maintains the order of the Universe. Sacrifice pleases the gods; the gods send rain; the rain feeds the crops; the crops yield harvest, the harvest strengthens the limbs and widens the outlook; it broadens the heart and clarifies the vision until man reaches the goal, where there is no more struggle or death. The highest and the most fruitful sacrifice is that of the ego. Crucify it and be free. Dedicate your ego to God and be rich beyond all dreams. Prepare yourself for this supreme status, by engaging in holy action (karma), meaning, karma cleansed in the crucible of righteousness (dharma), and attain God (Brahman – the One Indivisible Absolute) as your reward! Have faith in God; He sees everything; He is everywhere; He is all-powerful. He lives in every heart.“ – Bhagawan's Divine Discourse, May 6, 1988.



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„This Yajna is being conducted for the welfare of the world. There is a very important aspect of this Yajna. The **Athi Rudra Maha Yajna** protects and fosters the divine nature in the human beings, while rejecting and diminishing the demonic qualities. Thus, it works for the welfare of humanity. This Yajna can be undertaken by anyone interested in the welfare of humanity.” – Sri Sathya Sai Baba, *Ati Rudra Maha Yajna fosters the divine nature of humans*, Divine Discourse on 9th August 2006, ARMY in Prashanthi Nilayam



Ati Rudra Maha Yajna is one of the greatest Vedic ritual as per the Vedic ritual hierarchy. The performance of ARMY is rare because of its lengthy process, need for dedicated involvement of a large number of vedic priests and high financial requirements.



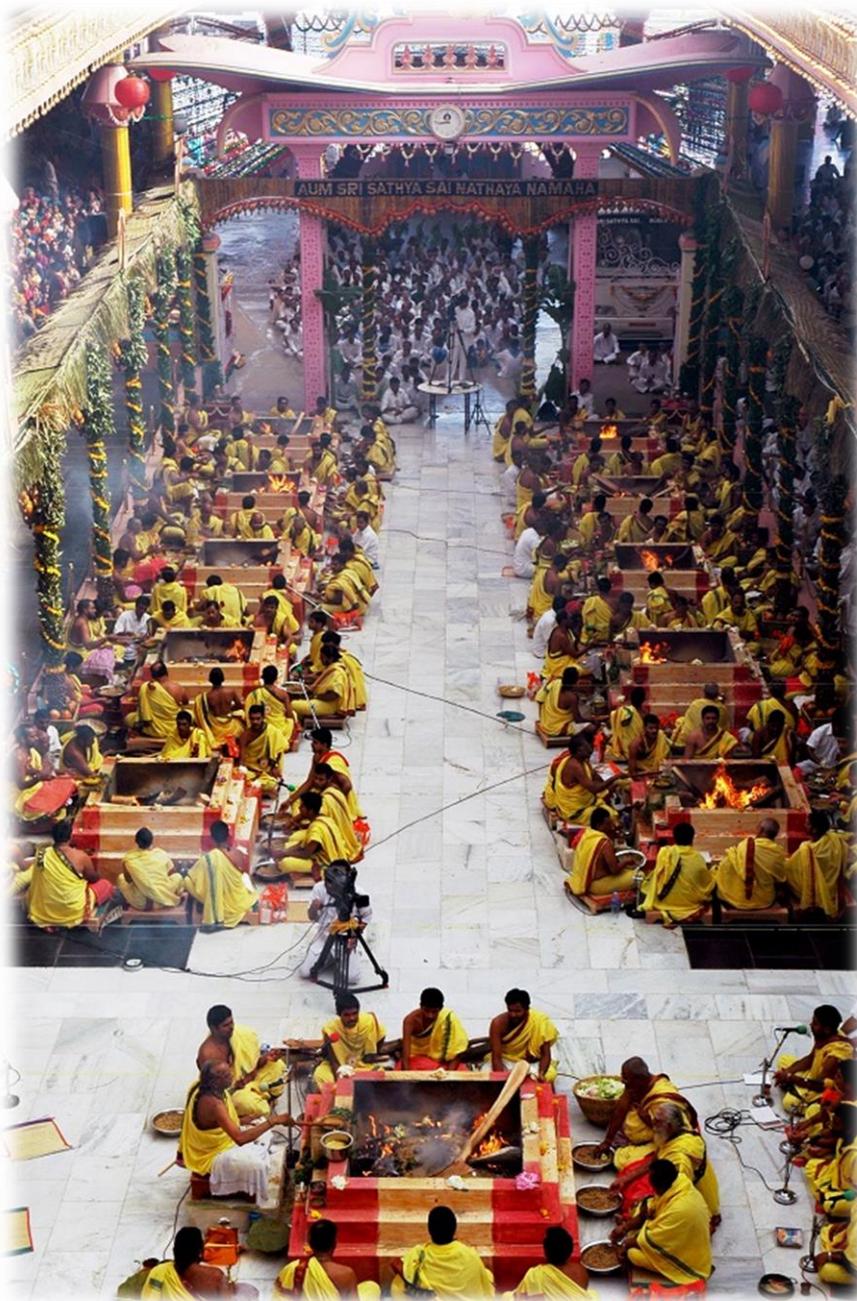
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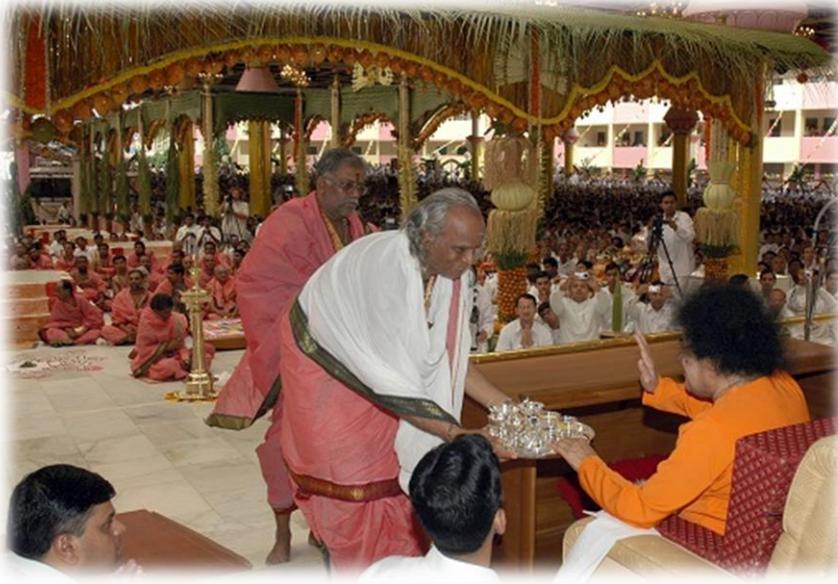
„This Ati Rudra Maha Yajna has to be performed in several places in future. This Yajna is everyone's concern. It is not limited to one country, one religion or one caste. It is performed for the welfare of the whole world. If you continue to perform this Yajna, soon the people of the entire world will become united. (...) Where there is unity, there will be purity. Where there is purity, there will be divinity.“

– Sri Sathya Sai Baba, *Yajnas and the Vedas are for whole world*, Divine Discourse on 19th August 2006, ARMY in Prashanthi Nilayam

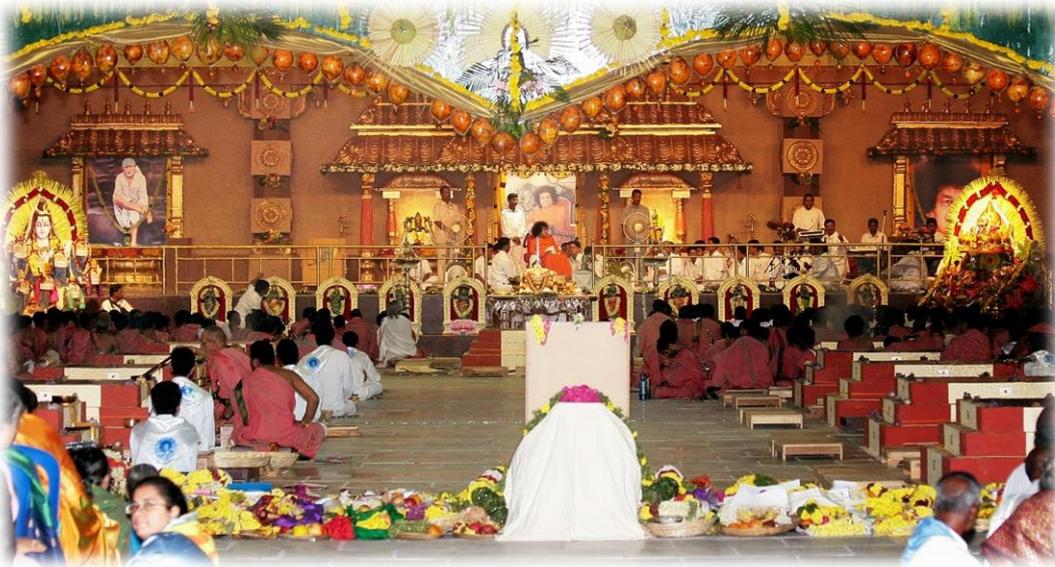
Ati Rudra Maha Yajna in Prashanthi Nilayam, August 2006



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Swami blesses the head priest during the ARMY in Prashanti Nilayam, August 2006
Ati Rudra Maha Yajna in Chennai, India, January 2007



Sri Sathya Sai Sundareshwara lingam during ARMY in Chennai, 2007

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“When the mantras are chanted and offerings are made in the fire to the Lord, the grace of the Lord is showered on the people in the form of peace and plenty. There is a saying: 'As is the fire, so is the smoke. As is the smoke, so are the clouds. As are the clouds, so is the rain. As is the rain, so are the crops. As are the crops, so is the food. As is the food, so is the intellect.' As the clouds these days are not formed by the smoke coming from yajnas, the food consumed by the people is not conducive to the growth of intelligence. When the smoke going up from the yajnakunda enters the clouds, you have sacred rain, which helps to purify the crops and sanctify the food that is consumed. As a result, the people are sanctified”. – Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, October 3, 1989



ARMY in Badrinath, India, June 2015



ARMY in Tiruvannamalai, India, July 2017

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